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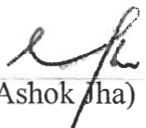
MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to note that the United States-India Biotech Summit is being organized by USA-India Chamber of Commerce (USAIC) with the support of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.

India is 'Partner of Choice' in the Life Sciences area globally and the regulatory and intellectual property rights changes have made India an attractive choice for investment in Life Sciences industry. The availability in India of low cost, highly educated work force is facilitating the growth in this area.

The Summit, which aims to bring top Indian policy makers, established and emerging Life Science companies from India and the United States, and investors together at one place, is expected to focus on discussions on development, discovery, intellectual property, regulatory issues, investments opportunities and cross border Mergers & Acquisitions. I am sure the Summit will provide an excellent opportunity to connect for partnership, selling-sourcing and investments.

I wish the Summit a great success.


(Ashok Jha)