

Press Release

Biocon Academy Conducted Graduation Ceremony

For 185 Students across Four Programs

73% of graduating students are females; 100% placement achieved

Bengaluru, April 05, 2023:

Biocon Academy, a Centre of Excellence for Advanced Learning in Applied Biosciences and a CSR initiative of Biocon, a leading global biopharmaceutical company, held its seventh Graduation Day at its Bengaluru Campus, with 185 students graduating this year.

Eight batches across four programs of Biocon Academy namely Biocon KGI Certificate Program in Biosciences, Biocon JSS AHER Certificate Program in Global Regulatory Affairs, Biocon Ramaiah Certificate Program in Quality Control Analytical, and BITS Biocon Certificate Program in Applied Industrial Microbiology, participated in the graduation ceremony.

The students were felicitated by Dr Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chief Mentor, Biocon Academy & Executive Chairperson, Biocon and Biocon Biologics. The ceremony was attended by faculty members, industry experts, and mentors. Eight outstanding students who topped their respective batches were awarded 'Gold Medals for Academic Excellence'.

Biocon Academy has been developing high-quality talent to bridge the gap between academia and industry requirements since 2013. Over 900 students have received rigorous academic learning and world-class industrial training on applied aspects of various biotech-related disciplines at the Biocon Academy. Through the diverse programs, students not only gain theoretical knowledge and technical skills, but also develop a broad understanding of the industry, which help them earn placements in top biotech companies in India.

Addressing the graduates, **Dr Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**, said *"It gives us a sense of immense achievement to look back at how the Biocon Academy has contributed to building an ecosystem for biotech-related skills in India over the past decade. The Academy is proud of its work in creating an enabling environment that shapes biotech graduates into highly capable, forward-looking self-starters, equipped with the skills, experience and knowledge to put India ahead in the field of life sciences. I would like to congratulate all the graduating students on a job well done and wish them all success in the future."*

Congratulating the students, **Bindu Ajit, Program Dean, Biocon Academy**, said *"The well-planned programs at Biocon Academy have equipped the students to acquire advanced knowledge and skills in their respective fields making them industry ready. I wish them all the best and am certain that they will make strides in the field of Biotechnology, making the academy and country proud."*

Donning The Graduation Caps

Program Name	Batch Numbers	Education Partner	Number of Graduates
Biocon KGI Certificate Program in Biosciences	19, 20, 21 & 22	Keck Graduate Institute, California	110
Biocon JSS AHER Certificate Program in Global Regulatory Affairs	1	JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru	19
Biocon Ramaiah Certificate Program in Quality Control Analytical	3 & 4	Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Bengaluru	36
BITS Biocon Certificate Program in Applied Industrial Microbiology	8	BITS, Pilani	20

100% Placements Achieved: 18 women in manufacturing operations

Biocon Academy has achieved 100 percent placement for students who completed the program during 2021 -2022 in various batches. Around 104 students have been placed in the Biocon Group, (including Biocon Biologics and Syngene) and 64 students have been placed with leading Indian pharmaceutical-biotechnology companies such as Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Lupin, Kemwell Biopharma, Symbio Generics, Farcast Biosciences, and MMS Holdings among others. About eleven employees from Biocon Biologics Malaysia joined the Biosciences program, while six students went on to pursue Ph.D or higher studies.

It is also noteworthy that about **18 female students** have been placed in **manufacturing operations**, which is up from 10 in the previous year.

The students in this batch came from various parts of the country including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and UP among others.

Biocon Academy alumni have been placed in some of the leading biotech companies including Syngene, Biocon, Cipla, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Lupin, Intas, Baxter, GVK Biosciences, Thermo Fisher, Zydus, Novozymes, and IQVIA among others.

About Biocon Academy:

Biocon Academy, a Centre of Excellence for Advanced Learning in Applied Biosciences, is a CSR initiative of Biocon, Asia's leading biopharmaceutical company. It is aimed at developing high-end, industry-ready, talent for the Indian biotech sector to address the skill deficit. The Academy aims at enhancing the employability of bioscience graduates by providing them advanced experiential learning through practical training. It has been instrumental in shaping careers of aspiring biotech graduates while bridging the industry-academia gap. The Academy has collaborated with leading global institutes like Keck Graduate Institute, California, USA, BITS Pilani, India, MS Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Bengaluru, India, and JSS AHER, Mysuru, India, to offer global quality learning to the students of Biocon Academy. Biocon offers scholarships that cover 60 – 75% of the cost of these international programs. For more information, visit www.bioconacademy.com

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