

# HYDERABAD LIFE SCIENCES INNOVATION CLUSTER MEET



**Focus: Industry-Academia Collaboration for Promotion of  
Innovations & Translational Research**

**23.02.2023**

**Venue: National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research  
(NARFBR), Genome Valley, Shamirpet (M), Hyderabad 500 078, Telangana**

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The Federation of Asian Biotech Associations (FABA) is proud to announce that "Hyderabad Life Sciences Innovation Cluster Meeting" partnering with ICMR-NARFBR and Rx Propellant, focused on Industry-Academia Collaboration for Promotion of Innovations & Translational Research. The event will be held at the National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research (NARFBR), Genome Valley, Shamirpet, Hyderabad.

**Hyderabad Life Sciences Innovation Cluster:** Hyderabad, in addition to its rich and varied cultural heritage, is fast emerging as one of the top innovation clusters not only in the country but also in Asia. There are over 18 universities, (including State, central and deemed) and over 30 institutions of national importance, focusing on teaching and research in cutting-edge areas.

Hyderabad is also well known for its global presence in manufacturing and supplying of bulk drugs, vaccines, and making them affordable. It also harbours a vibrant and fast-growing IT industry. Genome valley, spread over 2000 acres has developed as a cluster for industries focusing on biomedical research, training and manufacturing of several biopharmaceuticals.

In addition, Hyderabad also hosts more than 20 incubation centres promoting the start-up ecosystem.

In order to leverage the strength of these academic institutions, industries and start-up ecosystems, FABA has taken the initiative along with Rx Propellant to provide a platform for all stakeholders and promote a vibrant life sciences innovation cluster. The main aim of this meeting is to bring together industry and academia on one platform for networking and exploring collaborations in the Pharma and Biopharma Sectors. Institutions and universities will showcase their infrastructure, expertise, and technologies to the industry, and the industry will present their ongoing programmes and potential areas for collaboration.

This cluster meeting includes formal presentations by leaders from academic institutions and industry partners. It also includes panel discussion on topic of mutual interest to foster conversation and generate recommendations on various themes. The panel discussion will be a platform for both academia and industry to share their perspective and come up with recommendations to foster collaborations and drive innovation in the field of life sciences.

The highlight of the event is a formal presentation on the Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance CEO on funding opportunities in the areas of biomedical research.

We hope and wish that this forms the beginning of seamless interactions between academia and industry and paves the way for the translation of research from academic institutions and coming up with innovative product development by the industry.

## About FABA

Federation of Asian Biotech Associations (FABA), a non-profit organisation established in 2005 with representation in various Asian countries, has been providing a global platform for academia, industry and the Government bodies to come together and interact for mutual benefits in the healthcare sector. BioAsia, a global bio-business forum - the flagship event of FABA, is being organised in Hyderabad annually for the past 18 years. In addition, similar events are being organised by the country chapters of FABA. FABA Academy, officially launched on 19th February 2020, empowers students in life sciences with career guidance and skill development activities. FABA Academy has conducted so far 33 webinars & 8 workshops, online and hands-on, on topics of interest to the academy and the industry. FABA Entrepreneurship, aimed at promoting the start-up ecosystem, was officially launched on August 18, 2022, with its inaugural event on Venture Capital - Biotech Startup Connect - Whale Tank, to raise awareness of big-ticket investments in health-tech startups.

Know more about FABA at <https://biofaba.org.in/>

## About Rx Propellant

Rx Propellant is a Lifesciences infrastructure platform focused on building world-class clusters for research and manufacturing in India. With a portfolio of about 5 million square feet spanning multiple projects in Genome Valley (Hyderabad) and Bengaluru, the platform offers an “asset-light” proposition for organizations to scale. Rx Propellant complements infrastructure development with ecosystem support through programs for talent skilling, scientific networking, and start-up incubation. GV Connect, an initiative by Rx Propellant, is aimed at fostering collaboration within Lifesciences clusters through events and thought leadership.

Know more about Rx Propellant at <https://rxpropellant.in/>

## About NARFBR

The National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research (NARFBR), under the aegis of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Dept of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, established a state-of-the-art infrastructural facility for pre-clinical research under one roof in the country. This state-of-the-art facility is located in the Genome Valley, Hyderabad, spreading over 100 acres of land.

