

## Dr Renu Swarup Calls for Accelerated Biotech Innovation; Recognises MMA Spectrum Foundation's Pivotal Role

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At the BioSpectrum Excellence Awards 2025 held on December 5 in Delhi, Dr Renu Swarup, Former Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India and chairperson of the Jury Panel delivered a profoundly insightful and forward-looking address that set the tone for the evening. Drawing from her decades-long experience in shaping India's biotechnology and life sciences landscape, she emphasised the urgent need to accelerate innovation, strengthen translational research, and build sustainable pathways that take scientific ideas from laboratories to markets.

In her address Dr Renu Swarup highlighted how India today stands at a critical inflection point, with unprecedented opportunities in biotechnology, biomanufacturing, genomics, digital health, synthetic biology, agriculture, food systems, and medtech—and stressed that nurturing young innovators will be essential for capturing this potential.

In this context, she lauded the MMA Spectrum Foundation for its vision and proactive initiatives that not only support startups but also build an environment that encourages risk-taking, creativity, and cross-disciplinary collaboration. She underscored the Foundation's role in providing structured mentoring, capacity building, and entrepreneurial handholding while acting as a vital bridge between researchers, industry leaders, investors, and policymakers.

Dr Renu Swarup also appreciated the Foundation's commitment to strengthening India's knowledge ecosystem through

research-driven publications, surveys, sectoral analyses, and high-impact conferences and workshops that stimulate meaningful discussions on policy, regulation, and emerging scientific frontiers.

She noted that by anchoring flagship events like the BioSpectrum Excellence Awards, the Foundation is not only celebrating excellence but also creating a platform that motivates the scientific community and inspires the next generation of innovators. Her address reinforced the message that sustained support through institutions like the MMA Spectrum Foundation will be central to building an innovation-driven, globally competitive, and future-ready bioeconomy for India.