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"Our mission is to make aware the life science professionals about the exciting field of biotechnology and to increase the number of well-educated technicians in the biotechnology and bioscience", says Mr Jatin Tanwar, director and co founder Cosmid Biotech. Jatin who along with two of his other colleagues, Sunny Grewal and Kanika Gaur, went ahead to found this company in the April 2013. All three of them come from Bangalore University where they studied post graduate programme in genetics. Initially funded by their their close relatives and own pocket, they have now managed to raise Rs 40-45 lakh for spearheading their various activities.

What made them go for the entrepreneurship was not just about doing business but the lot of negative talking about the subject and the industry. Says Jatin, "Education is the first step towards achieving your goals and my bachelors in biotechnology and masters in genetics have provided me much needed platform. It has given me dreams and literary strength to achieve it. Today what we need is extensive research on various areas which includes medical biotechnology, agro biotech and many more which provides exciting career option. We encourage students to take up the courses related to biotechnology."

Adding further Sunny says, "We are committed to provide an extraordinary perspective for educating the next generation of life science professionals. Our programs present a global perspective in a variety of formats, with each program designed to impact the thinking ability of the professionals in a positive way. We bridge the gap between students and industry by conducting world class seminars, workshops and training programs,"

Kanika believes in not just existing, but in living, and in living to make a difference. In her words, "I have a keen interest in knowing and deciphering the unsaid knowledge of the nature, through inter-disciplinary approach and to apply them for human welfare. Though 'making the world a better place' may sound dreamy, I believe that each one of us should aspire to do what we are passionate about."

In the initial stage, the company is functioning as a biotech awareness and information centre for all the life science professionals. It has been established as a part of our endeavor to promote biotechnology as an exciting career option. The aim is to partner with industry and universities to ensure that professionals have the appropriate education required to grow in the field. The encouragement of educational practices that provide high quality education and training in the concepts, tools, skills and ethics of biotechnology. The enhance biotechnology education programs by providing cutting edge professional training to the students.

Among the the list of its services and programs is e-BioTechLabs is a unique online program and first in India. It provides one stop solution to all the lab related problems. It includes project ideas, experiment protocols, project related information which leads to successful completion of any project, lab setup queries etc. Apart from that there is Young Biopreneunership Program that encourages young biotechnologists to be entrepreneurs by giving them ideas about the same and helping them implement it. Vigyan-Magic is an awareness program which is organized with the focus on school students. This program is still under wraps and would be launched soon. The company is also conducting scientific and practical workshops in the field of molecular biology, genetic engineering, DNA finger printing and microbiology. It also conducts onsite customized practical workshops on various topics.

Cosmid is coming up with the India's Innovative Article Writing Competition, a scientific write-up competition organized for life science students in August, 2103 at New Delhi. The major aim of this competition is to generate scientific temperament among the biotechnology professionals especially students and also make them aware about the current scientific trends in the field of life science.

Apart from these services, the company is looking at few services which cater to industry as well. It includes consulting, clinical data management and marketing solutions. Cosmid has already partnered with Amhedabad based Xcelris Genomics for the next generation training programmes.

"Our constant effort to improve makes sure that we deliver best services to our customers. I believe that all the world problems can be solved if we biotechnologists think and start working collectively., concludes Jatin with a confident smile on his face.