

Mr Rajesh Mashruwala announces the “CfHE Vagbhata Chair Professorship” in Medical Devices and Diagnostics at IIT Hyderabad

Highlights: IITH joins hands with Mr Rajesh Mashruwala, an Executive Vice President at TIBCO Software Inc & one of the Co-founders of CfHE, IIT Hyderabad, to announce the CfHE Vagbhata Chair Professorship in Medical Devices and Diagnostics

Hyderabad, May 04, 2022: Medical Devices and Diagnostics is one of the key areas of healthcare where a considerable gap exists in the supply of devices, trained workforce, and indigenous development. With a vision for Aatma Nirbhar Bharat and Make in India, the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) has taken bold steps in addressing this gap through Focused programs in Medical Devices, Development of Human Resources, and Promotion of start-ups for indigenous development of medical devices and innovations. The Center of Excellence, established in partnership with the Medical Devices Mission Secretariat, ICMR, has enabled IITH to be one of the Hubs for technological Excellence in Medical Devices in India. In response to the call from Professor B S Murty, Director, IITH, Mr Raj Mashruwala has established the Endowment Chair Professor position in the area of Medical Devices and Diagnostics to enrich, guide, and lead our efforts in this area.

Being an Entrepreneur and Angel Investor, Raj Mashruwala is deeply passionate about contributing back to the Indian Medical and health technology Ecosystem. Along with Avi Nash Manudhane, he established the Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CfHE) at IITH to develop innovative medical Devices and start-ups. With this Chair Professorship, Raj Mashruwala aims to translate healthcare ideas like Noninvasive diagnostics, Point of Care devices, and clinical trials of portable devices to address the last mile in healthcare delivery to rural India in Medical Devices & Diagnostics and help accelerate our journey to becoming world leaders in this field.

Thanking Mr Rajesh on occasion, Prof B S Murty, Director, IITH, said, *“We envision IITH to be one of the choicest destinations for faculty and students who would like to pursue their career goals. This Chair Professorship will be a golden opportunity for bringing eminent National and International faculty and industry leaders to collaborate with the Department of Biomedical Engineering at IITH with a focused vision to strengthen this area, develop new courses and programs, and attract new faculty, visiting faculty, international grants, etc.”.*

The Institute considers stalwarts in academics and industry for this chair professorship at IITH. The support from Institute will cover the activities related to academics, travel, research, honorariums, and other expenses for the chair professor to visit IIT Hyderabad and engage in research and teaching activities. The term of a Chair Professor will be renewed on an annual basis for three years. While talking to the public, Prof B S Murty urges the industry leaders and alumni to support similar positions that will enable the students at IITH to work closely with International Experts, Universities, Industries & Corporates.

About Rajesh Mashruwala (Raj):

Rajesh Mashruwala (Raj) is an Executive Vice President at TIBCO Software Inc., a leading provider of real-time infrastructure software for the Internet and enterprise. Raj holds a Master of Science (Engineering) from the University of California, Berkeley (1976) and a BTech (Mechanical) from IIT Bombay (1975). TIBCO Software, founded in 1997, made its initial public offering in July of 1999 (TIBX). Since the founding of TIBCO Software, Raj has been responsible for worldwide engineering, marketing, acquisitions, and field operations. He is also an angel investor and partner Emeritus at Prime Venture.



About IITH:

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 **14** years, the institute has become a top-ranker. Currently, it has **260+** full-time faculty, **~3,900** students, 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 **~7,500** research publications, **210+** patent disclosures, **1600+** sponsored/consultancy projects, and about **100+** startups.

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