

## New life sciences hub in Bengaluru to support expansion of scale-ups

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Life science cluster poised to be the next big hub for research and innovation

Attibele in south Bengaluru will soon be a destination for innovation with city's first organised life sciences cluster. Bengaluru Lifesciences Research (BLR) District, planned as a 52-acre campus with a total development of 2.5 million square feet, is poised to be an integrated, self-sustained cluster with state-of-the-art infrastructure for R&D and manufacturing.

Ideally located to tap into the high-quality scientific talent, the cluster will create thousands of new jobs in the region and contribute to the growth of the local economy. It will also foster collaboration between industry, academia, and government, with the aim of driving innovation in the life sciences sector.

Spanning across five districts, the project comprises of lab space modules and built-to-suit Flexi Factories catering to Biopharma, Medtech, Agriscience, Nutraceutical and allied sectors. BLR District is ideal for startups, scale-ups and established organisations. The first phase of about 200,000 square feet is ready for fit-outs offering multi-tenanted wet laboratories, incubation facilities, and associated office spaces.

This project is a part of the portfolio of Rx Propellant, India's leading life sciences infrastructure platform and is being developed by Roach Lifescapes (formerly known as RBD Shelters), a renowned name in residential/commercial real estate and hospitality in the city.

Commenting on BLR District, Dr C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education, IT, BT and S&T, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, Government of Karnataka said, "The new life sciences cluster in Attibele is expected to accelerate this growth further by attracting investment upwards of Rs 2500 crore and creating 15,000+ skilled and semi-skilled jobs. This first-of-its kind dedicated life sciences destination will be at par with international clusters and will strengthen the region's position globally".