

Press Release

**Biocon Foundation Marks 20 Years of Transforming Lives
Through Impactful Social Initiatives****Bengaluru, Karnataka, India: February 28, 2025:**

Biocon Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of **Biocon Group** proudly marked two decades of commitment to social impact and community development. To commemorate this significant milestone, the Foundation hosted a special ceremony at its Biocon Park focused on celebrating **'20 Years of LIGHT – Leading Inclusive Growth of Communities with a Human Touch'**. The event celebrated the Foundation's contributions over the years while reaffirming its dedication to building healthier, more empowered communities.

Since its inception in 2004, the Foundation has been dedicated to driving meaningful change in the areas of **healthcare, education, environment, rural development, infrastructure development, and environmental sustainability**, positively impacting **2.8 million lives** across India. The milestone serves as an opportunity to reflect on the Foundation's journey and chart the path forward for greater social transformation.

The event was graced by **Dr C.N. Manjunath**, Bengaluru Rural MP and a distinguished cardiologist and former Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology Cardiovascular Sciences and Research as the **chief guest**. **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**, Chairperson, Biocon Group, **Dr Anupama Shetty**, Mission Director, Biocon Foundation, **Peter Bains**, Group CEO, Biocon, **Shreehas Tambe**, CEO & MD, Biocon Biologics, **Naveen Narayanan**, Global Head of HR, Biocon Biologics, **Maninder Kapoor Puri**, Head of HR, Biocon, and **Pramuch Goel**, Head of Corporate Affairs, Syngene along with other dignitaries, beneficiaries, stakeholders, Biocon Group's leadership team, and employees, were also present to mark the occasion.

As part of the celebrations, the Foundation unveiled its **20th Annual Report**, screened a special film highlighting its 20-year journey of meaningful impact on the society. The Foundation also felicitated its various stakeholders and team members who had partnered its journey of 2 decades.

Appreciating the work Biocon Foundation has been doing under the leadership of **Kiran Mazumdar- Shaw, Dr C.N. Manjunath, Bengaluru Rural MP** said, *"True greatness lies in understanding and alleviating the pain of others. Biocon Foundation's work has not only brought smiles but has also made a meaningful impact on countless lives. While Biocon invests significantly in research and innovation, its commitment to societal well-being, spanning healthcare, education, infrastructure, and environmental sustainability, is truly commendable. The Foundation's dedication to uplifting underserved communities sets a remarkable example for community service and social responsibility."*

Speaking on the occasion **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chairperson, Biocon Group and Managing Trustee, Biocon Foundation**, said, *"For the past 20 years, Biocon Foundation has been*

steadfast in its mission to empower underserved communities through innovative healthcare solutions, education, and sustainable development initiatives. Our eLAJ Smart Clinics have revolutionized primary healthcare, serving over a million individuals across Karnataka. As we celebrate this milestone, we remain committed to drive social change and enable equitable access to healthcare for all.”

Dr Anupama Shetty, Mission Director, Biocon Foundation, said *“For 20 years, Biocon Foundation has been steadfast in its mission to drive social change through sustainable and scalable initiatives. This milestone is a celebration of our collective efforts and the unwavering support of our Biocon Group of companies, government bodies, NGOs, partners, volunteers, stakeholders, and communities we serve. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been contributing to the causes and supporting us. We remain committed to making an even greater impact in the years to come.”*

Biocon Foundation’s journey is not just a legacy, it’s a promise kept, to help communities rise, as we continue to inspire, empower, and uplift them for a brighter future.

Some of the key initiatives:

- **The Arogya Raksha Yojana (ARY):** A pioneering microinsurance program offering affordable healthcare to low-income families. Until 2015 ARY Insurance covered 1,600+ surgeries and treated 3.1 lakh patients across 18 health centres in Karnataka.
- **Oral Cancer Screenings using Mobile Phone (mHealth):** A flagship initiative enabling early detection in high-risk communities through mobile technology. Annually, 85,000+ people are screened, with 10,000+ diagnosed and recommended for treatment. The program has led to 40+ publications in national and international journals.
- **eLAJ Smart Clinics, technology enabled Primary Healthcare Centres:** Tech-enabled primary healthcare centers delivering quality care in rural areas. With 20+ clinics, the initiative has reached over 1 million people, conducted 9.5 lakh+ patient visits, and screened 48,000+ for diabetes, hypertension, and common cancers.
- **Biocon Nagar:** A sustainable housing project for safe homes, created for over 400 families displaced by floods.
- **Lake Rejuvenation:** Restoration of Hebbagodi and Yarandahalli Lakes, with Hebbagodi Lake earning a Limca Book of Records mention for India’s largest artificial floating island (12,000 sq. ft.). Miyawaki forests were planted with 3,500 saplings to aid afforestation.
- **Funding Metro Station:** Funded the construction of Hebbagodi Metro Station, easing commute stress. Also transformed 50+ metro pillars from Huskur Gate to Hebbagodi with vibrant artwork.

About Biocon Foundation:

Biocon Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of Biocon, Biocon Biologics and Syngene International, has been working to empower marginalized communities since 2005. Biocon Foundation partners with society to promote social and economic inclusion.

It has thus made significant investments in enhancing access to quality healthcare, education, and civic infrastructure along with environmental sustainability projects. Combined with field initiatives, these programs create momentum to elevate the marginalized sections of society.

Over the years, Biocon Foundation has built a strong reputation for the quality of its programs and their impact in addressing the social, humanitarian, and environmental challenges facing India. To make a more meaningful impact, the Foundation regularly partners with government agencies and like-minded organizations for program delivery. Besides addressing critical national and state level challenges in primary healthcare, education and rural development, the Foundation is also augmenting environmental sustainability through the lake revival mission in Bengaluru.

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