

Newsletter

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Meeting | OHBC Third Periodical

Meet

The One Health Bengaluru City (OHBC) Consortium's 3rd periodical meet was convened at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) campus, Bengaluru, to solidify the next steps of the One Health Consortium on 19th January 2024. Prof Uma Ramakrishnan's team and Dr. Farah Ishtiaq's team from NCBS and Tata Institute for Genetics and Society (TIGS) unveiled a two year plan to integrate human and animal health with surveillance and disease ecology in Bengaluru. [Read more](#)



Meeting | Scientific Secretary, Office of PSA visit to BeST Office

The BeST Cluster had the honor of welcoming Dr. (Mrs.) Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary, along with Dr. Arun Bhardwaj, Scientist and Dr. B. Chagun Basha, Chief policy adviser, the Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, in the BeST Cluster office on 16th January 2024. The BeST team was both inspired and energized by their visit and the insightful knowledge they shared. They engaged in discussions with the BeST team, exploring the Cluster's ongoing initiatives and future aspirations.

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Collaboration | MoU with Innovative Technology Services Trust (ITST)

The BeST Cluster signed the MoU with Innovative Technology Services Trust (ITST) as a Research and Implementation partner under the Precision Agriculture theme on 31st of January 2024. The collaboration aims to strengthen stakeholders contributions across the value chains, boost grassroots income, soil health, water management, and urban agriculture, tackling challenges of high input costs, soil degradation and excessive use of fertilisers. [Read more](#)



Event | Agri-tech Ignite Bootcamp

Ravi Tenny, Head - BeST Cluster, was the guest of honour for the Inaguration session of the "Agri-Tech Ignite Boot Camp" conducted by Siddaganga Incubation Foundation, supported by Department of Science and Technology. The event brought together the top 18 early-stage startups and innovators from across the different states and took place at Siddaganga Incubation Foundation, SIT, Tumakuru, from 22- 25th Jan 2024. Ravi Tenny addressed the agritech innovators on the importance of Agri-Tech in the agri-industry. [Read more](#)



Event | Science Gallery Bengaluru

BeST Cluster commends Dr Jahnavi Phalkey, the founding director of the Science Gallery Bengaluru, also the advisory board member of the BeST Cluster, for her commitment to the Science Gallery that bridges the gap between Science, Art and Society. BeST Cluster visited the Science Gallery and took part in the "CARBON" exhibition and delved into the world of the Carbon. 'CARBON' challenges us to move beyond demonization of that element. It explores the complexities of the carbon market and urges us to engage with this element with nuance and responsibility. [Read more](#)



Network | BeST Urban Mobility Network with 70+ stakeholders



BeST Cluster called for an Expression of Interest from various stakeholders in the area of Urban Mobility in Bengaluru to create 'BeST Mobility Consortium' to enable

collaborative opportunities, industry and government insights and connects, funding opportunities, visibility and networking that could potentially result in multi-stakeholder impact projects. The call gained interest from 70+ representatives from academia, start-ups, industries, Not-for-profit entities, consultants and government bodies such as IISc, IIIT Bangalore, Ramaiah Institute of Management, VIT Vellore,

Christ University, Crescent Institute, ARTPARK, Global Business Inroads, Automotive Research Association, CSTEP, BEL, AIC-DSU, K-TECH IKP, REVA-NEST TBI, B.PAC, CMTI, WRI India, Biocon Foundation, Fraunhofer, Capgemini, Bosch, Volvo, Shell, Siemens, buymyev, zealysmart systems, BelTech AI, moveonwheels, Hyperworkz, EVRE, Vozi, Green tiger mobility, Orbitwallet, Urbanmorph, ORRCA, DULT GoK.

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