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Biomanufacturing firm PreferCo names Shakthi M. Nagappan as Chairman & Managing Director

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Nagappan turns entrepreneur to build India's next biomanufacturing opportunity



PreferCo, a precision fermentation company headquartered in Hyderabad, has announced that Shakthi Nagappan will lead the company as Chairman & Managing Director, as it builds an integrated platform spanning strain engineering, process development and bioprocess scale-up being built in partnership with German process technology major Glatt.

Nagappan brings close to two decades of experience at the intersection of life sciences, industry and government. As the former CEO of the Telangana Life Sciences Foundation, he played a key role in the development of Hyderabad and Telangana into one of Asia's leading life sciences hubs.

During his tenure, Telangana's life sciences ecosystem expanded significantly in scale and global stature witnessing investments to the \$15 billion and today hosts nine of the world's top lifesciences companies, alongside more than 2,000 life sciences companies. Nagappan continues to be associated with the Government of Telangana in an advisory capacity on life sciences.

PreferCo is building an integrated precision fermentation platform in Hyderabad focused on one of the industry's most critical challenges — translating promising biology from the laboratory into robust and commercially viable manufacturing at scale.