

HiMedia Laboratories receives the prestigious 'BIRAC Innovator Award- 2020'

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HiMedia Laboratories Pvt Ltd., a bioscience company with expertise in media manufacturing and diagnostics for over 46 years having presence over 150 countries, has been conferred with the “BIRAC Innovator Award 2020” under the category of therapeutics, vaccines and drug delivery by Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC- A Government of India Organisation).

The award was in recognition of significant contribution made by the team along with its collaborators, the Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, towards high level of innovation research for **“Designing & commercialization of affordable chemically defined serum free media and feed for high value Biosimilars manufacture”**. This innovation will help India to make available world class media & feed required for manufacture of Biosimilar at a very affordable price as compared to imported media and feed. The team worked very hard under the able guidance of the directors of cell biology division, **Dr.Vishal G. Warke and Dr.Priti V. Warke**.

The award was presented by **Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India and Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, India**, in presence of Mr. Uday Kotak, President CII, Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Chairperson & Managing Director, Biocon Limited., India and Dr Roderico H Ofrin, WHO Representative to India.

The distribution of the award was done through a virtual ceremony during the Global Bio- India 2021 on 3rd March 2021. The selection of the award was made by an eminent jury set up by Dr. Renu Swaroop, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology (DBT) & Chairperson BIRAC.

During her opening address at the valedictorian ceremony, Dr. Renu Swaroop, Secretary, DBT & Chairperson BIRAC stated, “Innovations, start- ups and incubators are key and critical components of country's bio ecosystem. We are confident that this will not only encourage them but moving forward, we will be able to contribute to our vision to the clarion call given by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi of an Atmanirbhar Bharat.”

Addressing the awardees and attendees of the ceremony, Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu in his inspiring speech said, “Biotechnology has emerged as the backbone of various industrial sectors in recent times, especially the healthcare, pharmaceutical, and food processing labs which had a profound impact on the quality of human lives.” adding to this, Shri Naidu also mentioned, “India ranks among the top 12 preferred destinations in Biotechnology in the world” while congratulating all the awardees.

About HiMedia

HiMedia Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. is a leading Bioscience Company of Indian origin, founded by Dr.G.M. Warke, having expertise in innovation, and manufacturing of Microbiology, Cell Culture and Plant tissue Culture media, Molecular Biology, Diagnostics, Chemicals, Laboratory Equipments, and Hydroponics Solutions. The principal mission behind the establishment of the organization, four decades ago, was to help Indian scientific fraternity by providing world class quality products at competitive prices. With presence in over 150 countries, HiMedia ranks amongst top 3 Media Manufacturers in the world. Since Research and Development is the core foundation of HiMedia, the brand invests significant amount of its profits in R&D and is driven by a strong team of scientists and experts. HiMedia's state-of-the-art manufacturing units are spread over 8 locations. Visit www.himedialabs.com for more details.