



## BeST cluster launches 'One Health Bengaluru City Consortium'

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**One Health is a multi-sectoral approach that takes into consideration human, animal, and environmental health**

Bengaluru Science and Technology (BeST) Cluster, located in the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Campus, an initiative of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, focuses on 'One Health' among other themes.

The BeST cluster launched the 'One Health Bengaluru City Consortium' as a significant first step towards the goal of integrating existing one health efforts, facilitating collaboration, and building a one health framework for the city of Bengaluru.

Representatives from 25+ organisations consisting of researchers, academicians, technologists, industry experts, practitioners, policymakers, city planners, health authorities, not-for-profit organizations, and civic officials were gathered for the launch of the One Health Bengaluru City Consortium recently, with a goal toward integrating existing one health efforts, facilitating collaboration, and building a One Health framework for the city of Bengaluru.

Ten years from now, the consortium envisions having an organised dashboard for data-informed policymaking, environmental surveillance made part of the public health care system, and a model framework in place for other cities to learn. One Health Bengaluru City Consortium is being driven by disease ecology and environmental surveillance as an evidence-based approach for predicting risks to human and animal health.