

Tech Titans Converge as Govt. of Karnataka Announces

28th Edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit Asia's Largest Tech Event to Be Held at BIEC



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Bengaluru (Sources) : Shri Priyank Kharge, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology & Biotechnology and RDPR, Government of Karnataka, announced the 28th edition of Asia's largest Technology Show, Bengaluru Tech Summit, at a Press Conference held in Bengaluru today. Scheduled from 18-20 November 2025, BTS 2025 will once again position Bengaluru at the forefront of global tech innovation & collaboration.

To meet the growing scale and demand of the event, BTS 2025 will, for the first time, be hosted at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), a purpose-built, eco-conscious venue featuring world-class infrastructure, expansive exhibition halls, cutting-edge conference facilities and seamless connectivity via Namma Metro. This new home marks a bold leap in scale and ambition for BTS.

The summit is expected to bring together over 1,00,000 attendees, including 20,000+ startup founders, 1,000+ investors, 15,000+ delegates, 600+ speakers, and 1,200+ exhibitors. The event will host over 100 knowledge sessions, 5,000+ curated meetings and welcome participation from 60+ countries and all 36 States and Union Territories of India.

The theme of BTS 2025 is Futurise, a powerful call to action to imagine, innovate, and implement technologies that will shape the decades ahead, driving transformation across diverse sectors of the tech ecosystem. The conference will feature 10 tracks including IT & DeepTech, Electro-Semicon, Digital Health & Biotech, the Startup Ecosystem, Global Collaboration and India-

USA Tech Conclave, along with bold new tracks viz., AI Universe, Finverse, Defence & Spacetechnology and My Planet My Future. A major highlight will be the Future Makers Conclave, an immersive programme showcasing a diverse constellation of changemakers, entrepreneurs, adventurers, artists and pioneers to be attended by more than 20,000 startup founders and ecosystem members.

This year's Exhibition will be bigger than ever, showcasing innovation, collaboration, and commerce across multiple pavilions. With over 1,200 Indian & global exhibitors, it will feature diverse sectors and cutting-edge technologies, making it the business engine of the summit.

BTS 2025 will host Minister-led Country Delegations comprising industry captains, innovative startups, leading researchers and prominent academic representatives. These delegations, brought together under the Global Innovation Alliance, will foster cross-border collaborations, knowledge exchange and opportunities for co-creation across emerging technology domains.

The event will feature a special focus on startups through the Startup Springboard, a curated programme that connects high-potential ventures with investors, mentors, and global networks. Activities will include Investor Pitching sessions led by top VC networks, one-on-one Mentoring clinics with industry experts, a dedicated Startup Pavilion in the exhibition and exclusive investor connect opportunities. Startups will also benefit from focused thematic sessions on scaling, fundraising, and international market access, alongside recognition through the prestigious Startup Awards.

- **BTS 2025 to debut at BIEC with Global Participation**
- **10 conference tracks aligned with 'Futurise' theme**
- **Over 1,00,000 attendees expected at BTS 2025**
- **Summit to spotlight global tech and sustainability**
- **GoK hosts 200+ CEOs for a Breakfast Meet ahead of BTS2025**
- **Karnataka unveils Tech Landscape Progress Report, Launches KATALYST-EoDB Cell**

28th Edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit



Special programmes like the Rural IT Quiz, Bio Quiz, Bio Posters, IT, Bio and Exhibitor awards and Global Leaders Reception will further enrich the experience.

'Conversation with Hon'ble Chief Minister' - CEO Breakfast Meet, a Breakfast Meet with 200 top CEOs was held in the presence of Shri Siddaramaiah, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka and Shri D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister. The meet was planned to formally announce Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025 and engage with the industry captains from diverse sectors to hear their views on key strategies and initiatives for Karnataka to continue its leadership position across technology sectors. Leading industry bodies such as NASSCOM, IESA, TiE Bangalore, ABLE, and ABAI brought together CEOs, founders, and innovators from IT & DeepTech, Biotech & HealthTech, Electronics & Semiconductors, Defence & Space Tech, FinTech, and AVGC to engage in this future-focused dialogue with the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The questions and observations shared by the industry members were met with insightful responses from Shri Priyank Kharge, Hon'ble Minister for IT & BT and RDPR, Government of Karnataka. He highlighted that with its bold new vision, expanded scale, and global outlook, BTS 2025 is set to further strengthen Karnataka's leadership in shaping the future of technology, innovation, and sustainable development for India and the world.

