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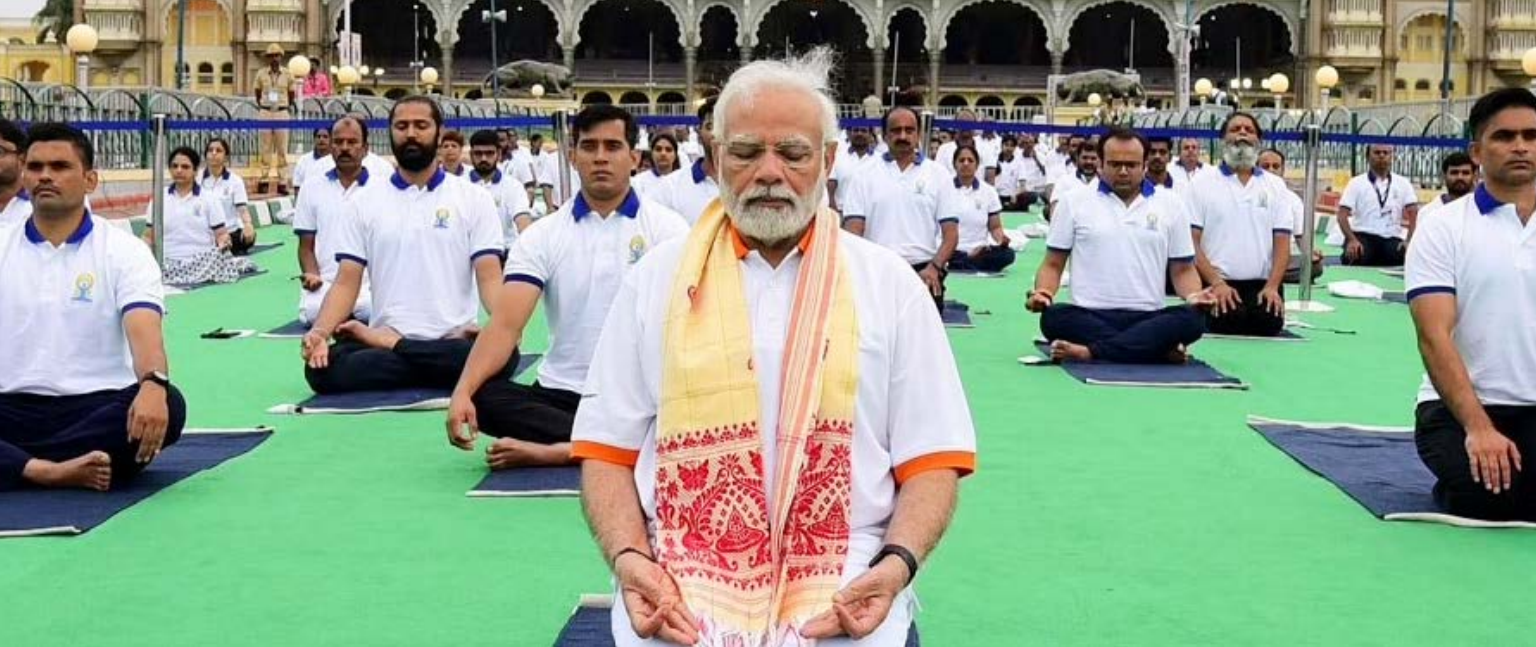
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Message from

**Arvind Kumar** | Director General, STPI

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STPI is poised to play a catalytic role in strengthening the tech startup ecosystem of the country by fostering promising startups through CoEs and NGIS. ”

The celebration of the 31st Foundation Day of STPI is a testimony to our commitment to the Indian IT/ITES/ESDM industry in supporting their causes and empowering them to deliver the best in building products and boosting exports from the country. The journey of these 31 years reminisces many milestones that STPI set to transform India into a global technology outsourcing hub. In these three decades, STPI has not only enabled the Indian technology industry to move up the value chain by providing software services but also helped formulate many policies such as the National Policy on Software Products (NPSP) 2019 and National Policy on Electronics (NPE) 2019 under the aegis of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India to promote innovation and software & electronics hardware product development in emerging technology domains. Three decades later, STPI has redefined itself from being a policy enabler to an ecosystem developer by launching Centres of Entrepreneurship (CoEs) and Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS) to make India a technology product nation. Today, STPI is proud to have onboarded 263 startups and nurture them to build 404 prototypes, 306 products, and file 167 IPRs under CoEs. Similarly, under NGIS, we have onboarded 157 startups, enabled them to file 97 IPRs, and build 214 products.

