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BioAsiaâ??s 18th edition dubbed 'Move the Needle' rolls out on Feb 22

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Asia's largest life-sciences and healthcare forum BioAsia, in its 18th edition, is delighted to announce a robust line-up of speakers for the event. The list features eminent personalities from business, technology, life sciences, and prominent policymakers. This year's forum will delve into COVID-19 and beyond, covering the topics of relevance in global health, pharma, and MedTech. The 2021 edition will discuss the challenges created by COVID-19 and learning opportunities for the

future with the over-arching theme, ‘Move the Needle.’

The event will be held on February 22-23, 2021. The two-day event will witness several panels focusing on the pandemic and its impact across the globe. The conference will also discuss India’s role and potential in immunising the world. A fireside chat titled ‘Charcha2021 – Healthcare to Hit Refresh’ between KT Rama Rao, Minister of state for MA&UD, Industries and IT&C of Telangana and Satya Nadella, CEO, Microsoft, will be the highlight this year. The discussion will be centred around the opportunities created by the intersection of technology and healthcare / life sciences, digital transformation, role of start-ups, among others.

Rao said, “BioAsia 2021 has shaped up really well with some of the most influential global leaders speaking and I firmly believe that the deliberations during the event will more relevant and impactful than ever. I’m really excited and looking forward to this year’s event”.

“Each participant will have valuable takeaways from BioAsia 2021,” said Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Dept, Government of Telangana.

“This year we have some of the biggest stalwarts from their fields, deliberating on India’s role in vaccines, learnings from COVID-19, virtual health, and many others” said Shakthi Nagappan, Director of Life Sciences, Govt of Telangana and CEO, BioAsia.

The two day forum will feature global leaders like Mr. Satya Nadella (CEO, Microsoft); Mr. Amitabh Kant (Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog, Government of India); Dr. Soumya Swaminathan (Deputy Director General of Programmes (DDP), World Health Organization); Dr. Peter Marks (Director, CBER, FDA); Dr. VK Paul (Member, NITI Aayog); Dr. Richard Hatchet (CEO, CEPI); Dr. Trevor Mundel (President, Global Health, Gates Foundation); among others.