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## Message

'Innovation', 'Incubation', 'Start-ups' and 'Entrepreneurship' are the buzzwords in today's era of science and research. The objective of such aspirers is to make money or create more jobs for others. But to have a passion to serve the nation by providing the highly talented and skilled scientists can rarely be seen.

In 1996, residing in a small residential bungalow, two young scientists Dr. Jayesh Sheth and Dr. Frenny Sheth, working with Dr. Shah pathology Laboratory, Ahmedabad, established the Foundation for Research in Genetics and Endocrinology (FRIGE). This is now a state of the art genetic diagnostics and transnational research firm. These two scientists quickly became pioneers of clinical genetics not only in Gujarat state or India but now in the world. In the early lab days, with limited funding, investing their own hard earned money, effervescent ingenuity, absence of instruments continued to carry out experiments. Today, with Institute of Human Genetics, it has over 25 people and an institutional-grade infrastructure that FRIGE is now a state of the art genetic diagnostics and transnational research firm. They institute values creativity, scientific rigour, humanity and the spirit of discovery with vibrant academic culture facing real world challenges. With a motive to discover, translate and propagate, is now joined with Dr Harsh Sheth having trained and worked in UK, and currently work together in a particular sub-area of genetics and endocrinology. In addition, they are supported by the wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of pathology, gynaecology, obstetrics, paediatrics, pharmacology, neurology, clinical genomics and computational biology by elite group of advisers and experts on their board and different committees.

FRIGE and IHG is now organizing the biggest biotechnology and human genetics conference from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 in Ahmedabad with 70 faculties from abroad and India. The conference will witness deliberations by International experts like Prof Evan Eichler, (Discoverer of long read sequence and sequencing of the whole human genome sequencing complete Y chromosome), Prof Kloor (inventor of the cancer vaccine for lynch syndrome), the team of MIT (developer of GATK pathway), inventor of aspirin and resistant starch for prevention of familial colon cancer), Dr Rubin, Prof Pramod Mistry, Dr Priya Kishnani (world leader in the rare disease drug development and management of patients with rare diseases), Prof Joris (first discoverer of male infertility genes) from UK, Prof Raghu (Car T cell therapy developer) and several others. I was the witness to the conference in 2004 when Shri Narendra Modi was the Chief Guest and in 2014 when the Former President of India Dr. Abul Kalam was the Chief Guest. Any one attending this conference will be privileged to get the feast of latest knowledge and wisdom.

I wish the conference a grand success.

(Ramesh K. Goyal)