

Press Note

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw Honored with 'USC Business Management Award' at The Inaugural USC India Awards held in Mumbai

The recognition celebrates her transformational leadership and pioneering contributions to global healthcare and biotechnology.

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Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Founder and Chairperson, Biocon Group has been honored with the prestigious **USC Business Management Award**, at the inaugural University of Southern California (USC) India Awards. She received the recognition from **Yannis C Yortsos, Dean, USC Viterbi School of Engineering**, in a special ceremony held in Mumbai, on December 7, 2025. The award celebrates her visionary and transformational leadership and her outstanding contributions to global healthcare and biotechnology.

Presented by the **USC Viterbi School of Engineering**, the USC India Awards mark a significant milestone in the university's deepening engagement with India. The platform recognizes distinguished leaders across engineering, technology, business, and community development for their innovation, impact, and service to society.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chairperson, Biocon Group said, *"I am honored to receive the USC Business Management Award at the maiden USC India Awards. This recognition is a reaffirmation of Biocon's purpose-driven journey to make high-quality biopharmaceuticals accessible and affordable for patients around the world. From a brewer to a biotech entrepreneur, my journey has been guided by one belief that engineering led science can transform lives and that belief continues to guide us every day. I am grateful to the USC community for championing entrepreneurship, research, and inclusion, and I accept this honor on behalf of the thousands of passionate minds at Biocon who work relentlessly to 'heal the world'."*

Kiran has had a longstanding association with USC, serving on the India **Advisory Board of the USC Viterbi School of Engineering** since 2012. She was honored with the **2016 Global Leadership in Engineering Award, by USC Viterbi School of Engineering**. Her ongoing role helps bridge USC's engineering research with India's biotech and innovation ecosystem, strengthening both academic and industry ties.

Supported by the Tata Group, the inaugural edition also honored **N. R. Narayana Murthy**, Founder and Former CEO of Infosys, with the USC-Ratan Tata Award, and **Sandeep Tandon**, Founder and Chairman, Syrma SGS Technology and Founder and Director, Infinx, with the **USC Distinguished Alumni Award**.

USC President Beong-Soo Kim said, *"Created in recognition of the longstanding relationship between USC and India, these awards honor Narayana Murthy, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and Sandeep Tandon for their transformational leadership. Much like former USC trustee Ratan Tata, these three global leaders have driven innovation, elevated communities, and inspired other generations of leaders."*

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw is a pioneering biotech entrepreneur, a healthcare visionary, a global influencer, and a passionate philanthropist. The impact she has made as a leading woman in science has made her a role model globally. She is committed to equitable access to healthcare through affordable innovation as she pursues a path of making a difference to billions of lives globally. She is the first woman business leader and second person from India to sign the Giving Pledge initiative in 2016, committing to give the majority of her wealth to philanthropic causes.



Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw receiving the Award from Yannis C. Yortsos, Dean, USC Viterbi School of Engineering.

About Biocon Group

As a global frontrunner in the biopharmaceuticals industry, the Biocon Group is steadfast in its commitment to enable health equity worldwide by providing patients across the world with affordable access to essential and lifesaving therapeutics. Through its key business verticals of Generics, Biosimilars, and CRDMO, the Biocon Group has harnessed its affordable innovation model to develop and manufacture both small and large molecules on a global scale, ultimately benefiting patients worldwide. Together, we are bringing impactful and inclusive healthcare solutions for those who need them the most.

About USC in India

For more than a century, USC has been committed to bringing together communities through education, research and partnerships. Over the past 50 years, USC and India have been forging a relationship with Indian students, faculty and staff who recognize the university as a center of global learning. To support the large Indian student population and all of USC's ongoing efforts and initiatives in India, USC opened two representative offices in 2011, including one for USC Viterbi School of Engineering. Most recently, the USC Marshall School of Business established their India office in 2024. Currently, USC has a presence in three of India's key cities: **New Delhi, Mumbai** and **Bengaluru**, connecting with current and prospective students, as well as tens of thousands of alumni in the region.

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