

'Innovation' will dominate Day One of Techfest at IIT-B

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MUMBAI: 'Innovation for a cause' will be the highlight of the first day of Techfest, Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay's (IIT-B) annual technology festival that will kick off on Friday.

In a first, the event is set to host all 15 IITs for a social impact competition, which will see the institutes pull out all stops to produce new technology of benefit to people.

Other firsts at the Techfest include a 3D-projection theatrical show called June, during which an 11-member team will use three-dimensional mapping used in feature films to create visuals used as the backdrop of a fictional scene.

Speaking about the show, an organising member said, "This is the first time such an experience will be created at

ON DAY ONE OF TECHFEST

■ Bharat Ratna CNR Rao will discuss the scientific progress of the nation at the event while IPS former officer Kiran Bedi and Gordon Day, president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics

Engineers will also speak at the event

■ The event will also host an F1 simulator, a mock Formula One racing experience that promises to be as thrilling as the real event

Techfest. The team will create a railway station scene and destroy it through 3D mapping, just like it is used in films made in Hollywood."

Scientist Dr CNR Rao, who was recently conferred the Bharat Ratna, will discuss the scientific progress of the nation.

Other prominent speakers on the inaugural day include social activist and former IPS officer Kiran Bedi and Gordon Day, president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics

Engineers, one of the world's largest professional research associations.

Bedi and Day will speak about development and scientific progress as seen in their respective fields of expertise.

The first day of Techfest will also include a stunt show by Ghost Ryderz, a group of professional bike riders who will perform free-style motorcycle stunts.

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