In this quarter, STPI launched Smart Farm Grant Challenge (SFGC) program to identify impactful solutions from startups to address the problem statements identified for sugarcane harvesting. The program is anchored by NEURON in collaboration with DCM Shriram and the Directorate of Sugarcane Development, Lucknow. The challenge program

received 450 applications of which 25 proposals/teams have been finalized after a rigorous screening process. These selected startups are eligible for Rs. 2 crore funding across three stages, i.e. at the ideation stage, 10 teams will receive Rs. 5 lakh each; at the prototyping stage, 4 teams will receive Rs. 20 lakh each; and at the solution building stage, the winner will receive Rs. 50 lakh prize money and Rs. 10 lakh per annum for two years for operations & maintenance.

STPI also conducted an interactive meeting with industry and startups at Bareilly on 6th May 2022 for capturing and analysing the aspirations of the IT/ITES industry. The objective of this meeting was to get a first-hand understanding of the IT/ITES industry and receive feedback/suggestions on STPI's schemes, benefits, and other government initiatives. The key objective of this meeting were to bring all stakeholders like dignitaries & officials from STPI, MeitY, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Industry Associations, Industries, Startups, IT/ITeS companies & Academia to express their views on the policies and get their ideas to make Bareilly a leading IT/ITES hub in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

STPI has the tradition of awarding the IT/ITES industry for their enormous contribution to the country's economy by boosting exports, creating employment opportunities, and attracting FDI. This year STPI conferred the STPI Excellence Awards at TieCon 2022 Chandigarh at Plaksha University. These awards were presented as a recognition of the contribution made by the IT/ITES industry for strengthening innovation and boosting the overall economy & prosperity of the Tricity region and the states of Punjab & Haryana.

STPI is poised to play a catalytic role in strengthening the tech startup ecosystem of the country by fostering promising startups through CoEs and NGIS. As we are shifting from a service-based economy to an innovation-led economy, it's pertinent to focus on R&D, product development, and IP creation in emerging technologies and realize the vision of the government in making India a trillion-dollar digital economy.

# Success Story

## Dweepi Innovations

### Warranting Railway Track Safety



Founded in 2018, Dweepi Innovations Private Limited is one of the beneficiaries of the STPI Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS) and an incubatee of Electropreneur Park, Delhi for Season 5 making strides in developing a Portable Track Geometry Measurement System (PTGMS), a robotic trolley that runs on the railway track to check the health of the railway tracks, for Indian Railways. This system will be used by Indian Railways for regular monitoring of tracks.

According to media reports, at present more than 40 derailments are happening per annum in India. With PTGMS, the derailments can be reduced significantly, in turn, will increase passenger safety.

With this patented technology, the railway track monitoring division can monitor the track precisely, timely, and efficiently. Sources from Dweepi Innovations underline that the minimum viable product is ready. They have completed the first field testing and will conduct the second field testing in the next quarter.

Apart from PTGMS, Dweepi Innovations has also developed DIY SMD PCB Soldering Reflow Oven Set for quick soldering of SMD PCBs and LED Display systems. The startup has expertise in product development, electronic hardware, middleware, and software.

The seed fund of Rs. 25 lakh from Chunaoti 2.0 is a major driver for Dweepi Innovations to translate their dream into reality. In addition to this, the startup has also received Rs. 6.5 lakh funding from Electropreneur Park and Rs. 4 lakh from TIDE 2.0. The startup currently employs 8 people and has a valuation of Rs. 5 crore.