While addressing the gathering of CEOs against the backdrop of the announcement of BTS 2025 at BIEC, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah said,

"Karnataka has always been more than a participant in India's growth story, we have been its pioneer. From launching India's first IT policy in 1997 to unveiling the country's first state Quantum Technology Roadmap in 2024, we have consistently anticipated and prepared for the future. With 44% of India's software exports, over 18,300 startups, 875+ Global Capability Centres, and nearly half of the nation's AI talent, we are not just embracing emerging technologies; we are defining them. Our mission is to make Karnataka the place the world looks to for leadership in innovation, talent, and technology."

Shri D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister emphasized the government's focus on inclusive growth and world-class infrastructure. He said, "We are building a Karnataka rooted in inclusivity, empowerment and shared prosperity. Beyond policies, our focus is on trust, collaboration and real outcomes. From expanding Namma Metro and suburban rail to developing elevated corridors and the Bengaluru Business Corridor, alongside ease-of-doing-business reforms and skill initiatives, our aim is to connect people to purpose and make Bengaluru a city where world-class mobility meets world-class livability, positioning Karnataka as the global hub for talent, investment and innovation."

The august gathering was also addressed by the Chairpersons of the four Vision Groups of Government of Karnataka- Shri S. Gopalakrishnan (Kris), Chairperson, Vision Group on IT & Electronics; Dr. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chairperson, Vision Group on Biotech; Shri Prashanth Prakash, Chairman, Vision Group on Startups; Dr. A.S. Kiran Kumar,

Chairperson, Vision Group on Space; where each offered valuable perspectives on the current sectoral landscape, opportunities and strategic direction within their respective sectors. The occasion was also graced by Shri Sharath Kumar Bache Gowda, Chairman, KEONICS and Shri BV Naidu, Chairman, KDEM.

Prior to the interaction, Dr. Ekroop Caur, IAS, Secretary to Government, Department of Electronics, IT, Bt, and S&T, Government of Karnataka, presented the 'Action Taken Report', a follow-up to the discussions at last year's CM's Breakfast Meet. The report reflected the Government of Karnataka's commitment to transparent, structured, and outcome-driven collaboration, along with continuous engagement with the industry.

Dr. Caur also shared a comprehensive overview of Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025, outlining the vision for this year's edition and unveiling several new initiatives aimed at elevating the scale, scope and global engagement of the event.

The Department of Electronics, IT & BT, Government of Karnataka also announced the launch of KATALYST, a dedicated Ease of Doing Business cell to support Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in Karnataka. This initiative, aligned with the State's GCC Policy 2024-2029, aims to streamline new investments, fast-track setup processes and deepen collaboration of GCCs with the broader innovation ecosystem.

As we head towards November, Bengaluru is set to welcome the world of technology once again, bringing together visionaries, innovators and leaders to Futurise ideas that will shape our tomorrow.



Raksha Bandhan a heartwarming scene unfolded at BSF



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Bengaluru (Sources) : On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, a heartwarming scene unfolded at Subsidiary Training Centre (STC) Border Security Force (BSF) Bangalore as 40 students and staff from Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous) and 15 representatives from CATCH Foundation visited the Yelahanka and Karahalli camps respectively.

Dr. Pushpa H, Principal & Lt Lakshitha H S Murthy Assistant Professor and Associate NCC Officer, Army Wing alongwith Students and staff of Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous) greeted Sh Dinesh Kumar Yadav IPS, IG STC BSF Bangalore at Yelahanka campus. They celebrated rakshabandhan by tying rakhis to the staff of STC BSF Bangalore. Sh Dinesh Kumar Yadav IPS, IG also presented a memento as a mark of remembrance of this occasion.



