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Bangalore India Bio 2016 organised by the department of IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka, Vision Group on Biotechnology and event partner MM Activ Sci-Tech Communication was inaugurated by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences Government of India. The core theme of the three day event is 'What's trending in BioTech in India' which will be held between Feb 9 2016 to Feb 11 2016.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, chairperson Vision Group on Biotechnology in Karnataka and CMD, Biocon, speaking at the event said that the sustained dominance of human capital can share India's science and technology prowess to the world. "India has a rich a human capital and is on a sound platform to take off into the future. There are 7,00,000 post graduates, 15,000 PhDs with 15,000 biotech graduates. We need to convert the rich talent pool. Biotech is a multidisciplinary role with considerable opportunities for science graduates." She also added that Karnataka state would be the first state in India to unveil Orphan drug Policy and release Biotech Policy version III shortly.

In his keynote address, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science and Technology said that an amount of Rs 10,000 crore has been kept only to support the young people in the country who have bright and brilliant ideas, and I think this is where the country needs to use the young people.

"I always request the senior and experienced people, those who handle our state-of-the-art laboratories, to please start afresh out-of-the-box process of brainstorming with our younger friends.

The 16th edition of Bangalore India Bio 2016 will cover various spectrum of activities including multi-track conferences, international tradeshow, keynote talks, poster sessions, Bio invest, Bio Excellence Awards, Global Biotech Conclave, bioQuiz, Bio Accelerate Programme and other networking events.

The conference topics across three days will address over 25 sessions with over 110 speakers and will be attended by 600 delegates. The various conference topics include Making tomorrow's medicine, Oncology and Precision Medicine, Rare diseases and Orphan Drugs, Agribiotechnology, IoT Healthcare, Proteomics and Bioinformatics, Biotech finishing Schools-HR Workshop, Bio Accelerate & Bio Invest for startups and innovators and many more.

The exhibition will have over 80 exhibitors from leading corporate, R&D institutes, Start-ups, States of India, Academia as well as Small and Medium companies showcasing their technologies, products and services. Focused pavilions will see participation from consortium of various industry verticals like bio Pharma, Process engineering, Laboratory Technology, Contract Services, IT, Medical Technology, AgriBioTech & BioFuels Business Services and Industrial Biotech and is expected to have 3000 business visitors.

International representation this year is from over 10 countries with major delegation from UK, Spain, Korea, and presence from leading countries like USA, Canada, Australia, France, Germany, Poland, Belgium, European Union, Taiwan, Malaysia, SAARC and other South East Asian countries.

Global Biotech Conclave is BioTech Leaders conclave discussing on "What's Trending in BioTech India and Will the BioPharma industry Seek an Innovation Path of Growth?". The panel will have leaders from across the globe including representatives from Biocon, Thermo Fisher, Smart Avenue-Korea, Evolva Biotech, Quintiles, UKTI, K&S Partners. This will be an exclusive gathering of the Biotech community.

Bio Accelerate Program will be a platform for startups to showcase their ideas and presentations to the industry through bio invest and Bio Accelerate program. The program will have presentations by startups followed by panel discussions.

Bio Excellence Awards will recognize the contribution of established and young biotech companies and individuals for their outstanding achievements in the field of Biotechnology. The selection process is conducted by ABLE.