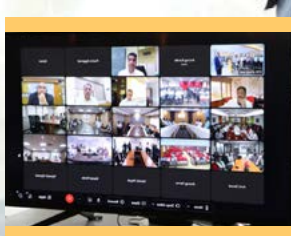


**66** Dweepi Innovations started its entrepreneurship journey from Electropreneur Park, an STPI CoE at Delhi. Electropreneur Park (EP) provided us with incubation including electronic lab facilities, guidance, and mentoring support along the way. We got connected with various startup groups as part of this journey which helped in sharing and understanding various aspects of this journey from fellow entrepreneurs. STPI startup ecosystem has many facilities for helping us entrepreneurs to bring our innovative ideas to reality including many incubation centres across India from which we can choose the centre suitable to us."

**Gina Verleker, Co-founder**



# LEAD STORY

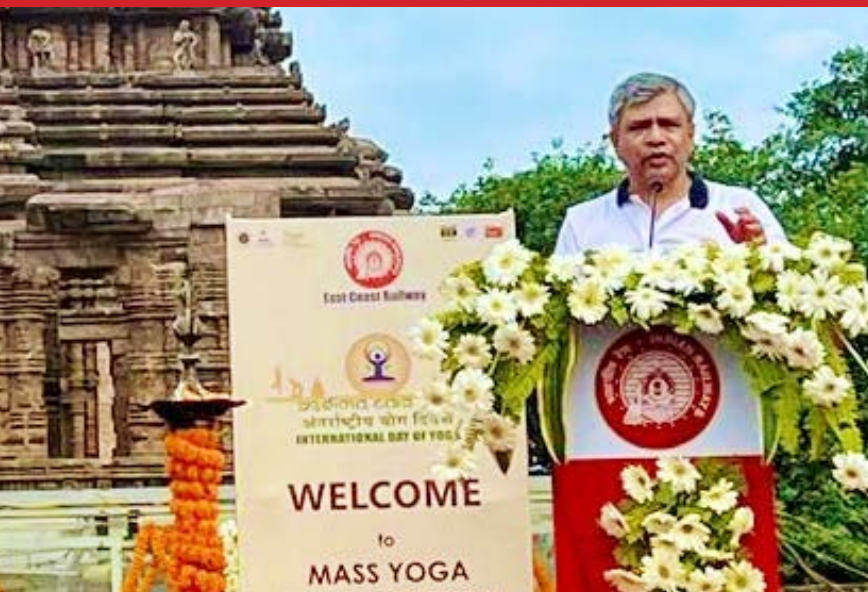


## Celebration of 31st Foundation Day of STPI

Software Technology Parks of India under the MeitY, Government of India working with the objective of encouraging, promoting, boosting software exports, and nurturing the startup ecosystem in the country, celebrated 31st Foundation Day from 6th June 2022 to 8th June 2022. The 3-day program comprised the inauguration of Foundation Day and address by Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI followed by two knowledge-sharing sessions on 6th June 2022; address by respective jurisdictional directors to centres followed by knowledge-sharing sessions on the 2nd day; and closing ceremony along with knowledge-sharing sessions & vote of thanks by Dr. Devesh Tyagi, Senior Director, STPI on the 3rd day.

Speaking on the inaugural address at the 31st Foundation Day ceremony Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General of STPI congratulated all the employees and said, "We have earned trust of all stakeholders including government & industry in STPI, and this trust infuses transparency in the organization. Whenever I have met any technocrat or industry leader, I have never heard any negative statement about STPI, and this is all because of trust. Exports through STPI units have grown from Rs. 17 crore in FY92 to Rs. 5.94 lakh crore in FY22, this has happened because we have been an enabler, we have never acted as a regulator. We have shown to this world if you want to see the growth of industry, in place of regulating it, enable it. Today, the world is talking about the single window system, but STPI started this single window system in the early 90's when no one was talking about it."

On the valedictory session, Dr. Devesh Tyagi, Senior Director, STPI highlighted, "In 2011, when the benefits in term of income tax were gone, the time ahead was envisioned to be most challenging. The way industry and STPI carried themselves during that time was remarkable. At that time, STPI thought the challenges can be mitigated through continuous scheme generation and has planned for further automation for supporting IT/ITeS industry & SMEs across the country. As on today, we have already automated the Exim scheme across the country. Automation is not about doing the regular tasks, but ready to take other tasks as well in the existing ecosystem. We smoothly rolled out the EMC & BPO schemes because of our pan India presence, industry focus and automation. Using our cloud infrastructure in Tier-2/3 cities, we can roll out any schemes through edge computing. As on date we can readily host services on our cloud infrastructure and even increase revenues."



