

## BTS 2020 to run virtually with AI & big data taking centrestage

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### More than 25 countries expected to participate in the summit

The Department of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T of the Government of Karnataka is organizing 23<sup>d</sup> edition of Karnataka's flagship event BENGALURU TECH SUMMIT 2020 scheduled to be held between November 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. 2020.

Amidst the challenges of global pandemic, for the first time entire summit will be held virtually and the central theme is aptly chosen as 'NEXT IS NOW' highlighting the significance of advancing future at the accelerated pace and the need for preparedness by using innovations and technological interventions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji will inaugurate the summit virtually and address the gathering.

This is the fourth consecutive year wherein the two flagship events of Karnataka Bangalore IT.biz and Bangalore India Bio are brought under one umbrella of Bengaluru Tech Summit highlighting the need for synergies amongst different streams of science and technologies.

The summit will feature Multi-track Conference, International Exhibition, Global Innovation Alliance, STPI-IT Export Awards, Smart Bio Awards and Bengaluru Impact Awards. The other popular programmes among students namely Rural IT Quiz, Biotech Quiz and Biotech Posters will also be held virtually. For the first time, India Bio segment will feature BioPartnering in collaboration with Inova Partnering tool, the global leaders in facilitating pre-scheduled business meetings.

The Summit will be addressed by over 250 domain experts including over 80 global personalities. The Global Innovation Alliance will feature 16 countries which will conduct country sessions namely Canada, Finland, France, Israel, Netherland, UK, Australia, Germany, Sweden, Taiwan, Switzerland, Denmark, Bahrain, Japan, and Lithonia.

The multi-track conference will feature over 70 sessions addressed by over 250 world class speakers. International exhibition will consists of 250 plus exhibitors from Start Ups to IT and Biotech majors as well as R&D and academic institutes showcasing their services, products and technologies to 4000+ delegates, 20000+ business visitors.

Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka, and Minister for IT, BT and S&T said, "Bengaluru Tech Summit has emerged as the leading technology show not only for Karnataka State but for the entire country. This year I am glad that despite the pandemic challenge faced by the world, BTS is on schedule as a virtual event and it has truly become a global show. Participation of over 25 tech nations is testimony to the recognition of Bangalore as the leading tech hub of the country."

Emphasizing on biotechnology as a disruptor in the current times, Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Executive Chairperson, Biocon Limited and Chairperson, Karnataka Vision Group on Biotechnology commented, "Covid19 has rendered BTS 2020 into a virtual event. This has compelled us to choreograph a program that features the best of global minds in technology. AI and Big Data are at the heart of our Biotech sessions. We have curated sessions that focus on cutting edge advances in the combined field of biological and computational sciences encompassing CRISPR-Cas9, genomics, regenerative biology etc.

BTS 2020 has turned an adversity into a very exciting global event catering to every stakeholder of the tech economy.”

The Summit will be conducted under the able guidance of the three Vision Groups on IT, Biotech and Startups consisting of senior Industry Captains and R&D Heads across verticals. For the first time International Advisory Group is also formed adding global perspectives to the conference programme.