



PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Sub: Renaming of Karnataka Biotechnology and Information Technology Society (KBITS) to Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS).

Read: Proceedings of the meeting dated 9.4.2018.

PREAMBLE:

Karnataka has always been the leader in technology and innovation in the country. As per the Global Startup Ecosystem Ranking Report 2015, "Bangalore is home to approximately 3,100 to 4,900 active tech start-ups and has achieved the second highest growth rate for exit volume and VC investment among the top 20. But the advent of emerging technologies such as robotics, artificial intelligence (AI), nanotechnology etc. in the recent years has escalated the need to transform the services based technology industry into a platforms and products based one.

The Information Technology Department has been driven by the aim of providing end-to-end transparency, guidance, clarity and drive to the Startup ecosystem by creating robust policies, resilient institutional framework, lasting partnerships with external institutions and all-encompassing physical facilities. This Department is currently at a pivotal point in its history. The Department seeks to augment its highly focused efforts to better align Innovation with the Startup ecosystem, skilling, e-governance and priority sectors like biotechnology. This is in line with our vision of leading the State of Karnataka to becoming a Technology driven sustainable progressive society and the best Global Innovation hub.

The Karnataka Biotechnology and Information Technology Services (KBITS) vide Govt. Order No.ITD 02 PRM 2001, dated.19.09.2001 was established to facilitate and promote the Information Technology and Biotech sectors in the State by organizing as well as participating in Road shows, Trade shows, Conferences, Symposia, Seminars held at National and International levels. KBITS also provides secretarial services to the State Level Single Window Agency and High Level Committee, for quick clearance of the Information Technology and Biotechnology Projects in the State. It also

promotes the growth of IT & Biotech companies by way of organizing, sponsoring and participating in National/International Workshops, Conferences, Exhibitions etc., KBITS has been instrumental in organizing the annual tradeshow viz, BangaloreIT.biz (earlier called as BangaloreIT.in), Bangalore BIO and Bangalore Nano.

Now, with these pretexts and the vision of Karnataka to remain the Leader in innovation and technology, it needs to actively engage with current and emerging technologies by ensuring that new technological innovations are nurtured, brought to market and transformed into enterprise enablers for creating economic prosperity. In this background, Karnataka Biotechnology and Information Technology Services (KBITS) is proposed to be renamed as "**Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS)**".

Hence the Order

**GOVERNMENT ORDER No. ITD 21 DIS 2017, BENGALURU, DATED:
26.04.2018.**

In view of the above, Karnataka Biotechnology and Information Technology Services is permitted to be renamed as **Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS)**, and will function as per the following additional mandate:-

- Support Government to promote Innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Guide and sustain innovation activities through creation of innovation clubs.
- Be an enabler of innovation eco-systems.
- Initiate and enhance policy measures to encourage innovation across sectors viz, Education, Health, Agriculture, Rural Development, Social sector etc.
- Create an incubation ecosystem to boost disruptive technologies.
- Create an awareness schemes/ Programs for schools and colleges to boost the innovation.
- Organize Road shows, Trade shows, Conferences, Symposia, Seminars etc for National and International levels focusing on innovation and technologies.
- Encouraging universities and R&D institutions and hence students to innovate.
- Encouraging innovation and technology in public service delivery.
- Encouraging multi-disciplinary and globally competitive approaches for innovations and technology.

KBITS shall take necessary steps to make necessary amendment to its MoA and statutory compliances with Registrar of Societies, Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society shall function under 'K-Tech' brand which shall be an extension of "Innovate Karnataka" brand and shall prefix all its supported initiatives.

**By Order and in the Name of the
Governor of Karnataka**


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