

Telangana to set up CoE in flow chemistry

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Hyderabad: The government of Telangana on Thursday announced that it will be setting up a centre of excellence (CoE) for 'Flow Chemistry' in Hyderabad along with industry partners to boost R&D as well as to facilitate higher incorporation of flow chemistry techniques in the pharma sector.

This CoE will be set up at Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences (DRILS) and will be funded by Dr Reddy's Labs and Laurus Labs and mentorship will be provided by eminent scientists such as Prof Goverdhan Mehta (University of Hyderabad) and international advisors such as Prof Steven Ley (University of Cambridge, UK), Prof Oliver Kappe (University of Graz, Austria) and Prof Shu Kobayashi (University of Tokyo, Japan).

An agreement to this effect was inked by GV Prasad, co-chairman and MD, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Satyanarayana Chava, CEO, Laurus Labs, Shakthi Nagappan, director (life sciences & pharma) and CEO, Hyderabad Pharma City, and Srinivas Oruganti, director, Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences, in the presence of Telangana IT and industries minister KT Rama Rao and industries & IT principal secretary Jayesh Ranjan.

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The concept of flow chemistry is about a range of chemical processes that occurs in a continuous flowing stream rather than in batches.

Commenting on the development, KTR said, "This hub would be an enabler for the pharma industry in India to make a

paradigm shift towards incorporation of modern approaches from R&D to manufacturing and migration to greener and sustainable processes.”

GV Prasad said, “As an early adopter of sustainability as a core value, we look forward to contributing to the creation of deep local expertise in sustainable and green manufacturing processes.”

Satyanarayana Chava pointed out that the initiative will further cement Hyderabad's position as a global leader in pharmaceutical Industry.