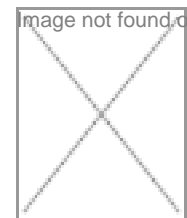


New biotech chief at FICCI

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Vishal Gandhi is the new Associate Director, and Head-Biotechnology at the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). Born in 1976 in New Delhi, he did his masters in biotechnology from the University of Hyderabad. In his professional career of six years, he has worked in various capacities in the industry. Prior to this appointment, he was the senior research biotechnologist at Ranbaxy Research Laboratories, Gurgaon and research associate in Dabur's Oncology and Biotechnology Research Foundation.

Currently he is the member of several working groups on National Policy for Biotechnology. He is also a member of the Indo-US high technology cooperation group.

Nanavati of Paraxel joins the board of Suven Life Sciences

Suven Life Sciences, a pioneer in CRAMS, has hired Nayan Nanavati, a senior executive of Paraxel Corp, USA, one of the key Contract Research Organizations of the world with annual revenue exceeding \$ 650 million.

In his most recent position as a vice president of pre and post-approval clinical research at Paraxel International, Nanavati was instrumental in conceptualizing and establishing a new business unit within its Clinical Research Services group. Under his leadership, Paraxel was successful in gaining a market leadership position in North America in a very short span of two years.

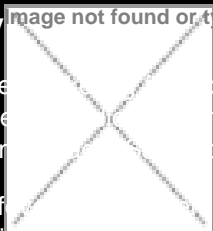
Prior to his stint at Paraxel, Nanavati served in the pharmaceutical industry for 14 years. At Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical Inc., USA, he served as a Head of Women's Healthcare Division for North America. During his tenure at Novo Nordisk, Nanavati and his team were successful in obtaining approvals for three new drugs for global marketing. Nanavati holds a Master of Science degree in Immunology from India, Master of Science degree in Medical Technology from University of Maryland and did his post-graduate work in infectious diseases Immunology at Johns Hopkins University

Nanavati brings to Suven Life Sciences, two decades of cross border experience in the Life Sciences industry, and will be the President and COO of Suven Life Sciences USA LLC. He will be based in the USA, and will drive Global business development and sales for Suven. Suven Life Sciences USA LLC is playing a key role in showcasing the strengths of Suven Life Sciences, through its comprehensive lab facilities, and is currently targeting small and mid sized US biotech and pharma companies for marketing Suven's products.

Obituary

Sanjeeb Panda Passes Away

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The ever-smiling Sanjeeb Panda, the  of BioSpectrum in the Northern Region since its launch is no more. He passed away at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi around midnight on Saturday, November 20. The death occurred due to brain haemorrhage. He was 30.

Sanjeeb was suffering from a viral fever since November 15 and was on medication. His roommates rushed him to AIIMS when he experienced some paralytic attack. He slipped into coma at AIIMS and doctors diagnosed it to be a previously undetected tumor in the brain. Sanjeeb passed away around midnight.

Sanjeeb's mortal remains were flown to his parent's home in Sambalpur, Orissa and the cremation took place on November 21.

A B Tech in Mechanical Engineering, Sanjeeb joined BioSpectrum prior to its launch in November 2002. Due to his hard work, and affable nature which won him friends instantly, Sanjeeb emerged as the magazine's leading sales person in a very short time. Extremely well read and knowledgeable about diverse fields, Sanjeeb enthralled his colleagues and friends in debates and knowledge-sharing. The eldest of two siblings, Sanjeeb was the sole breadwinner for his family. His father recently retired from service and Sanjeeb was supporting his younger brother's education.

He was the rare cricket buff who shunned television broadcasts to be able to spend more quality time with his friends. His small apartment in South Delhi was the abode of a wide circle of friends and relatives who trooped into Delhi to make a career in education and the booming BPO sector.

Sanjeeb's passing away is a great loss to BioSpectrum, CyberMedia and the biotechnology sector. All Cyberites join his family in this hour of grief and pray for his soul to rest in peace.