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Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw - Chairperson, Karnataka Vision Group on Biotechnology; Chairman & Managing Director, Biocon Limited at the ***Curtain Raiser Press Briefing*** of **Bangalore INDIA BIO 2013.** The event is scheduled from **4th – 6th** February 2013, at the Lalit Ashok, Kumara Krupa Road, Bangalore.

The 13th edition of Bangalore INDIA BIO, India's premier Biotech forum will witness a gathering of over 800 delegates, renowned speakers from India and abroad and over 100 exhibitors from the best of industry, research organizations, academia, etc. The three-day event starting from February 4 at The Lalit Ashok in Bangalore on the theme " Biotech for better tomorrow" features a robust programme including multi-track conference, CEO Conclave, panel discussions, workshops, international tradeshow and poster exhibition, and Bio Excellence Awards.

The event will have a participation of international delegations from over 20 countries including Scotland, USA (Georgia), Canada (Alberta) and Australia (Victoria) and also from Atlanta, Missouri from USA, Germany, UAE, France, UK, Mexico, Japan, Malaysia and Singapore and European and South East Asia countries, which will give a boost to cross-border partnerships. International MoU's, Technical Tie-ups and Business collaborations agreements will be signed during the event between International Participants and the Indian Life Science fraternity.

Dr Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Chairperson, Karnataka Vision Group on Biotechnology; Chairman and Managing Director, Biocon said," Prof K. Vijay Raghavan, who has taken charge as Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India on January 28 from his previous role as director of National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) in Bangalore will be sharing ideas in his maiden speech with the biotech community at Bangalore INDIA BIO."

Prof Charles ffrench-Constant, Director, Centre of Regenerative Medicine, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, Charles French, Prof Samir K. Brahmachari, Secretary, Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India; Director General Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Prof Anil K. Gupta, Executive Vice Chairperson, National Innovation Foundation - India, Professor of Indian Institute of Management (IIMA), Prof David Koelle, Professor of Medicine, Adjunct Professor, Global Health and Laboratory Medicine, University of Washington; Affiliate Investigator, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center; Affiliate investigator, Benaroya Research Institute,USA will be making key note address at the event.

One of the highlight sessions at Bangalore INDIA BIO is The Fireside Chat - a high-profile discussion bringing together a strong line-up of Speakers from leading life sciences companies like Biocon, Bio Century - USA, Novartis India Limited to discuss "India's challenges in being preferred as the Global Biotech Hub".

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CEO Conclave focusing on theme "Can India become a 100 Billion Dollar Biotech Hub by 2025? "will bring industry leaders from the Life Sciences sector like Dr Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Chairperson, Karnataka Vision Group on Biotechnology; Chairman & Managing Director, Biocon; Dr Vijay Chandru, Chairman and CEO, Strand Life Sciences; Mr Shrikumar Suryanarayan, Chairman and Co-founder, Sea6 Energy; Honorary Director-General, ABLE; Dr Sudhir Nambiar, Managing Director, AstraZeneca India; Mr Anil Raghavan, Managing Director, Quintiles India; Dr Pradeep Ramayya, Co-founder & CEO, AxSys Technology, Scotland; Ms Deepanwita Chattopadhyay, Managing Director and CEO, IKP Knowledge Park; Dr Ajith V. Kamath, Head, Strategic Research Partnerships, India; External R&D Innovation, Worldwide Research & Development, Pfizer

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The International Conference will include focused tracks on key topics like Biosimilars, Regenerative Medicine, Molecular Biotechnology and Bio Informatics, Vaccines and Clinical Research as well as Partnering and Deal Making Trends in Biotechnology. The event serves as the perfect platform for exchange of Knowledge, Business and Partnering.