



Brief Profile

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Executive Chairperson, Biocon Limited.

Ms Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw is a pioneering biotech entrepreneur, a healthcare visionary, a global influencer, and a passionate philanthropist. Founder of Biocon, an innovation-led global biopharmaceuticals enterprise, her vision and work have drawn global recognition both for Indian industry and her company.



Ms. Mazumdar-Shaw has been pivotal in redefining the biotechnology landscape through Biocon's initiatives and breaking new ground through her philosophy of ensuring affordable access to life-saving biopharmaceuticals globally.

Her inspiring achievements have earned her several coveted titles, honours and awards, both national and international. Here is a list of her top 10 recognition in chronological order:

1. **Order of Australia** from the Government of Australia for significant service to advancing Australia's bilateral relationship with India, particularly in promoting commercial and educational links. (2020)
2. Ranked No. 65 on the **Forbes' list of World's 100 Most Powerful Women**. (2019)
3. Elected **Member** of U.S.-based **National Academy of Engineering (NAE)** for contributing to the development of affordable biopharmaceuticals and the biotechnology industry in India. (2019)
4. Elected full-term **Member** of the **MIT Corporation**, the **board of trustees** of the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.
5. **Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the National Order of the French Legion of Honour)** from the Government of France for outstanding contribution and dedication to the Biosciences and Research field globally. (2016)
6. **Othmer Gold Medal** from the U.S.-based Chemical Heritage Foundation for pioneering efforts in biotechnology and for scripting a hugely successful entrepreneurial story by drawing on her knowledge of fermentation science to build Biocon, India's first biopharmaceutical company. (2014)
7. **Global Economy Prize for Business** from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy for being a pioneer in finding solutions to global economic problems by strongly influencing and implementing economic or trade systems based on individual initiative and responsibility. (2014)
8. **TIME** magazine's list of **100 Most Influential People in the World**. (2010)
9. **Padma Bhushan** from the Government of India for her pioneering efforts in Industrial Biotechnology. (2005)
10. **Padma Shri** from the Government of India. (1989)



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Ms Mazumdar-Shaw holds key positions in various industry, educational, government and professional bodies. She was and as a Member of the National Academy of Engineering, U.S., in 2019.

She also serves on the boards of Infosys Ltd and Narayana Health.

In addition to her formal qualifications as a brewmaster, she holds honorary degrees from several renowned international universities.

Ms Mazumdar-Shaw believes in compassionate capitalism and is the first woman business leader from India to sign the Giving Pledge, an initiative of the Gates Foundation, committing to give the majority of her wealth to philanthropic causes.