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Bangalore Bio 2007, the country's flagship biotech event promoted by the Karnataka government and organized by the Karnataka Vision Group on Biotechnology, will be held from June 7-9, 2007 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Center (BIEC).

The Karnataka government IT, BT, science and technology secretary, MN Vidyashankar remarked, "This flagship biotech event effectively positions Karnataka on the global map. We are now in the 7th year of the event and we are glad to announce that the success ratio of the event shoots up year on year. The state government's vision of the biotech park will materialize soon and Karnataka will be efficiently poised to take advantage of global opportunities"

Bangalore Bio has emerged as a unique platform for the biotech fraternity to come together. The focal theme for this year is "Think BIG-Think Biotechnology, Think Innovation, Think Growth".

Dr Villoo Morawala Patell, founder and CEO, Avestha Gengraine Technologies, said, "The face of competition today is global, and the Bangalore Bio platform allows lasting contributions to advancing our global competitiveness, economic prosperity, and quality of life. This year we will see countries like Australia, Germany, France participating in the coveted event. This global recognition will pave way for the growth of Indian biotech companies and contribute to the vast knowledge exchange at this platform".

Dr Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, chairperson of the Karnataka Vision Group on Biotechnology and CMD, Biocon, said, "In keeping

with our BIG vision, Bangalore Bio 2007 has been planned on a grand scale with a strong focus on investment through partnering. The increasing pressure on western biotechnology companies to address affordable drug development and research in general has launched India into prominence as a preferred international research partner. India today provides both human capital and cost effective value addition to research efforts across the globe. Bio-manufacturing and clinical development are proving to be India's key strengths. The aim is to combine these with high value innovation through international partnerships in a win-win manner. Bangalore Bio 2007 therefore has an appropriate byline: Think Biotechnology, Think Innovation, Think Growth-it is about thinking BIG for the biotech sector in Bangalore, in India and across the world."

"The most exciting and up-to-date global technologies and business solutions will be the exceptional line-up at Bangalore Bio 2007. This event will present a 360 degree view of the biotechnology industry to help attendees fully understand today's global marketplace and build winning partnerships to benefit from the fast emerging opportunities. It will be an ideal forum for all the stake holders in the industry to meet and network," said Dr KK Narayanan, president, ABLE, and managing director, Metahelix.

The event this year includes a strong international participation from Australia, Holland, France, the UK, Spain, Germany, Japan, Belgium, Bavaria, Pennsylvania, and Singapore. Domestic participation from various state governments including Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh has been confirmed so far.

Bangalore Bio 2007

International conference

The conference promises to be a convening of many of the field's leading thinkers and doers for a series of lively panel discussion, interviews, talks and informal events that will help understand where things are headed and to join the path of growth.

On a very special visit will be Prof. Sir David Lane, who is one of the world's most important cancer research scientists following his discovery of a critical tumor suppressor gene named p53. David Lane is the second most highly cited scientist in the UK over the last decade, reflecting his extraordinary impact on cancer research internationally.

Agri Biotech Day

The Agri Biotech Day on June 9 will showcase India's experience and progress in agribiotechnology.

CEO conclave

The CEO conclave is an exclusive industry get-together. This year will see a panel discussion on public health with the likes of Rajat Gupta, Rohini Nilekani, Dr Bala S Manian being part of the panel.

Poster session

This year too, Bangalore Bio will host the poster session in conjunction with the international conference.

Industry visits

In conjunction with the conference, industry visits are being organized for the interested delegates on first-come first serve basis.

Trade show

The trade show covers over 4,500 sqm of air-conditioned state-of-the-art facility and is expected to attract over 20,000 visitors.

Career forum

Bangalore Bio 2007 will focus on addressing the issues related to the talent requirement in the industry and opportunities available in the various fields of biotechnology.

Bio Awards Nite

The Bio Awards Nite recognizes the contribution of eminent Padma Awardees for their outstanding achievements in the field of Science & Technology.