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PM Modi to inaugurate B'loru Tech Summit today

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The stage is set for the commencement of the 23rd edition of Karnataka's flagship annual event - Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS 2020) from tomorrow. The event, which is being held virtually for the first time due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will end on November 21.

The prime minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the event at 11 am via video conferencing.

The government of Karnataka along with Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS), the state government's Vision Group on Information Technology, Biotechnology & Startup, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) are jointly organising the technology summit.

"We have made elaborate arrangements to make BTS a grand success as the event sessions are going to be held 100% virtually," said Deputy Chief Minister C N Ashwath



Narayan after visiting the BTS2020 facilitation centre set up at the Shangri-La Hotel in Bengaluru.

The event has truly become a global event this year with the participation of the Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Swiss Confederation Vice President Guy Parmelin along with many other prominent international representatives.

Over 25 tech nations are taking part at the BTS2020 along with industry captains, technocrats, researchers, innovators, investors, policy-makers and educators from India and around the

world. "It is a testimony to the recognition of Bengaluru and the entire state as the leading tech hub of the country," Narayan said.

Apart from signing 12 memorandum of understanding (MoU) with foreign countries, BTS2020 will also pave the way for more investment to flow into Karnataka. The event will have the participation of more than 200 Indian companies setting up their virtual exhibition, more than 4000 delegates, 270 speakers, around 75 panel discussions and more than 50,000 participants every day.

This year, the theme of the

summit is "Next is Now". The summit will deliberate on the key challenges emerging in the post-pandemic world with a focus on the impact of prominent technologies and innovations in the domains of 'Information Technology and Electronics' and 'Biotechnology'.

Global Innovation Alliance

Global Innovation Alliance, a partnership initiative of Karnataka state government, will feature 16 countries which will conduct country sessions namely Canada, Finland, France, Israel, Netherland, UK, Australia, Germany, Sweden, Taiwan, Switzerland, Denmark, Bahrain, Japan, and Lithuania.

Expressing happiness over the participation at the summit, Consul General of the Netherlands to South India Gert Heijkoop said the state of Karnataka is a valuable partner for the Netherlands in India in a number of fields, all of them related to hi-tech.