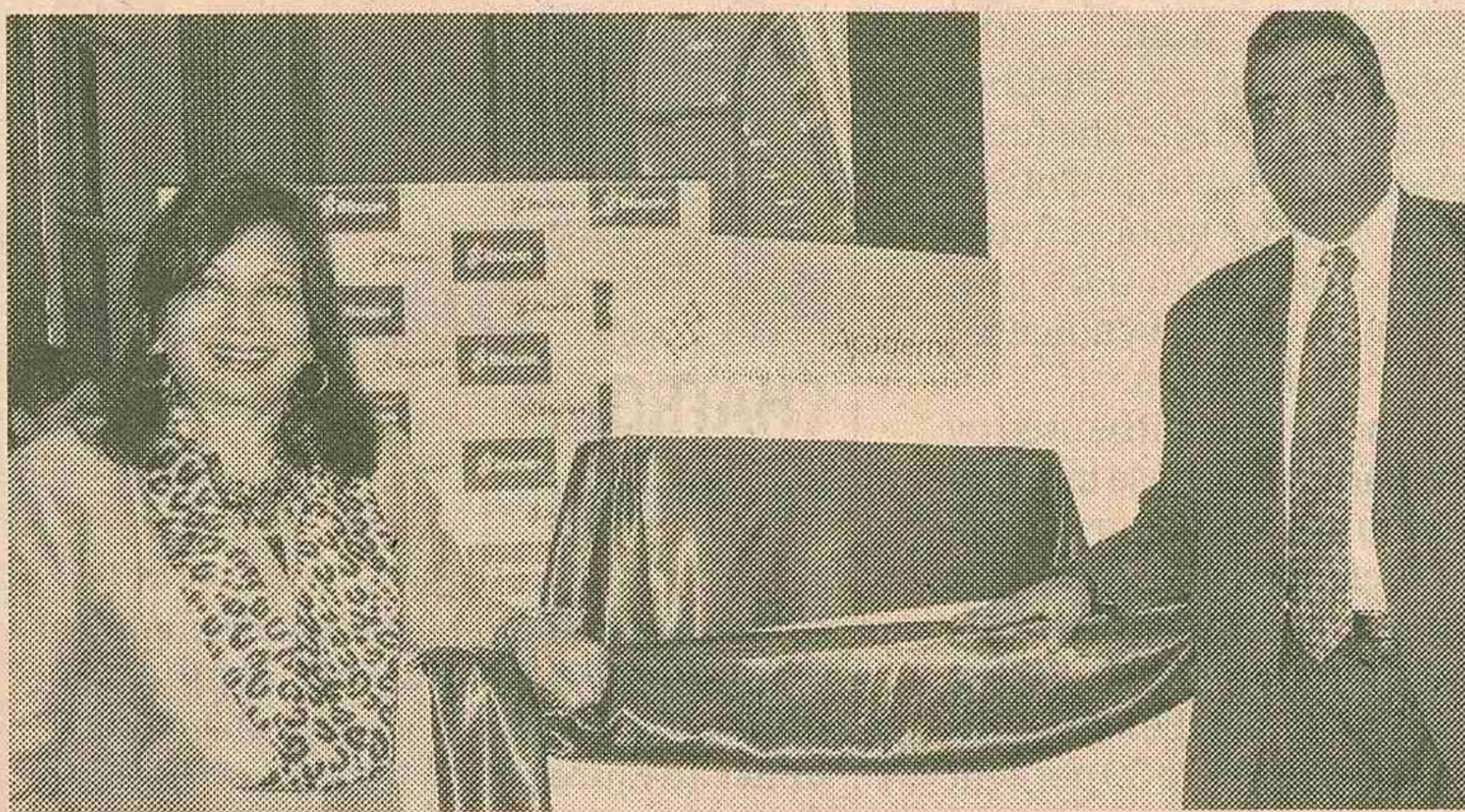


# Biocon advanced learning unit to up skill supply



**Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, CMD, Biocon, launches Biocon Academy in association with Keck Graduate Institute, USA in Bangalore on Monday. Srivatsa Krishna, Secretary, Dept of IT, BT and Science and Technology joins in. BS PHOTO**

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**B**iocon, Asia's leading biotechnology enterprise, has set up Biocon Academy — a centre of excellence for advanced learning in applied biosciences. The academy, set up for ₹10 crore, excluding the cost of offering the course, aims to train and develop industry-ready talent for India's biopharma sector.

The academy, according to Biocon will offer advanced learning in biosciences that will provide the required proficiency for enhanced career prospects in biotechnology for engineering and science graduates. According to Biocon, it will connect industry and academia to maximise the opportunities for aspiring biotechnologists and to address the

skill deficit of the sector.

The academy's flagship programme is in collaboration with the Keck Graduate Institute, California, (KGI). The KGI is an American graduate institution devoted solely to bioscience education and discovery.

While the academy offers post-graduate programmes as well in the United States, they will offer only the certificate programme in India, with the possibility of offering more advanced programmes in future.

According to Biocon, the programme will cost about ₹6 lakh, with a scholarship of ₹4.5 lakh being offered by Biocon and help with bank loans for the rest ₹1.5 lakh. The intake for the course will initially be 25-30 per batch with about four batches being trained per annum.