Know more about NARFBR at <https://www.narfbr.org/>

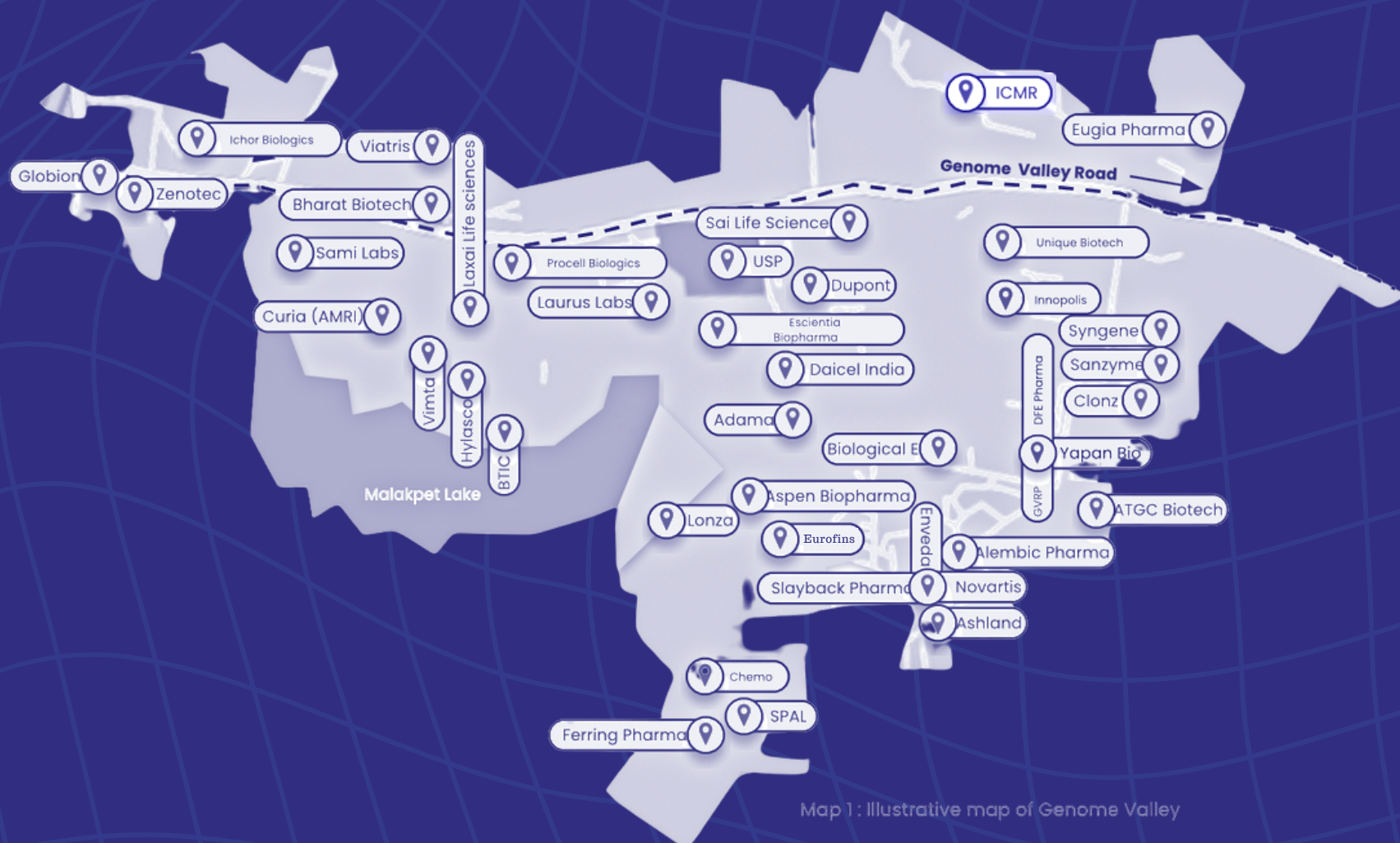


## About Genome Valley

Genome Valley is India's first organized cluster for Life Sciences R&D and Clean Manufacturing activities, with world-class infrastructure facilities in the form of Industrial / Knowledge Parks, Special Economic Zones (SEZs), Multi-tenanted dry and wet laboratories and incubation facilities. It is home to more than 200 companies with a scientific workforce of about 15,000 professionals including presence of the marquee global names like Novartis, GlaxoSmithKline, Ferring Pharma, Chemo, DuPont, Ashland, United States Pharmacopeia, Lonza amongst many others.

In FY 2017-18, Genome Valley was accorded with Industrial Area Local Authority (IALA) status. The IALA status enables single point administration of the cluster, which will allow companies in Genome Valley a single point contact for all Government related approvals and further facilitate infrastructure development in the cluster.

Know more about Genome Valley at <https://lifesciences.telangana.gov.in>

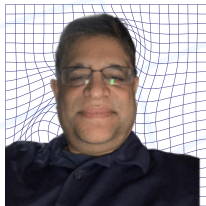


Map 1 : Illustrative map of Genome Valley

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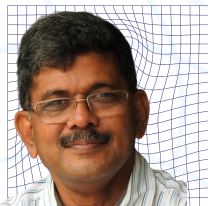
09:30 - 10:00 AM	Registration
10:00 - 10:15 AM	Welcome
10:15 - 11:15 AM	Presentations from the Academic Institutions
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Bio-Break
11:30 - 12:30 PM	Presentations from the Industry
12:30 - 01:00 PM	Presentation on Funding Opportunities for Biomedical Research by the CEO of Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance
01:00 - 02:00 PM	Lunch
02:00 - 03:00 PM	Panel Discussion: Innovations in the Pharma and Biopharma Industries: Role of Academia-Industry Interactions

**Moderator**



**Dr. Uday Saxena**  
, EC Member, FABAs;  
Co-founder, Reagene Innovations

**Panelists**



**Dr. N. Madhusudhana Rao**  
CEO, AIC-CCMB



**Dr. Srinivasa Reddy**  
Director, CSIR-IICT



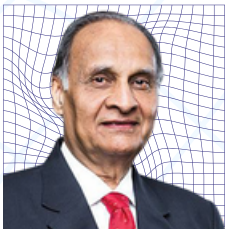
**Dr. Rajaram Iyer**  
Senior Vice President,  
Laurus Labs Limited



**Dr. S G Ramachandra**  
Director, NARFBR

**03:00 - 03:10 PM**

**Keynote by Chief Guest Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, Dr Kallam Anji Reddy Chair, University of Hyderabad**



**03:00 - 03:30 PM**

**FABA Award Presentations**

**FABA Excellence Award  
(Dr. B S Bajaj Memorial Award)**

**FABA Lifetime  
Achievement Award**



**Dr. Renu Swarup**  
Former Secretary,  
Dept. of Biotechnology  
Ministry of Science & Technology,  
Government of India



**Dr. D Balasubramanian**  
Director of Research, LV Prasad  
Eye Institute

**03:30- 03:40 PM**

**Valedictory Notes and Action Points for Next Steps**

**03:40 PM Onwards**

**Tea and Open for Networking**



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