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“The Union Human Resources Development ministry has ratified late Tuesday the appointment of Shaw as the chairperson of the institute's board of governors in place of Ambani,” a spokesperson told IANS here Wednesday.

As the country's biotech pioneer, 60-year old Shaw is chairperson of Biocon Ltd, an integrated healthcare firm, delivering biopharmaceutical solutions.

Ambani, who has been spearheading the institute since 2005, was re-appointed in 2010 as chairman of the institute's board till 2015. Ambani conveyed his decision to withdraw from the post at a board meeting.