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The discussions will be inaugurated by the minister of state for science and technology, Mr Y S Chowdary and will mark the third foundation day of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) to be celebrated at a function in New Delhi.

The theme for the foundation day is "Accelerating Innovations: India the Next Biotech Global Hub". Several eminent speakers from the field of Biotechnology including senior bureaucrats from DIPP, ICMR, Department of Pharmaceuticals and Senior Industry Leaders such as Dr Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, CMD, Biocon will participate in panel discussions over the next two days.

Among themes for discussion are topics like - India the next Global Biotech Hub: The status of our readiness?, India a Bio-manufacturing Hub: Bridging the Paradigm for Quality and Affordability, Leveraging Partnerships to Make in India : Collaborating with national and international partners for enhanced competency. A plenary talk on- 'Make in India': a Perspective on the Biotech Sector: the opportunities, the enablers and the challenges, is also scheduled to be delivered by the Chairman and Managing Director, Biocon Dr Kiran Mazumdar Shaw.

Over 250 Scientists, Entrepreneurs & Industry Experts, and Policy Makers will participate. The focus of the discussion would be on India's readiness to meet the challenges of "Make in India" in the Biotech sector.

BIRAC was established under the aegis of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology, as a Public Sector Undertaking three years ago and is mandated to foster and promote innovation research in biotech industries specially start-ups and SMEs. Today, BIRAC has more than 100 Young Entrepreneurs, nearly 250 companies and start-ups and 15 incubators supported as an important part of the Innovation ecosystem of the country.