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Karnataka signs MoU with Queensland to promote biotech research

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This partnership enables university researchers and academics working on IT and biotech in Queensland to share learnings and network with contemporaries in Bengaluru



Queensland, the Australian state home to a massive IT and biotech community has recently partnered with the Government of Karnataka's K-tech hub.

The Queensland Government, through Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) and Study Queensland, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Karnataka's Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science & Technology Department.

This partnership enables university researchers and academics undertaking innovative work in the IT and biotech work in the north-east Australian state to share learnings and network with contemporaries in Bengaluru.

The MoU was signed at K-Tech, 10,000 Startups, Bengaluru by Dr EV Ramana Reddy, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Govt of Karnataka, IT, BT and S&T and Toni Brownie, General Manager, International Operations, Trade and Investment, Queensland Office.

Q-Pod - a Queensland-India hub for education, innovation and entrepreneurship - has been established by Study Queensland, a unit of TIQ that administers the Government's International Education and Training Strategy to Advance Queensland. Queensland's biotech and IT communities have played a pivotal role in addressing the state's health, agriculture, energy challenges.

The Queensland Government is a keen advocate of innovation. Government agency Advance Queensland hosts and supports start-ups at The Precinct building in inner-Brisbane. Trade and Investment Queensland has adopted a strategy to make business and trade relationships between Queensland and India easier.

The strategy aims to

- elevate the profile of the Queensland-India relationship
- build business capacity
- develop market intelligence
- foster relationships between businesses in Queensland and India
- facilitate collaborative projects