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US institute honours Kiran with award for excellence

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Bengaluru: Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, chairperson and managing director of Biocon Ltd, was on Thursday conferred the AWSM Award for Excellence 2017 by the Advancing Women in Science and Medicine (AWSM) wing of The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, USA.

She is the first Indian to win the award, dedicated to celebrating outstanding women in science and medicine.

Shaw received the honour for her contributions as entrepreneur and humanist to

healthcare globally and for being a role model for women in medicine and science.

AWSM is an organization of women scientists at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, a private, non-profit institution. It runs research programmes on immunology, inflammation, neuroscience and behavioural medicine.

Shaw said: "I am honoured to receive the award and consider it a great privilege to be in the company of inspiring women scientists who've made path-breaking contributions in science and medicine."