<u>Highlights of 25th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit -2022</u>

Date: 16th to 18th Nov 2022 I Venue: Bangalore Palace

Chief Guest

Shri. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India (virtually)

International Dignitaries:

- H.E. Mr. Petri Honkonen, Hon'ble Minister of Science and Culture, Finland
- H.E. Mr. Omar Bin Sultan Al Olama, Minister of State for Al, Digital Economy, UAE
- H.E. Mr. Tim Watts, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australia

Govt. of Karnataka:

- Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai, Hon'ble Chief Minister
- Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Hon'ble Minister for Electronics, IT, Bt and S&T
- Dr. Murugesh R. Nirani, Hon'ble Minister for Large & Medium Industries
- Smt. Vandita Sharma, Chief Secretary
- B.V. Naidu, Chairman, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission

Industry Captains:

- Mr. Martin Schroeter, Chairman & CEO, Kyndryl (IBM was split in to IBM & Kyndryl in 2021)
- Shri. Naveen Tewari, Founder & CEO, Inmobi (The First Unicorn of India)

Vision Group Chairs:

- Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Chairperson, Vision Group of Biotechnology
- Shri. Kris Gopalakrishnan, Chairperson, Vision Group of Information Technology
- Shri. Prashanth Prakash, Chairperson, Vision Group of Startup

Highlights

- Event saw participation from 405 expert Speakers, 9,356 Registered Attendee,
 20 Global Innovation Alliance Partners Countries, 585 Exhibitors, 25,738 Registered Visitors, over
 50,000 Expo footfalls and 104 Biotech Poster Presenters
- **Silver Jubilee Commemoration Plaque** was Specially Designed and was unveiled by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka.
- Silver Jubilee Felicitation The 25th edition of Summit witnessed felicitation of 35 enterprises which have completed over 25 years of their presence in Bengaluru and have immensely contributed towards building the IT, Electronics & Biotech ecosystem in the state
- Launched R&D Policy Karnataka Research, Development and Innovation Policy

- Multi Track Conference is a knowledge platform of BTS. This year 4 tracks namely ITE & Deeptech,
 Biotech, Startup & Global Innovation Alliance (GIA) attacked global experts including Nobel
 Laureate, Thought leaders, Industries captains & Research heads.
 - **Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar,** Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship & Electronics and IT, Govt. of India delivered a Plenary Address and held meeting with the IESA delegation.
 - 17 Global Innovation Alliance (GIA) partners curated 50 mins conference sessions by Germany, Thailand, Australia, France, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, UK, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Austria, Poland, Switzerland, Canada, Israel, Lithuania, Italy and the summit saw overall participation of 32 countries.
 - US India Tech Conclave was curated by USIBC.
 - Workshops & Special Sessions were conducted by many organizations like USPTO Educational IP Workshop, 1 Verse's Metaverse workshop, Next Big Innovation Lab's 3D Bio Printing Machine World Economic Forum etc.
- **Exhibition** was star attraction of BTS 2022. It attracted participation from leading corporate, Country Pavilion, R&D labs, SMEs and over 350 startups from diverse tech sectors. Startups also Launched 22 innovative products/solutions at the expo.
- Meetings & Networking Delegations from Australia, UAE, Netherlands, Denmark, UK, Thailand, Israel, EU, Singapore and Finland held meetings with Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble IT, Bt Minister, Govt. of Karnataka. On the side-lines of BTS, meetings were also held by industry bodies like Nasscom, IESA, ABAI and USIBC.

Awards:

- STPI IT Export Awards The prestigious IT Ratna of Karnataka was awarded to Infosys and Intel. The Awards were also presented in IT Pride of Karnataka and other 14 categories to the leading IT companies.
- Smart Bio Awards These awards were presented to emerging biotech companies in categories viz; Biotech Startup of the year, Innovator of the Year, Best Social Enterprise, Woman Entrepreneur of the Year and Best Startup Against COVID-19.
- Bengaluru Impact Awards were bestowed upon 10 Unicorn & 3 Decacorns which emerged in Year 2021-22. Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Govt. of India presented awards as the Chief Guest and delivered Special Address. Green Startup Pledge was taken to demonstrate India's Innovation & Climate Leadership.
- National Rural IT Quiz is conducted in partnership with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). The 23rd
 edition was held this year with participation of 4.5 Lakh students from 28 States and 5 Union
 Territories representing 350 districts.
- **BioQuiz** went national for the first time and it attracted participation from 24 states of India.
- **BioPosters** were presented by 104 Young Researchers from leading research labs & universities.