

Press Note

Biocon Appoints Ms. Pratima Rao as Mission Director of Biocon Foundation

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Biocon Ltd, Asia's premier biopharmaceuticals company, announced today that **Ms. Pratima Rao has been appointed as Mission Director & Head of Biocon Foundation***, the CSR arm of the Company. Prior to joining Foundation, Ms. Rao was heading the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science, Baldwin Girls High School, Bengaluru for over two decades.

Biocon Foundation has been making an enduring impact in enabling social and economic inclusion through its health, education and community development programs, for over a decade. Foundation has endeavoured to create a comprehensive and integrated ecosystem to deliver affordable and effective healthcare to the underserved rural and urban communities in India.

Ms. Pratima Rao is a well-known educationist, an award winning teacher and an author who is committed to quality education. Ms. Rao is the author of the 'Challenge Mathematics' a series on mental mathematics, published by Macmillan India Limited, and has also developed 'Chinnara Ganitha' self-help books in mathematics in Kannada, for Biocon Foundation, which have been introduced in over 1400 schools in rural Karnataka. She has been a proud recipient of the 'Best Educator' award initiated by the Rustom Irani Foundation in Bangalore. She has been associated with the Biocon Foundation's 'Chinnara Ganitha' rural education program since its inception in 2006.

Ms. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, CMD of Biocon said, *"We are extremely happy to have Pratima Rao lead our CSR wing, Biocon Foundation. As a Mission Director, she will be responsible for the overall management of the activities, strategy and operations of Biocon Foundation. We are confident that her collective knowledge, experience and expertise will strengthen our commitment to promote social and economic inclusion of marginalized communities."*

Biocon Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of Biocon, is relentlessly working to empower marginalized communities since 2005. We believe our corporate social responsibility lies in creating a comprehensive ecosystem that can deliver effective and affordable healthcare solutions. Nearly 4 lakh patients have benefitted from eLAJ clinics since its inception in 2006. Under 'Chinnara Ganitha' program we have benefited over 7 lakhs students across 1400 plus schools in Karnataka.

**Ms Rani Desai, previously heading Biocon Foundation has stepped down to pursue interests outside of Biocon Foundation.*

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