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BTS 2021 to highlight Vaccine Equity, mRNA Technologies & much more

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Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India to inaugurate the 24th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2021



The Department of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T of the Government of Karnataka, and Software Technology Parks of India is organizing the 24th edition of BENGALURU TECH SUMMIT 2021 – BTS 2021.

The flagship event is scheduled to be held from November 17th-19th, 2021 and will follow a hybrid format.

The theme chosen for this edition is 'DRIVING THE NEXT', highlighting the role of digital and technological innovations which drove and supported growth of multiple sectors in a post-pandemic world.

The event will witness the coming together of global tech leaders, Indian corporates and startups from IT, Deep tech and Biotech, showcasing disruptive technologies, forging partnerships and alliances. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India will inaugurate the summit and address the gathering.

Dr C.N Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Electronics, IT, Bt and S&T, Higher Education, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood, Government of Karnataka said, “This year, as the world and nation prepare to progress in a post-pandemic scenario, technology will play even more critical and all-pervasive role that is vital in supporting the successful functioning of sectors, industries, and governments.”

What’s in store for the Biotech Industry?

The Biotech Track at BTS2021 is curated under a theme- ‘Next wave is Innovation’ and will focus on key topics like Re-Igniting Innovation Creating Moderna & MRNA Technologies In conceiving Vaccines, Investing in Nextgen Medtech & Diagnostics, Gene-Editing, Oncology: Innovative Treatments And Biomarkers, Vaccine Equity, Showcasing India’s Vaccine Leadership, Cellular Immunotherapies, Latest Innovations In Cell Therapy, Secondary Agriculture and Regulatory.

Some of the prominent speakers in this track include Dr Richard Hatchett, CEO, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI); Dr Bruce Levine, Professor in Cancer Gene Therapy, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine (Upenn) and Dr Samarth Kulkarni, Chief Executive Officer, CRISPR Therapeutics.

Dr Vijay Chandru, Co-Founder & Director Strand Life Sciences & Chairman, Bio Conference Committee, BTS 2021 said “We have many speakers lined up for the Biotech Track talking ranging from the basic science to the socially relevant impacts. The other very important topic we will be focusing on is ‘immunity’. It has now become a very central topic for biotechnology and healthcare. It is applicable not only to infectious diseases but also to cancer."

Many Firsts at BTS 2021

India-US Tech Conclave in association with US India Business Council (USIBC) will be hosted for the first time under BTS 2021. This programme will consist of two sessions focused on IT, Technology & Startups and Biotechnology addressed by stellar speakers from East Coast, West Coast and Mid America as well as India opening the new avenues of international cooperation in the areas of innovation and technology.

India Innovation Alliance in its maiden session under BTS 2021 will bring together heads of 8 innovation centres from Bangalore, Pune, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Kanpur, Delhi, Bhubaneshwar and Panaji to exchange learnings and explore areas of co-operation and collaboration to accelerate innovations for public good.

The other new features added this year are Bengaluru Next Conclave with Leadership Conclave and Startup conclave and showcase of Science Gallery.