

## **BITS Pilani and Blockchain For Impact collaborate to accelerate biomedical innovation**

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Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani and Blockchain For Impact have declared a strategic partnership under the BFI-Biome Virtual Network Programme to bolster innovation and development for healthcare by supporting initiatives at BITS Pilani. This partnership was followed by an event, BITS Pilani.

Focused mainly on life sciences and its allied interdisciplinary domains like antimicrobial resistance, biomedical devices and cancer research, BITS Pilani has its compass on spurring innovation in healthcare and life sciences.

BFI will have a strategic partnership with the institute, an allocation of \$600,000 over three years, to deploy BFI's intellectual expertise with BITS Pilani's cutting -edge infrastructure to co-curate research partnership opportunities. The partnership is poised to mark a milestone in accelerating transformative healthcare disruption at BITS Pilani campuses Pilani, Hyderabad, and Goa.

The event at BITS Pilani saw notable participants including Prof. V. Ramgopala Rao Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Sudhirkumar Barai, Director BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus; Prof. Sanket Goel, Dean Research & Innovation; Prof. Sunil Bhand and Dr Syamantak Mazumdar, BITS BioCyTiH Foundation Project Directors; and Dr Ashis Das, Senior Professor of Biological Sciences. Representatives from BFI including Dr Gaurav Singh, CEO; Dr Pooja Agrawal, Program Director; and Dr Satya Prakash Dash, Senior Advisor, were present.

Sandeep Nailwal, the visionary founder of Blockchain For Impact, appreciated the addition of BITS Pilani to the BFI-Biome virtual network. He said, "The \$15 million BFI-Biome initiative represents a paradigm shift, encouraging collaboration between leading researchers, technologists and innovators to pioneer the next generation of health interventions. With BITS Pilani, an Institute of Eminence now part of the coalition, BFI-Biome is positioned to support impressive research efforts aimed at transforming health solutions in India and across the Global South."