## Celebration of International Day of Yoga across STPI Centres

STPI celebrated 8th International Day of Yoga across centres pan-India in a more engaging way. To mark the 75 years of India's Independence or "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", the Ministry for Ayush identified 75 locations for Union Ministers to participate in the Yoga Day celebration. This year's theme for International Day of Yoga was 'Yoga for Humanity'. Its aim was to focus discussions on the importance of yoga in serving better mental health practices in our lives.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi graced the occasion through video conferencing from Karnataka's Mysuru and addressed the nation. PM Modi also appealed to the whole world to practice yoga so that inherent humanity will be built up.

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Union Minister for Electronics & IT, Railways and Communications led the mass demonstration of 8th International Day of Yoga at Sun Temple Konark, Odisha. More than 2,500 people from various Central government organizations, students of various schools and colleges along with yoga experts participated in the yoga celebrations. "Yoga is an ancient high ascetic practice originated in India that combines physical, mental and spiritual pursuits to achieve harmony of the body and mind. There are numerous benefits of practicing yoga which lead to humanity," stated Hon'ble Minister.

Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship led the celebration of International Yoga Day 2022 at the historic site at Pattadakal, Bagalkote, Karnataka. More than 3,000 people gathered at the Pattadkal temple and performed yoga to mark the day. "Yoga should be a part of our daily routine. Countries such as Italy have shown us that even problems such as the pandemic can be combated through yoga. While many western nations are embracing yoga, many Indians remain reluctant to adopt the practice," cited Hon'ble MoS.

While addressing the International Yoga Day 2022 at the Pattadkal temple, Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI highlighted, "yoga, an ancient practice, has become very relevant and popular in today's busy world. For many of us, yoga provides a retreat from our hectic lives. I personally find yoga a 'complete exercise' and request all, regardless of the person/age, to start doing yoga. It has a number of lasting benefits and will aid in a wide variety of different health issues. Regular practitioners of yoga will live an overall enhanced lifestyle and are more likely to have a strong memory, and better stamina combined with a stronger sense of balance."





# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



The Smart Farm Grant Challenge (SFGC) was launched on 9th May 2022 in the presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI, and other key dignitaries in virtual mode. MeitY has announced the SFGC to identify impactful solutions from startups to address the problem statements identified for sugarcane harvest and designated STPI as the implementation agency with the Neuron Centre of Entrepreneurship (CoE) as the anchor CoE for this challenge programme.

On the occasion, Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI underlined, "Agriculture is a significant contributor to the Indian economy; it contributes around 16% of GDP. SFGC will help identify challenges of sugarcane harvesting & other related issues and build innovative solutions, which will lead to enhancing yield. The use of technology gives cost-effectiveness and also increases production. India's agriculture technology has the potential to grow manifold to reach \$24.1 billion in the next 4-5 years. Any innovation in harvesting technology can be the game-changer in the agriculture sector."

Shri Roshan Lal Tamak, Executive Director & CEO, DCM Shriram Limited in his speech said, "We sincerely believe that technologies like AI, ML, IoT, remote sensing, satellite imagery have benefited other sectors, so the agriculture sector should also explore these technologies. Through the SFGC programme, we will provide technical inputs, and knowledge of sugarcane cultivation so that startups can build some breakthrough solutions in this space."

## Through SFGC, startups are expected to develop the solutions, which:

- (a) Should predict the optimum time of sugarcane harvest in a given plot area with reasonable accuracy.
- (b) Estimate the sugar content of all the plots in its catchment area remotely.
- (c) Should identify the plots which are mature/ ready to harvest.
- (d) Ensure insights in easily interpretable formats viz graphs, images, etc.

