

## Press Release

### Biocon Academy Conducts its 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation Day

#### 112 Students with 77% Females across Four Programs Participate

**Bengaluru, December 19, 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 eighth Graduation Day at its Bengaluru Campus, with 112 students graduating this year.

Five 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 and Goutam Bhattacharya, CEO, Life Sciences Sector Skill Development Council. The ceremony was attended by faculty members, industry experts, and mentors. Five outstanding students who topped their respective batches were awarded 'Gold Medals for Academic Excellence'.

**Biocon Academy has completed 10 years with a total of 1007 graduates.** In our flagship program, Biosciences, we have a representation of 58 students from Malaysia. Through our diverse programs, students not only gain theoretical knowledge and technical skills but also develop a broad understanding of the industry, which helps them secure placements in top biotech companies in India.

Addressing the graduates, **Dr Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**, extended heartfelt congratulations to all the graduates and said *"As young students, I urge you to never lose your quest for science, the relentless pursuit of asking new questions that drive scientific exploration. The landscape of knowledge in the vast field of biology is continually evolving. It is crucial for each one of you to stay relevant by keeping in step with the emerging phases of new knowledge."*

In the Special Address, **Mr. Goutam Bhattacharya, CEO, Life Science Sector Skill Development Council**, Said *"Use the benefits of Data Science, Knowledge, and Technology. Dive deep, explore widely, and learn from different sources. Make the most of this advantage to create new things that haven't been done before. I challenge you to be innovative and do something different from what we've seen. Keep the momentum of continuous learning, and consistently engage in upskilling and reskilling."*

Congratulating the students, **Bindu Ajit, Program Dean, Biocon Academy**, said *"The meticulously designed programs at Biocon Academy have prepared students to acquire advanced knowledge and skills in their respective fields, rendering them ready for the industry. I extend my best wishes to them and am confident that they will make significant contributions to the field of Biotechnology, bringing pride to both the academy and the country."*

## Donning The Graduation Caps

| Program Name   | Batch Numbers | Education Partner                                      | Number of Graduates |
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| Biocon KGI Certificate Program in Biosciences                      | 23,24         | Keck Graduate Institute, California                    | 54                  |
| Biocon JSS AHER Certificate Program in Global Regulatory Affairs   | 2             | JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru   | 18                  |
| Biocon Ramaiah Certificate Program in Quality Control Analytical   | 5             | Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Bengaluru | 20                  |
| BITS Biocon Certificate Program in Applied Industrial Microbiology | 9             | BITS, Pilani   | 20                  |

### Setting New Standards in Upskilling with DE & I Initiatives and Introducing Augmented Reality Tools at Biocon Academy:

**Biocon Academy is pioneering a transformative journey by incorporating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) as fundamental skills for our students. We are proud to be one of the first institutes in the country to integrate DEI into student education.**

**In keeping with our commitment to staying at the forefront of technological advancements, Biocon Academy has introduced its inaugural Augmented Reality (AR) tool using HoloLens.** This cutting-edge technology allows users to learn, interact, and collaborate remotely from any location worldwide. To extend the benefits of this initiative nationwide, we have conducted two sessions featuring interactive demonstrations on the HPLC device and the applications of microscopy in the pharmaceutical industries.

With the goal of continually enhancing skills, the Academy has organized several training programs for alumni currently employed in various companies. To date, seven sessions have been conducted.

#### 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](http://www.bioconacademy.com)

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