



## **Prof Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR, Secretary, Department of Health Research, MoFHW, inaugurated leading-edge BME-BT Building at IIT Hyderabad**

*India should be an international hub for Medical Innovations said, Prof Balram Bhargava.*

### **Highlights:**

- ***This, close to a 100,000 sqft state-of-the-art building, will house both Biotechnology and Bio-medical Engineering departments and will boost the activities of both the departments in the field of healthcare towards Atma Nirbhar Bharat.***
- ***With several innovative Post-Graduate & Under-Graduate Programs and the recently sanctioned ICMR CoE on Medical Devices, these two departments of IITH are expected to emerge as leaders in the country and globally in the healthcare area.***

**Hyderabad, November 13, 2021:** It is again a moment to cherish, with Hon'ble Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Professor (Dr) Balram Bhargava inaugurating the leading-edge Building of Department of Bio-medical Engineering & Biotechnology at IIT Hyderabad and gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest. The event has been successfully concluded in the august presence of Mr SAITO Mitsunori, Chief Representative, JICA as Guest of Honour from Japan, beloved BoG Chairman Dr BVR Mohan Reddy, Prof B S Murty, Director-IITH, Deans, HoDs, Faculty, Staff & Students of IIT Hyderabad. The infrastructure inaugurated today is a part of Phase-2 of the campus development project under the broader India-Japan collaboration through the JICA and MoE.

**Congratulating IIT Hyderabad on the occasion, Professor (Dr) Balram Bhargava Said** *"More than 80% of medical devices are imported in India, this close to 100,000 sqft state-of-the-art of the facility will act like a "Karma Bhumi" in the direction of making India Self-reliant. With ICMR's presence at IITH, many technologies, IPs, patents & start-ups will bring more frugal innovations.*

**Speaking on this occasion, Mr SAITO Mitsunori, Chief Representative, JICA, said,** *"JICA is associated with IITH for a long through various supports under INDO-JAPAN Collaborations. IITH has made significant contributions to India's fight against COVID-19. We hope this facility will boost IITH's efforts to serve vulnerable humanity".*

*"IITH is a pioneer with Undergrad courses in Biomedical & Biotechnology which is unique to it like many other first steps being taken. Technological advancement in this field will facilitate taking medical care to places where it could not reach so far. IITH has been located in Pharma Capital of the country, medically advance environment and with the recent grant from ICMR, it will surely make marvels of medicine", expressing his delight, Dr B V R Mohan Reddy added.*

**Cherishing the moment, Prof B S Murty, Director IIT Hyderabad added,** *"I am confident that the departments will utilize this growth opportunity and becomes leaders not only in the country but in the world."*



### **Brief about Department of Bio-medical Engineering & Biotechnology Building**

The BTBME Bldg. Constructed under Phase-2 with a built-up area of 8552 sqm (i.e., 92062 sqft). The building comprising of 30 Nos. faculty offices, 4 Nos. Classrooms with capacities of 30Pax, 40Pax, and 80 Pax, Dry & Wet Teaching Laboratories, 23 Nos. of Research Laboratories, 5 Nos. Computer Research Laboratories, Conference Rooms, and Office spaces for carrying out administrative functions of the department. Some of the highlights of the building are the Helical Staircase, Separate Block of Biotech Classrooms with Amphitheater. The building is constructed to carry out the present and future teaching and research needs in the field of Biotech and Bio-Medical Engineering. The construction activities are carried out by reputed construction firms in compliance with the national standards.

The virtual event can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnfnA2Dgg2A>

### **About IIT Hyderabad**

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) is one of the eight new IITs established by the Government of India in 2008. In a short span of **12** years, the institute has become a top ranker and currently has **242** full-time faculty, **3,491** students (**20%** women), and nearly **200** state-of-the-art laboratories, and five research and entrepreneurship centers. The institute has a strong research focus with approx.. Rs **575** crore of sanctioned research funding with PhD scholars accounting for about **30%** of total student strength. IITH has to its credit more than **~6000** research publications, **195** patent disclosures, **1440** sponsored/consultancy projects, and about **50** startups.

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