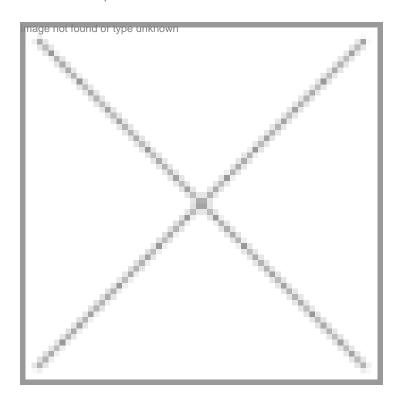


## BioAsia 2005 peps up Genome Valley

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The secondedition of the three-day pan-Asia biotechnology conference held from February 10-12 in Hyderabad ended on a positive note with the signing of 27 MoUs, underlining the fact that there is tremendous potential for countries to initiate joint research and development activities and simultaneously establish effective trading links to expand operations.

According to Dr Ashok, K., Sadhukhan, coordinator of B2B Forum and vice chairman, All India Biotech Association (AIBA), Southern Chapter, 72 one-to-one meetings were arranged during the event. Over 40 delegates, comprising both company representatives and individual entrepreneurs, from over 30 countries participated in the forum. Collaborations were sought in the areas of vaccines, biopharmaceuticals, diagnostic products, pharma chemistry and product development, agri-biotech, contract research, business development and outsourcing, and venture financing. AIBA was given the responsibility to arrange this forum. At the end of the event, a total of 27 accords were signed compared to 21 in 2004.

Public-private partnership important: Dr MK Bhan, secretary, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), who was the chief guest for BioAsia 2005, set the tone for the event calling for public-private partnership and funding. Dr Bhan stated: "Issues in the areas of intellectual property, science-based regulation, and strategy in the area of innovation are essential for the sector to prosper.� The department is keen or simplification of the regulatory processes and within the next three months a national biotech policy would be unveiled. Dr Bhan pointed out. "The ordinance on the intellectual property rights has a training passed jage khar a wing this regard is expected soon,� he said. He was of the view that the regulatory and policy frame work sports and motivate the industry to focus on discovery and innovation. "The objective of the pelicy of the said states area innovative. The industry on its part should capitalize on the opportunities to

create new ideas and concepts through R&D,� Dr Bhan said.

Biotech promotion strategy: Andhra Pradesh, which is one of the first states in India to have adopted a holistic approach to promote biotechnology, is strengthening its biotech base further. "The state government has evolved a three-pronged strategy to promote biotechnology. These include creation of world-class infrastructure, promotion of institutions to support bio-ecosystem and provision of investment-friendly operating environment for industries,� stated the chief minister, Dr YS Rajasekhara Reddy.

Addressing a gathering of industrialists, scientists, academicians and policymakers at BioAsia-2005, Dr Reddy said the government would continue to play its role as a facilitator and a trusted partner of the industry in the path of enterprise and innovation. The chief minister said while entrepreneurs comenias of the way and the chief minister said while entrepreneurs comenias of the chief minister said while the chie could establish production facilities at the Shapoorji Pallon Parabate នៃ នៃ អ្នក នៃ នៃ company, Over 17 companies have taken space in SP Biotech Park Madiest ( ប្រកាស ខេត្ត ប្រកាស ១៤) ខេត្ត ប្រកាស ១៤ ខេត្ត ខេ has already been sold out. And it will move to the third phasterale of the Page to Vernith an as marking in the same that the control of the acres of land in the Genome Valley, on the outskirts of Millionylt welsales, san undantification seems to take the language of Biotech Park in Visakhapatnam is also on the anvilatesigned by Anders processing the same of the same department, Andhra Pradesh. German firm to set up diagnostic lab in Hyderabad

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William A Haseltine, chairman and chief executive officer of Haseltine Associates Limited, a US based biotechnology consulting firm, was conferred the "Genome Valley Excellence Award� at BioAsia 2005.

The state is keen to step up the momentum post the biotech event. It is considering the option of having a separate department for biotech. The message seems very clear. It wants to be a leader in the space of biotechnology and establish a successful model for biotech promotion and development.

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