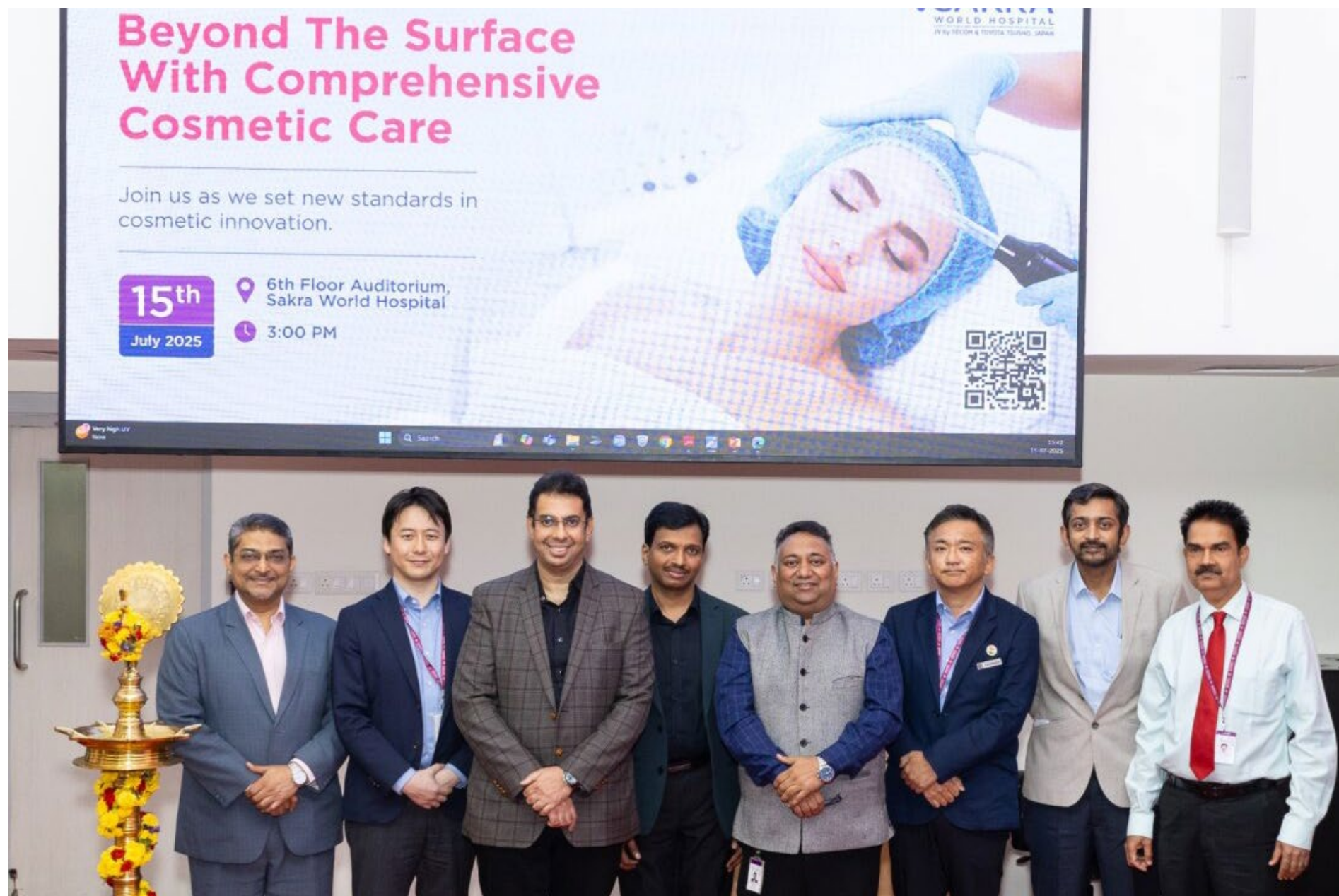
Representatives from CATCH Foundation visited Karahalli campus and celebrated rakshabandhan by tying rakhis to the staffs present.

This event also helped the trainees to understand how the civilian population stands by the Jawans and become their family while he serves his nation far away from his own family.



Sakra World Hospital Launches 'Comprehensive Cosmetic Care' – A First-of-its-Kind Integrated Aesthetic Program

Setting a new benchmark in holistic cosmetic solutions with expert-driven, cross-specialty care



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Bengaluru (Sources) : World Hospital, India's first 100% FDI-funded tertiary care hospital, today announced the launch of its latest offering — Comprehensive Cosmetic Care, a holistic and integrated cosmetic services program that brings together three super-specialty departments: Cosmetic Surgery, Cosmetic Dermatology, and Cosmetic Dentistry under one roof.

The official launch event was graced by prominent dignitaries including Mr. Yuichi Nagano, Managing Director, Sakra World Hospital, Mr. Kei Iiyama, Deputy Managing Director, and Mr. Lovekesh Phasu, Group Chief Operating Officer, Sakra World Hospital. Renowned medical experts who joined the occasion included Dr. Rajendra S Gujjalanava, Senior Consultant and HOD – Plastic Surgery; Dr. Narender Manickavachakan, Senior Consultant – Plastic Surgery; Dr. Balasubramanya K.V, Senior Consultant and HOD – Periodontics; and Dr. Laxman F Mavarkar, Visiting Consultant – Dermatology, Sakra World Hospital.

