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Bengaluru Tech Summit 2026 spotlights biotechnology startups and DeepTech innovation

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Highlighting AI-led innovation, venture capital commitments and opportunities to scale next-generation technology ventures



Biotechnology and deep technology innovation featured prominently at the 29th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2026, with emerging startups showcasing solutions across artificial intelligence, healthcare and advanced technologies. The summit provided a platform for entrepreneurs, investors and policymakers to explore opportunities for scaling innovation, strengthening startup financing and accelerating technology commercialisation.

Held from November 17 to 19 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) under the theme ‘AI & Beyond’, the summit was organised by the Department of Electronics, IT & Biotechnology, Government of Karnataka, and co-hosted by Software Technology Parks of India (STPI).

The summit brought together participants from over 64 countries, 1,518 exhibitors, 704 speakers and 923 startups, providing opportunities for knowledge exchange, industry collaboration, technology showcases and global partnerships.

The Future Makers Conclave emerged as a key platform for highlighting Karnataka's DeepTech and startup ecosystem. The programme featured a Founder Speak and Innovation Showcase, presenting four emerging startup innovations from the DeepTech and ELEVATE ecosystems.

Among the featured innovators was Shilpa Nargund, Founder of BioAI Innovations, representing the growing intersection of biotechnology and artificial intelligence. The other founders included Vasudha Narasimha Swamy of Curexel, Umesh Tallam of OptM Media Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and Manoj Kumar of NSP Global Tech. The founders presented their innovations in a conversation with actor Pratik Gandhi.

In a significant development for startup financing, the Future Makers Conclave announced approximately Rs 1,050 crore in investment commitments from 24 venture capital firms towards DeepTech startups. This builds on the Rs 400 crore announced at the previous edition, signalling growing investor interest in emerging technology ventures.

The conclave also highlighted opportunities for Karnataka's DeepTech innovators to access national platforms. In partnership with the Government of Karnataka, Ideabaaz announced an initiative to showcase promising startups from the state. The collaboration was formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding between Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS) and Ideabaaz. A Golden Ticket for Ideabaaz Season 2 was also announced, offering selected innovators an opportunity to present their ventures on a national platform.

The programme marked 10 years of Karnataka's ELEVATE initiative, which has supported the development of the state's startup ecosystem. It also recognised the achievements of unicorns Juspay, Sarvam AI and Emergent, alongside companies that have achieved public listings, including Wakefit Innovations, e2E Rail, Amagi Media Labs, Zetwerk, Rentomojo and MoneyView.

Through its focus on DeepTech investment, startup showcases and innovation partnerships, Bengaluru Tech Summit 2026 highlighted Karnataka's efforts to strengthen its technology entrepreneurship ecosystem and create opportunities for emerging ventures, including those working at the intersection of biotechnology, healthcare and artificial intelligence.