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India is becoming a global leader in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and health innovation. The country’s research and development culture, combined with the expertise of skilled scientists, makes India a hub for life sciences. From designing vaccines to developing genetically modified organisms, India has the potential to become a global leader in biotechnology.

Q: Why is breakthrough innovation taking place in India but we’re not leveraging it?

A: Breakthrough innovation is taking place in India, but we’re not leveraging it because our primary healthcare system is not research-oriented. We need to invest in research-driven healthcare to ensure that our healthcare system is capable of addressing the unique challenges faced by the Indian population.

Q: How can India make a significant impact in the field of biotechnology?

A: To make a significant impact in biotechnology, India needs to focus on research-driven healthcare and invest in research to develop new treatments and therapies. This will require a shift in the mindset of the healthcare sector, from a reactive to a proactive approach.

Q: What role does the Indian government play in promoting biotechnology?

A: The Indian government plays a crucial role in promoting biotechnology by providing funding for research and development, creating a conducive environment for innovation, and establishing policies to support the growth of the biotech sector.

Q: What challenges do you face in the field of biotechnology?

A: The challenges we face in biotechnology are primarily related to funding, regulatory frameworks, and the need for skilled professionals. We need to address these challenges to ensure that India remains competitive in the global biotech market.

Q: What advice do you have for aspiring biotechnology entrepreneurs?

A: My advice for aspiring biotechnology entrepreneurs is to focus on research-driven innovation, build strong partnerships, and be patient in the face of setbacks. Success in biotechnology often takes time, and it requires a strong commitment to the cause.

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