For the participating and selected startups at various stages, significant financial support and funding are being provided as follows:

S.No	Financial Assistance / Funding Support	Total
(A)	Ideation to prototype stage: 10 selected teams at Rs. 5 Lakh each	₹ 50,00,000
(B)	Prototype to product stage: 4 selected teams at Rs. 20 Lakh each	₹ 80,00,000
(C)	Prize Money to the Winner	₹ 50,00,000
(D)	Operation and maintenance charges for the next two years at 10 Lakhs to the winning team	₹ 20,00,000
	Total	₹ 2,00,00,000

The selected startups at various stages would be supported by MeitY Startup Hub (MSH), STPI, Neuron CoE, DCM Shriram Sugar Mills & Directorate of Sugar Mills, in addition to the various mentors and industry experts. The challenge was open for participants till 8th June 2022 and the final winner would be announced on 3rd May 2023.

## Signing of MoU with DCM Shriram Sugar Mills

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between STPI and DCM Shriram Sugar Mills, a knowledge partner for Smart Farm Grant Challenge, in the presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI and Shri Roshan Lal Tamak, Executive Director & CEO, DCM Shriram Limited on 9th May 2022 to further galvanize the tech startup ecosystem.

## TechBharat 2022 Event at Mysuru

STPI sponsored the TechBharat 2022 event held from 19th to 21st May 2022 at Mysuru, Karnataka. Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka in association with IMS Foundation organized TechBharat 3rd Edition: Agri and Food Tech, a Conclave-Cum-Expo on the theme: "Transforming India's Food Technology and Agronomic Landscape".

The three-day event of TechBharat 2022 was held at CSIR-CFTRI Campus in Mysuru from 19th May to 21st May 2022. Shri Kailash Choudhary, Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India, along with Shri B C Patil, Minister for Agriculture, Government of Karnataka inaugurated the main programme. Over 100 exhibitors unveiled their innovations at the Conclave-Cum-Exhibition.

TechBharat's third edition "Techbharat 2022" was multi-faceted & focused on empowering AgriTech and FoodTech. Knowledge partners for TechBharat 2022 were ICAR - New Delhi, CFTRI – Mysuru, and NIFTEM – Thanjavur and the target audience of TechBharat 2022 included premier Institutions & Universities in Agriculture & Food sectors, Policy Makers/Researchers/Promoters/Administrators of AgriTech & Food Tech, Venture Capitalists/Fund Managers/Distinct Investors/Finance & Compliance Heads, and Government, Startups, MSMEs, and Corporate representatives from Agri & Food.

## Study Visit of the Committee on ICTM in Rajya Sabha to STPI-Guwahati

Shri Tiruchi Siva, Hon'ble Member of Parliament & Chairman of the Committee on Information and Communication Technology Management (ICTM) in Rajya Sabha addressed the event in the august presence of Shri Neeraj Dangi, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha; Shri Rakesh Sinha, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha; Shri Sujeet Kumar, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha; Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha; Shri John Brittas, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha; Shri Venkataramana Rao Mopidevi, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha; Shri S Rangarajan, Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat; Smt. Oindrila Roy, Deputy Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat; Ms. Rashmi, Assistant Executive Officer, Rajya Sabha Secretariat; Shri Sandeep Kr. Ambasta, Deputy Director (Parl.), MeitY; Shri Kamlesh Kr. Jha, Section Officer (Parl.), MeitY; Shri Vinodpriya, Consultant (Parl.), MeitY; Shri J. P. Bhaskar, ASO (Parl.), MeitY; and Shri Anurag Goel, Principal Secretary (IT), Govt. of Assam.

Shri Ravi Varma, Jurisdictional Director, STPI-Guwahati welcomed and felicitated all the dignitaries and gave a presentation on STPI activities. Shri Shibendu Debbarma, Additional Director, STPI-Agartala; Shri Laimayum Motilal Sharma, Joint Director, STPI-Guwahati; and Shri Gautam Kumar, Joint Director, STPI-Guwahati were also present during the study visit.







## Interactive Meet Conducted by STPI with Industry and Startups at Bareilly

An interactive meet with industry & startups was held at Bareilly on 6th May 2022 for capturing and analysing the aspirations of IT/ITES industry. This event was organized by STPI with the objective of getting a first-hand understanding of the IT/ITES industry and providing feedback/suggestions on STPI's schemes, benefits, and other government initiatives like Digital India, Startup India, State Government policies/benefits, etc. The meeting was attended by the dignitaries & officials from MeitY, State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Industry Associations, Industries, Startups, IT/ITeS companies, and Academia.

