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MMA Spectrum Foundation Presents BioSpectrum Best Performing State of the Year 2025 Award to Karnataka

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MMA Spectrum Foundation and BioSpectrum India, an integrated B2B media platform for the bioscience industry in India, proudly presented Karnataka, the biotech capital of India, with the BioSpectrum Best Performing State of the Year 2025 Award at a glittering function held in New Delhi on December 5.

BioSpectrum India, in consultation with a six-member jury panel chaired by Dr Renu Swarup, Former Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, selected Karnataka for this prestigious award for its overall contribution to Bioeconomy of the country.

Apoorva Bidari, General Manager (Biotechnology & ESDM Policy), Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS), Government of Karnataka received the award from the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh who served as Chief Guest, in presence of Dr Renu Swarup.

In his address Dr Jitendra Singh acknowledged the significant contributions of state governments—particularly Karnataka—for establishing robust biotech ecosystems. The states have built sophisticated research hubs, incubation centres, and industrial networks that support innovation from concept to commercialization.

Dr Jitendra Singh congratulating BioSpectrum on completing 23 years, applauded its role in highlighting achievements across India's biotech ecosystem. He expressed his appreciation for the BioSpectrum Awards, noting that such recognition plays an important role in celebrating the country's scientific and technological progress.

Earlier welcoming the august gathering including Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh Ravindra Boratkar, Publisher & Managing Editor, BioSpectrum India and Managing Trustee, MMA Spectrum Foundation said, "Today, we come together to honour the pioneers, the visionaries, the risk-takers, and the path-breakers who are shaping the future of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medtech, diagnostics, digital health, and research. Your work not only strengthens India's scientific capabilities but also touches millions of lives across the world. The Excellence Awards represent the highest recognition in this journey, celebrating commitment to innovation, ethical leadership, and societal impact."

Sharing her views as the chairperson of the Jury Panel, Dr Renu Swarup, Former Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, said "The entire selection process was extremely robust, with the BioSpectrum team conducting extensive research to identify nominees before presenting them to the jury. The most satisfying moment for the jury is when we receive strong, high-quality nominations — and this year, the nominations were exceptionally rich in contribution. All jury members would agree that it took considerable deliberation to finalise the awardees because the level of competition was so high. This reflects both the strength of the biotechnology sector and the diligence of the evaluation process. During our discussions, the jury also emphasized the importance of recognizing young talent in the future, as nurturing this pipeline is essential for sustaining leadership in the biotechnology ecosystem."

The esteemed Jury members include Dr Jitendra Kumar, Managing Director, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC); Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance; Dr Sanghamitra Pati, Additional Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research; Dr Shirshendu Mukherjee, Managing Director, Wadhwani Innovation Network; and Prof. Vijay Chandru, Founder and Chairperson, Strand Life Sciences.