Mr. Yuichi Nagano, Managing Director, Sakra World Hospital, said "With the launch of

Comprehensive Cosmetic Care, Sakra continues its commitment to bringing global standards to Indian healthcare. This integrated model is designed to address the rising demand for safe, evidence-based cosmetic solutions that enhance confidence and well-being." This one-of-its-kind initiative aims to set new benchmarks in cosmetic innovation by offering patients end-to-end aesthetic solutions delivered by a team of highly skilled and board-certified consultants. Each treatment is customized to ensure the best aesthetic outcome while keeping medical safety and patient expectations at the forefront.

Mr. Kei Iiyama, Deputy Managing Director, Sakra World Hospital, added "Our vision is to make Sakra a pioneer in cosmetic innovation by investing in top-notch talent, cutting-edge technologies, and patient-centric care. The collaboration across departments ensures seamless experiences and superior results for every patient."

The department of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery is among the most advanced in the region, with renowned surgeons delivering transformative results. The Cosmetic Dermatology division features Alma Lasers, a global leader in aesthetic energy-

based technology, enabling Sakra to offer cutting-edge treatments in laser skin rejuvenation, hair removal, acne care, and more.

"With the launch of Comprehensive Cosmetic Care, Sakra has created a dedicated space where aesthetic aspirations are fulfilled with compassion, precision, and the highest ethical standards. This integrated model strengthens our multi-specialty approach, ensuring that every individual receives personalised, medically sound treatments all under one roof," said Mr. Lovekesh Phasu, Group Chief Operating Officer, Sakra World Hospital.

Dr. Rajendra S Gujjalanava, Senior Consultant and HOD – Plastic Surgery, Sakra World Hospital, said "In today's world, cosmetic care is not just about appearance — it's about restoring self-esteem, confidence, and well-being. At Sakra, we are proud to combine surgical precision, dermatological excellence, and dental aesthetics to offer a truly comprehensive and ethical cosmetic care approach."

Sakra World Hospital continues to be a trusted name in healthcare, with a legacy of over 10 years, 200+ expert doctors, and a strong commitment to clinical excellence and innovation.

Samsung Semiconductor India Research launches ‘Samsung Skill Development Centre’ at the Government Polytechnic Kolar Gold Fields



Supports Five State-of-the-Art Labs to Advance AI/ML, Automation, Robotics, and Cybersecurity Learning

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Bengaluru (Sources) : Samsung Semiconductor India Research (SSIR) today inaugurated its first “Samsung Skill Development Centre” at the Government Polytechnic in Kolar Gold Fields (KGF), Karnataka. As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, SSIR has supported the development of five cutting-edge laboratories aimed at fostering hands-on learning in Artificial Intelligence/ Machine Learning (AI/ML), Cybersecurity, Automation, Robotics, and Core Engineering disciplines.

The initiative aligns with Samsung’s commitment to empower youth in remote parts of the country to become catalysts of change and future innovation, while nurturing a passion for engineering and innovation amongst students from all backgrounds. Through this association, Samsung is dedicated to empowering young minds, improving the quality of education, and fostering a nationwide culture of scientific curiosity and innovation.

The five newly inaugurated Labs have facilities equipped with modern tools. This will further enable an ecosystem of innovation for students to thrive and help them develop industry-capable skills as part of their learning curriculum. Under a multidisciplinary approach, students will be provided practical experience.

Balajee Sowrirajan, EVP & MD, SSIR, said, “This initiative marks a pivotal step in enabling a hands-on experience for students in rural Karnataka. We fully support the Government of India’s mission on skill development and are committed to bridging the digital divide. By empowering students with knowledge in AI, IoT, and other emerging technologies, we aim to create limitless opportunities and secure India’s place in the



global digital economy.”

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Dr. Roopkala M Shashidhar, Chairperson, Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation; Smt. Manjushree N, Commissioner, Department of Collegiate and Technical Education; Smt. Geethanjali S, Principal, Government Polytechnic KGF, along with over 500 students, faculty, and dignitaries from Samsung and the Government of Karnataka.

This initiative builds on SSIR’s earlier collaboration under the Samsung Innovation Campus (SIC), through which the company partnered with the Government of Karnataka to provide AI and IoT training to over 1,000 students and teachers across 37 polytechnic colleges. The SIC initiative included infrastructure support, hands-on kits, and curriculum-based training modules designed to strengthen foundational tech capabilities across the state.

