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Mumbai, **June 15**, **2019** – At a meeting held in Mumbai today, the Board of Directors of Novartis India Limited announced the appointment of Sanjay Murdeshwar as Vice Chairman & Managing Director effective June 15, 2019.

Sanjay Murdeshwar is Country President, Novartis in India and also responsible for the pharmaceuticals business in the country. He is also Managing Director of Novartis Healthcare Private Limited.

Mr. Murdeshwar comes with more than 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry which includes varied roles in the pharmaceuticals and consumer health businesses. Before joining Novartis, he was with AstraZeneca based in Maryland, USA as Vice-President in their Global Product & Portfolio Strategy group prior to which he held various general management roles with AstraZeneca.

Prior to joining AstraZeneca, Mr. Murdeshwar was with Bayer AG with stints in various roles based in both developed and emerging markets.

Mr. Murdeshwar has a Bachelors' Degree in Chemical Engineering and an MBA.

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