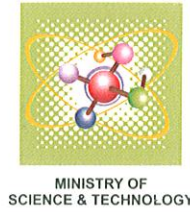




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### MESSAGE

India and the United States enjoy a vibrant relationship in education, science, technology innovation, business and trade. In recent times, the two countries have shared a vision for effective deployment of science and innovation as a source of solutions for meeting the challenges of affordable and equitable health care.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has declared this as a decade of innovation. Global partnership particularly with leadership countries such as United States are a key component of establishing global best practices.

Investments in higher education, science and innovation are expected to rapidly increase in India in the next plan. New universities and institutions are being established and old ones redesigned. Partnerships between industry and academia are growing rapidly, particularly in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical sector. Government is providing generous support for such alliances, for early stage research, product development and commercialization.

We fully recognize that an educated and effective human resource, physical infrastructure, sustained intellectual property policy and practice, science based and efficient regulation, hassle free business and trade practices are absolutely essential to fulfill the national vision of a quality innovation system.

We welcome alliances between multiple stakeholders, public and private between the two countries in higher education, in science, in co discovery, services, manufacturing and trade. There is enormous scope to expand our partnership in all these areas related to drugs, vaccines, diagnostics, devices, biotechnology based therapeutics, stem cell and regenerative medicine. The strength of the two nations are complimentary and effective alliances can have multiplicative impact on healthcare.

USA India Chamber of Commerce is playing a dynamic and catalytic role in enlarging ties between India and the US. I am sure, the present US-India Biotech Summit, being organized by the USA-India Chamber of Commerce in association with Department of Biotechnology, Government of India will strengthen further ties between US and Indian business houses in Biotechnology sector.

I wish the Summit all the success.

  
(M.K. Bhan)