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Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Announces 40 Semi-Finalist Teams Driving Grassroots Innovation across India

Top 40 Teams

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow 2025

- Semi-finalists will receive mentorship, prototyping support and access to innovation platforms to further develop their ideas**
- Top 40 teams will be awarded INR 8 lakh, while each team member will get a Samsung laptop**

Together for Tomorrow! Enabling People
Education for Future Generations

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Bengaluru (Sources) : Samsung India, the nation's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the national shortlist of 40 semi-finalist teams for the fourth edition of its nationwide innovation contest for the youth, Samsung Solve for Tomorrow. These teams will now progress to the next phase of the competition, where they will receive mentorship, prototyping support and access to innovation platforms to further develop their ideas for societal impact.

This year's semi-finalists represent remarkable geographical diversity, with participants from 15 Indian states, including remote regions such as Cachar (Assam), Baghpat (Uttar Pradesh), Mahabubnagar (Telangana), Durg (Chattisgarh) and Sundargarh (Odisha). The programme continues to champion young changemakers from across the country, enabling them to address real-world challenges through the power of technology and innovation.

The 2025 edition of Solve for Tomorrow invited entries under four key themes:

- AI for a Safer, Smarter, and Inclusive Bharat
- The Future of Health, Hygiene, and Well-being in India
- Social Change through Sports and Technology for Education and Better Futures
- Environmental Sustainability through Technology

The shortlisted ideas reflect the evolving priorities of Indian society—ranging from AI-led tools for air quality monitoring, biodiversity conservation, and clean water access, to smart solutions for food waste

and e-waste management. Other innovations include gamified learning for students from underserved communities, personalised coaching apps, and sports-led interventions for children with autism. In the health and research domains, projects span early lung cancer detection and mental wellness tools to simplifying technical research through intelligent data scraping.

"We are excited to announce the Top 40 semi-finalist teams of Samsung Solve for Tomorrow 2025. These young innovators, including those from Tier 2, Tier 3 cities, and remote regions, are using technology to solve real societal challenges. Their ideas reflect the incredible potential of India's youth to drive meaningful change. As they move into the next phase, we remain committed to supporting them with mentorship, resources, and a platform to turn their ideas into real-world impact for a smarter, more inclusive Bharat," said SP Chun, Corporate Vice President, Samsung Southwest Asia.

"We are proud to continue our partnership with Samsung Solve for Tomorrow. This year's approach focused on regional representation, and it is clearly reflected in the range and depth of shortlisted ideas. These young innovators have the potential to shape India's future start-up ecosystem," said Dr Nikhil Agrawal, Managing Director, FITT-IIT Delhi.

What Lies Ahead for the Semi-Finalists?

As part of their journey in Samsung Solve for Tomorrow 2025, the top 40 teams will participate in an intensive Innovation Bootcamp, designed to help them turn their ideas into viable prototypes. During this phase, participants will meet and engage with leaders

and experts across Samsung R&D and Southwest Asia operations. They will also attend curated training sessions led by industry and government experts at IIT Delhi, gaining hands-on insights into innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship. The bootcamp includes structured prototyping support from IIT Delhi mentors and alumni of previous Samsung Solve for Tomorrow editions, ensuring continuity of learning and mentorship. Following the bootcamp, a National Pitch Event will be held where a select Samsung Jury will evaluate and shortlist the final 20 teams who will move forward in the competition.

Awards and Support

- Top 40 Teams – Will be awarded INR 8 lakh, while each team member will get a Samsung laptop
- Top 20 Teams – Will receive INR 20 lakh and the newest Samsung Galaxy Z Flip smartphones
- Four Winning Teams at the Grand Finale – Will receive an incubation grant of INR 1 crore at IIT Delhi to scale their innovations
- Special Awards at the Grand Finale – Goodwill Award, Young Innovator Award, and Social Media Champion, with a combined prize money of INR 4.5 lakh

A Global Vision for Youth Empowerment

Launched in the United States in 2010, Solve for Tomorrow is now active in 68 countries and has engaged over 3 million young people worldwide. The initiative aligns with Samsung Electronics' global CSR vision – "Together for Tomorrow! Enabling People" – aimed at equipping young people with the education, skills and opportunities to become future-ready leaders.

Your ECG Just Got Smarter: Narayana Health's AI Becomes India's First to Detect Heart Failure in a Flash



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Bengaluru (Sources) : Narayana Health Clinical Research team and Medha AI - the Advanced Analytics & AI division of Narayana Health, today announced the development of a breakthrough artificial intelligence (AI) model capable of predicting heart function—specifically, left ventricular ejection fraction (EF)—from a standard ECG image in near real-time. Designed for seamless integration into clinical workflows, the model aims to support earlier identification of heart failure and to improve diagnostic access in resource-limited settings.

