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University of Liverpool Bengaluru explores new partnership with Biocon Academy

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Discussions focus on drug discovery, women's health, Artificial Intelligence and clinical trials



The University of Liverpool Bengaluru and Biocon Academy jointly organised a roundtable bringing together senior leaders from academia, healthcare, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and clinical research to explore opportunities for strengthening UK-India collaboration in education, research, healthcare innovation and workforce development.

Hosted by Professor Richard Grose, Provost of the University of Liverpool Bengaluru Campus, the roundtable provided a platform for industry and academic stakeholders to discuss potential partnerships across the life sciences sector.

Chaired by Professor Shakila Thangaratinam, Dean of ILCAMS and University Strategic Adviser for Global Engagement and Partnership, the roundtable brought together representatives from Biocon Academy, Syngene, Teva Pharmaceuticals India Pvt. Ltd., All India Co-ordinating Committee, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, SRM Institutions and the University of Liverpool.

The speakers shared perspectives on international partnership models, industry-academia collaboration, workforce development and emerging opportunities within the UK-India relationship in healthcare and life sciences.

Discussions explored opportunities to leverage the University of Liverpool's expertise in drug discovery, women's health, Artificial Intelligence and clinical trials alongside India's strengths in biotechnology and pharmaceutical manufacturing. Participants discussed the potential for closer collaboration between academia, industry and healthcare institutions to strengthen research capabilities, accelerate innovation and develop skilled talent across the sector. The roundtable was preceded by a strategic leadership meeting between Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Executive Chairperson of Biocon Group, and the University of Liverpool team.

Following the roundtable, delegates attended an extended networking session with over 60 students from the inaugural cohort of the BSc Biomedical Sciences programme at the University of Liverpool Bengaluru Campus.