

# TieCON: Tricity set for date with Sophia, the humanoid

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*World's first humanoid Sophia will interact with participants*

The Tricity will get a glimpse of 'Sophia', world's first humanoid which was modeled after the ancient Egyptian queen Nefertiti, during TiECON Chandigarh 2020, North India's biggest startup and entrepreneurial event, to be held at Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali on February 29.

TiECON organizers said Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh will also attend the event and will give a keynote address.

Alok Ramsisaria, chief mentor, said, "Sophia will interact with participants and will also inspire young minds. It is the first humanoid to get citizenship of any country." The central theme of TiECON Chandigarh 2020 is 'Ideate, Innovate and then Leap'. Munish Jauhar, president, TiE, Chandigarh chapter, said, "We came up with the word 'leap' as 2020 is a leap year. The event will witness a special session 'Age Has No Bar' in

which entrepreneurs would range from a 15-year-old student to 94-year-old person."

TiECon will also provide an ideal platform for early-stage to later-stage companies to showcase its products & services to participants. More than 50 start-ups from Punjab and Chandigarh will showcase their products at a pavilion called 'Start-Up Bazaar'. These start-ups are spread across different sectors such as IT, fitness, arts, education, e-commerce and skill development. I S Paul, managing director, Drish Shoes and chairperson of TiECON, said, "Tricity needs to be branded and it needs to be popularised. About 40% of the employees in Hyderabad and Bengaluru are North Indians, who now want to come back to Mohali and Chandigarh."

Some of the prominent speakers at the event would include Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra; Vini Mahajan, additional chief secretary, Investment Promotion & Industries & Commerce; Aditya Ghosh, member board of directors, OYO; K Ganesh, chairman, Portea Medical; Gary Wilson, founder, Get Me Links; Harbhajan Kaur, founder of Harbhajan's; academician Rajendra Srivastava, dean, Indian School Of Business.

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