This innovation addresses a critical gap in the diagnostic pathway for millions of patients. Heart failure affects nearly 10 million people across India and accounts for 1.8 million hospital admissions annually. Yet access to echocardiography (ECHO)—the gold standard for evaluating heart function—remains uneven, especially in rural areas. Narayana Health's AI model offers a novel, scalable approach to screen patients using widely available ECG machines and cloud-based analytics.

Trained on over 100,000 ECG images paired with echocardiogram reports, the model has demonstrated strong predictive performance. In external validation across 14 tertiary centres involving more than 57,000 patients, it identified 97% of individuals with severely reduced EF ($\leq 35\%$). On average, these patients were flagged 58 days earlier than when echocardiography was eventually ordered—offering valuable lead time for

clinical intervention.

During the event Dr. Emmanuel Rupert, Managing Director and Group CEO, Narayana Health; Dr. Pradeep Narayan, Chief Scientific Officer, Narayana Health, and Lead Researcher; Dr. P M Uthappa, Group Chief Medical Director, Narayana Health; Dr. Deepak Padmanabhan, Senior Consultant, Strategic Lead – Cardiac EP Collegium, Narayana Health were present.

Dr Devi Shetty, Founder and Chairman, Narayana Health, said, "This breakthrough represents much more than an AI model — it is a reflection of what Narayana Health stands for: combining clinical expertise, deep research, and cutting-edge technology to solve real problems at scale. Detecting heart failure through a simple ECG in near real-time is a leap forward in making advanced diagnostics not just efficient but truly accessible to the masses. AI empowers us to extend the reach of high-quality care beyond hospital walls — enabling faster decisions, earlier interventions, and better outcomes. This innovation showcases India's potential to lead the future of healthcare globally." The Medha AI model for LVEF prediction from ECGs, has been integrated into Athma, Narayana Health's home-built Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system and is currently undergoing rigorous validation at key sites, including Narayana Institute of Cardiac Sciences and Mazumdar Shaw Medical Center in Narayana Health City, as well as select clinics in Bengaluru and at the Rabindranath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences in Kolkata.

BSF Bangalore marked a significant milestone

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Bengaluru (Sources) : Subsidiary Training Centre (STC), Border Security Force (BSF), Bangalore marked a significant milestone on 07th August 2025 as the Training Centre has earned the ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System) certification by the Quality Research Organization (QRO) Certification LLP, a leading ISO 9001 certification company of India.

The certification covers the scope of activities such as training for basic courses, professional courses, promotional courses and other courses allotted by FHQ BSF.

The certification has come to the institution after rigorous scrutiny of systems, training infrastructure, types of courses being run and training protocols including SOP and evaluation procedure.

Quality Research Organization, a multinational certification registrar, has accorded this certificate for three years to expire on 06th August 2028, with provision of periodical surveillance audits in all domains of training.

This certification is yet another landmark and adds to a long list of what the institute has already achieved. This global recognition marks a commitment to quality and continuous improvement that the institution strives to demonstrate vigorously.

Hyundai CRETA Continues its Dominance Becomes the Highest Selling Passenger Vehicle across all segments in the country from January – July 2025

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Gurugram / Bengaluru (Sources) : Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL) is proud to announce that the Undisputed, Ultimate SUV, Hyundai CRETA has emerged as the highest-selling model in the country from January to July 2025 (across all segments). With a remarkable 1,17,458 units sold during this period with a year-on-year growth of 8% (vs Jan-Jul 2024), Hyundai CRETA continues to dominate the Indian automotive landscape, solidifying its reputation as a top choice among customers.

Mr. Tarun Garg, Whole-Time Director and Chief Operating Officer, Hyundai Motor India Ltd., said, "As we celebrate a decade of the



Hyundai CRETA, we are truly humbled by the unwavering love and trust of our customers. Becoming India's best-selling car across all segments in the January – July 2025 period is not just a sales milestone, it reflects the emotional connect CRETA has built over the years. As we move ahead, our commitment remains steadfast to continuously raising the bar as well as customer experience."

Marking its 10th anniversary, the Hyundai CRETA has grown to become synonymous with power, style and aspiration. Despite intensifying competition in the mid-size SUV segment, CRETA continues to set benchmarks, retaining its position as the most preferred SUV in India.