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Staff from the US Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) welcomed a visiting delegation of community and business leaders from Montgomery County, Maryland to USP's laboratories in Hyderabad, India as part of an effort to strengthen connections with pharmaceutical and biotech organizations.

"We are happy to welcome this delegation from Montgomery County, where USP is headquartered, and we appreciate their interest in fostering economic development at home and in India," said USP's CEO Dr Ronald T Piervincenzi. "The County's efforts have helped USP further its mission to advance public health by promoting access to quality medicines and foods, which increasingly include ingredients from India and other global sources."

USP-India is located in the IKP Knowledge Park in Hyderabad, a center for pharmaceutical and biotech manufacturing and research in India.

In addition to showcasing USP's laboratories and testing facilities, USP-India hosted meetings to introduce the Montgomery County delegation to leaders from other businesses located in the IKP Park.

Opened in 2005, the Hyderabad site is USP's first office and laboratory facility located outside of the United States.

In 2011, USP completed a large-scale expansion project to increase capacity for analytical chemistry and collaborative testing.

In addition to India, USP operates laboratories in SÃ£o Paulo, Brazil; Shanghai, China; and at USP's headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. (USA).