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Bengaluru Tech Summit 2026 opens with AI and deeptech at the centre of global innovation

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Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar inaugurates the 29th edition; summit to feature 700+ speakers, 1,500+ exhibitors and 1,000 startups



Bengaluru is set to host the 29th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) from November 17–19, bringing together global technology leaders, policymakers, investors, startups and research institutions under the theme ‘AI & Beyond’.

Organised by the Department of Electronics, Information Technology & Biotechnology, Government of Karnataka, and co-hosted by Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), the summit will be inaugurated by Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC). Deputy Chief Minister G. Parameshwara will also be present at the inaugural ceremony.

The inaugural gathering will bring together international and industry leaders, including Valérie Pécresse, President, Regional Council of Île-de-France; Puneet Chandok, President, Microsoft India & South Asia; Anand Ramamoorthy, Managing Director, Micron India; and Karnataka Vision Group Chairpersons S. Gopalakrishnan, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Prashanth Prakash and A.S. Kiran Kumar.

The three-day summit is expected to attract over 10,000 delegates, 700 speakers, 1,500 exhibitors and participants from more than 65 countries.

The conference programme will feature more than 140 knowledge sessions across 16 thematic tracks and 13 stages, covering artificial intelligence, deeptech, semiconductors, biotechnology, electric mobility, digital infrastructure, cybersecurity, healthcare and other emerging technologies.

A major attraction will be the 50,000 sq. ft. AI and Robotics Pavilion, co-curated by Bharat1.ai, showcasing humanoid robots, drones, autonomous systems and industrial robotics.

International participation will be anchored by Karnataka's Global Innovation Alliance, whose network has expanded from 10 countries in 2018 to more than 40 countries in 2026. Sweden will serve as the Country Partner, while Italy, Australia and Poland will participate as Supporting Countries.

The summit will also host the India–USA Tech Conclave, the debut GCC India Leaders' Dialogue, and three co-located initiatives: embedded world India, ChangeNOW and One Sustainable Health.

Startup engagement will be another major focus, with more than 1,000 startups from around 100 Indian cities expected to participate. The Future Makers Conclave on November 19 will mark a decade of Karnataka's ELEVATE initiative and feature deeptech investment announcements, startup showcases and the felicitation of unicorns and IPO achievers.

Speaking ahead of the summit, Priyank Kharge, Minister for Home, Information Technology & Biotechnology and e-Governance, Government of Karnataka, said “Bengaluru Tech Summit has evolved beyond an annual technology gathering into a platform where global conversations translate into partnerships, investments, and tangible opportunities.”

He added “Our ambition is to make Bengaluru a gateway for the world to engage with India’s technology ecosystem, while taking Karnataka’s innovations and solutions to global markets.”

The summit will also feature investor connect programmes, mentor–mentee interactions, B2B and B2G meetings, product launches, workshops and masterclasses, alongside the STPI IT Export Awards, Smart Bio Awards and Unicorn Felicitation.