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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

1. It gives me immense pleasure to inaugurate the
" Bengaluru Tech Summit - 2017 ", a unique platform for
invigorating discussions on the future of technology and
its impact on industry and the society at large.

2. Karnataka has been a leader in knowledge-intensive industries, since independence.
3. Bengaluru has been listed among the top 25 high-tech cities by the World Economic Forum, in September - 2017.
4. Bengaluru has been ranked first, by the Economist Intelligence Unit in November - 2017, in the confidence of businesses in their ability to do digital transformations based on the skills and available infrastructure.
5. While we continue to maintain our leadership position in existing industries, it is my dream to establish Karnataka as a global technology hub and a leader in new and emerging industries.
6. The Vision for Karnataka 2025 is to establish the State as the torch-bearer for India and lead the country as it embraces Industry 4.0, led by technology.
7. Manufacturing process will undergo a transformation through technologies such as Internet of Things, Robotics, 3-D Printing, Artificial Intelligence and machine learning.
8. Karnataka has taken pro-active steps to promote the emerging technologies for Industry 4.0 revolution.
9. Information Technology, Bio-Technology and other technologies have flourished in the State thanks to the excellent research eco-system and talent pool.

10. As the world continues to evolve and adapt more and more newer technologies, I assure that we would leave no stone unturned to make our State future-ready.
11. Our Government has taken concrete steps and continues to design policies and schemes in alignment with the grand vision for Karnataka - a global technology leader and a pioneer in driving inclusive growth. Technologies such as Med-tech and Agri-tech are being adopted towards the goal of inclusive growth.
12. Further more, Karnataka is the pioneer in launching industry-specific policies for sectors such as, Information Technology, Aerospace and Defence, Startup, Animation Visual Effects, Gaming and Comic (A V G C), Bio-Technology and Electronic System Design and Manufacturing (E S D M), which are directed towards development of these industries and fuel investments within the State.
13. In order to drive innovation and entrepreneurship, State Government has set up Startups Warehouse, Incubation Centres, Government grants for Idea to Proof of Concept (Idea2PoC), mentoring and encouraging Startups for solving social problems through Grand Challenge Scheme.

14. I strongly believe that innovation and entrepreneurship will draw the contours of successful economies in times to come.
15. The Government is committed to replicate Bengaluru's eco-system model by adopting a cluster based approach for development of its Aerospace, Biotechnology, Electronics, Information Technology, Agri-Biotechnology industries across cities and towns in Karnataka.
16. New talent development centers and incubation facilities are being set up in Mysuru, Mangaluru, Kalaburagi, Hubballi – Dharwad and to be followed by other cities of Karnataka.
17. Additionally, the State continues to strengthen the Information Technology sector by investments in a series of proposed projects such as Hardware Park at Devanahalli, Information Technology Special Economic Zone at Mangaluru, Arya Bhatta Park at Hubballi and several Incubators on a Public-Private Partnership Model.
18. In a nutshell, a total of 921 acres of Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (K I A D B) land is available in the newly developed clusters across the State.
19. As new technologies emerge, together with research and product development, we are laying emphasis on training and capacity building in these areas.
20. Centers of Excellence have already been setup in areas such as Aerospace and Defence and Internet of Things.

21. New Centres of Excellence are being setup to support other emerging technologies such as Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Robotics, Cyber Security.
22. The excellent quality of our workforce has been endorsed by major global players.
23. In order to sustain our competitive edge in terms of workforce and further enable the youth to be future ready, the our Government has initiated **Yuva Yuga** Programme, which aims to train the youth for entry and mid-level jobs in sectors such as Information Technology, Electronics and Telecom.
24. New Age Incubation Network Centres have been set up in a few colleges across the State with the aim of encouraging young minds to innovate and invent and become entrepreneurs.
25. I strongly believe that it is essential for us to strike a fine balance between economic growth and sustainable development as we usher into a highly converged and connected world to not only focus on unbounded economic growth but rather on eco-friendly economic activities and technologies which allow growth and sustainable development to co-exist.

26. This new way of growth focuses on not limiting the economic benefits of growth to a certain strata of the society but adopt an inclusive approach which brings each and every member of the society under the umbrella of development.
27. I strongly believe that treading on this new path for economic growth requires an outcome-driven, accountability-based governance at all levels.
28. Above all, I believe it is essential to bridge the digital divide and provide an opportunity to each and every entrepreneur from the cities and towns across Karnataka, to benefit from the enabling eco-system.
29. It is with this thought that our Government has taken up an ambitious project to install Wi-Fi facility in all the gram panchayats across Karnataka, beginning with 2500 gram panchayats this year.
30. Karnataka accounts for 44 per cent of the total investment intentions in the country in 2017 as per the data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
31. Events, such as, the Bengaluru Tech Summit serve as an ideal platform for exchange of ideas around technology and provides us with the right inputs to chart the way forward for technology-enabled growth of the State and the country.

32. I welcome you all to experience the three days of knowledge-exchange and engaging in discussions with thought-leaders and global influencers at the Bengaluru Tech Summit.

33. I sincerely hope that the key take-aways from the mega event allow you to “Ideate, Innovate and Invent” for building a brighter future for India and Karnataka.

Thank you one and all !
