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Bangalore Bio 2007, the country's flagship biotech event promoted by the Karnataka government and organized by the Karnataka Vision Group on Biotechnology, will be held from June 7-9, 2007. This year the event is set to be larger than its predecessors, and the focal theme is "Think BIG – Think Biotechnology, Think Innovation and Think Growth."

Karnataka's IT and BT secretary, MN Vidyashankar said, "The biotech industry in India today seeks innovative strategies in every aspect of business to meet with the demands of a changing world and forge a place for itself in global market. That's why we have chosen the theme "Think BIG – Think Biotechnology, Think Innovation and Think Growth."

This we believe will attract larger participation from the international community.

The seventh edition of the exposition would see the participation of over 150 national and international exhibitors. Bangalore Bio-2007 would be a unique platform to bring together experts from biotechnology, pharmaceutical, educational and financial sectors to interact, network, showcase innovations in products and services, he said.

Biocon CMD, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, who is also the chairperson of the Karnataka Vision Group on Biotechnology, said the conference would focus on cutting edge research and innovative product development, biotechnology applications for drug development, IPR issues, patentability of new inventions and regulatory issues and their impact on the industry growth, financing innovations and growth opportunities and bioinformatics and computer applications in biotechnology.

Agribiotech Day

Agribiotechnology, which had grown by 160 per cent during last year would be given major thrust with June 9 dedicated as Agribiotech Day to showcase India's experience and progress in agribiotechnology. The sessions will address various key issues like public perception of agribiotechnology, challenges of commercializing plant biotechnology products, workable, transparent and science-based regulations for agricultural biotechnology.

CEO Conclave

The CEO Conclave will witness a high power meeting point of various professionals with key industry stalwarts delivering the "Vision Talk" at the conclave.

Poster session

This year too, Bangalore Bio will host the poster session in conjunction with the international conference. The objective is to create an exclusive opportunity for young researchers, scientists and technocrats working in universities, R&D labs, various government departments or private sector to share their innovations and research projects, in the areas of biotechnology, agriculture, environment and healthcare and interact with industry top honchos and Indian and global venture capitalists. Posters will be selected based on originality, innovative approach, new ideas and commercial potential.

Industry visits

In conjunction with the conference, industry visits are being organized for the interested delegates on first-come first serve basis. The delegates will be taken to two core sectors of biotechnology-biopharma and agribio. The industry visit would include company presentation, management (general and specific techniques), innovation, business processes, cGMP, health and safety and more.