

## Karnataka Govt. announces two flagship events

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The announcement included an overview of the activities being planned during the BengaluruITE.BIZ and Bengaluru INDIA BIO 2017 Conference & Exhibition.



Karnataka's two flagship events, BengaluruITE.biz and Bengaluru INDIA BIO for 2017 will be co-located at a single venue in India's IT Capital of Bengaluru with the focal theme 'Ideate, Innovate and Invent'. This year also marks 20 years of India's premiere event dedicated to Information Technology and related sectors.

The Department of Information Technology, Biotechnology, Government of Karnataka announced that Karnataka's two flagship events, the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of BengaluruITE.biz 2017, and the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of Bengaluru INDIA BIO 2017, will be held from November 16 to November 18, 2017 at the Bengaluru Palace, Bengaluru.

Shri Priyank Kharge, Minister of State for IT, BT and Tourism, Government of Karnataka, who announced the events here in Bengaluru, said, "Karnataka has emerged as the leading tech-hub in the country. The focus last year was 'define next', and we were successful in driving engagement with various technology companies across domains. Discussions with various participants last year helped us understand that companies are looking to emerging technologies to drive innovation. We take our event a step further this year, with focus on "Ideate, Innovate, Invent". Our vision is to drive Karnataka as a thought leader in emerging technologies across verticals - from agriculture to aerospace and more."

The list of participating leaders includes Shri Kris Gopalakrishnan, Co-Founder & Executive Vice Chairman, Infosys Ltd. and Chairman, Vision Group on IT, Government of Karnataka, Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, CMD, Biocon Limited and Chairperson Karnataka's Vision Group on Biotechnology, and Shri Krishna Kumar Natarajan, Chairma of Mindtree, and Mr. Gaurav Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka.

Speaking at the inauguration, Shri Gaurav Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka said, "While celebrating 20 years of BengaluruITE.biz, we have many esteemed international leaders and global speakers gracing the event. The event offers wider opportunities to leverage and benefit from Information Technology and Biotechnology, display important linkages and synergies".

Mr. Shailender Tyagi Director, STPI speaking on this occasion, he said "STPI is the proud co-host of Bengaluru ITE.biz since its inception. STPI IT export awards and STPI MSME pavilion will certainly be major highlights of the events".

Ms. Salma Fahim, Director of IT & BT, said "Technology today is ever-evolving. Bengaluru, the IT capital of India is already home to the leaders in the technology industry. Bengaluru also boasts of incubating multiple start-ups addressing the needs of various verticals.

The objective of the joint event is to discover game-changing ideas and solutions in Information Technology and Biotechnology. The Curtain Raiser was attended by Industry Captains, Associations, Startups, Investors, Policy Makers, Academia, Research Institutes, MSMEs, Trade Commissioners and the Media.

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This year the combined exhibition of BengaluruITE.BIZ and Bengaluru INDIA BIO 2017 will attract over 300 exhibitors showcasing products and technologies to over 10000 business visitors. The IT conference will cover topics like Cloud & Big Data, Aerospace & Defense, Telecom, Electronics, Cyber security, AVGC AR & VR, ESDM, GIS, Robotics & AI, Privacy & Piracy and newest fields like Blockchain and IoT and Bio techtech conference on Oncology, Rare Diseases & Orphan Drugs; Proteomics; Big Data & Analytics and IoT.

Another highlight of the conference would be BIO-IT covering spectrum of bio informatics genomics diagnostics and medical technologies and more.

The Bangalore Tech Exchange will witness India's leading research institutions like CSIR ICMR, DBT, ICAR, DRDO, ISRO, DAE, IISC, JNCASR showcasing their innovative technologies that can be commercialized. The finals of Rural IT quiz and Bio quiz will be held concurrently with the event.

Along with prestigious STPI IT Export awards and Bio excellence awards, a new category of Business awards are being introduced. Over 100 young researchers will present their ideas in Bio Tech poster sessions and YESS for startup.