The dignitaries included Sh. Arvind Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh (joined via Video Conferencing); Sh. Bhuvnesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, MeitY, Govt. of India; Sh. Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI; Sh. Kumar Vineet, Managing Director, UPLC (joined via Video Conferencing); Dr. Rajneesh Agrawal, Director, STPI; Sh. Rishi Ranjan Goel, Joint Commissioner (Industries), Bareilly; Sh. Dinesh Goel, National General Secretary, IIA; Dr. Manish Sharma, Chairman, Rohilkhand Management Association; Sh. Ramandeep Singh, President, CREDAI, Bareilly; and Sh. Shambhav Sheel, President, Laghu Udyog Bharti, Bareilly.

The response of the meet was overwhelming and the representatives from the IT/ITeS sector and budding startups showed their inclination towards STPI services. The officials from the Industry Association of Bareilly and representatives from other industries were also benefitted through this meet.

"This is the age of startups that need incubation space, mentoring, connectivity & statutory services, and STPI facilitates all these services to startups. STPI is also working on the startup-related schemes envisioned by MeitY. NGIS is one such program for startups under which two STPI centres in Uttar Pradesh at Lucknow & Prayagraj are implementing this scheme. With the support of Govt. of UP, STPI can set up a centre at Bareilly. MeitY will provide all necessary support to speed up the work and help realize the aspirations of the startups & innovators of this region," emphasized Sh. Bhuvnesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, MeitY.

"When STPI was started during 1990's the IT/ITES exports through our units were just Rs. 50 crore & now the exports have grown to over Rs. 5 lakh crore. The growth that we have witnessed in the Indian IT industry is because STPI acted as an enabler since its inception, but never acted as a regulator. STPI has 5 operational centres in Uttar Pradesh and 3 centres at Varanasi, Agra & Gorakhpur are coming up. With the support of UP Govt. & Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Govt. of India, we are planning to set up a centre at Bareilly to put it on the IT map of India," underlined Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI.

"The IT parks set up by STPI should be growth centres that can help in developing the entire IT sector. If IT companies are interested in setting up their own centres, we can also support them. The Government of UP has a policy network comprising IT Policy, Startup Policy, ESDM Policy & Data Centre Policy. We are also planning to bring AVGC policy to enable IT companies to build software & animation," highlighted Sh. Arvind Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of IT & Electronics, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.

The meeting concluded with the recommendation that STPI should immediately use the 2-acres land which has been acquired by UPLC for the development of STPI Center/IT Park in Bareilly for all-round development of the region. It was concluded that the proposed facility would help in minimizing the migration of prospective startups & IT professionals to metro cities while creating conducive environment for bring more investment in the region.

## Visit of Secretary, MeitY to MOTION CoE

Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary, MeitY; Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI; and Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, MeitY visited STPI MOTION CoE on 4th June 2022. Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI gave a detailed presentation on various activities and initiatives of STPI across India including the CoE initiatives for creating a vibrant tech startup ecosystem in the country.

The Secretary was briefed about the progress of various services/initiatives carried out by STPI across the country. The Secretary appreciated all efforts undertaken by STPI in the promotion of the Indian IT/ITeS/ESDM industry.

During the visit, the Secretary had a walkthrough of the MOTION facility including the EV Laboratory, AV Laboratory, and Connected & Shared Mobility laboratory. The Secretary had a detailed interaction with each onboarded startup. The startups showcased their concept/ideas with the demo of the proposed product/prototype. The Secretary acknowledged and appreciated the initiatives of STPI in the promotion of the tech startup ecosystem in the country.



## FinBlue Collaborates with IIT Madras

STPI and STPINEXT signed an MoU with IIT Madras Incubation Cell in the august presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, DG STPI and Padmashri Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala, President IITM Research Park on 1st April 2022. For FinBlue, this collaboration can work towards nurturing the startups for developing innovative FinTech Products & solutions. Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI and Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Director, STPI-Chennai accompanied by Padmashri Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala visited IIT Madras Research Park and interacted with startups.

## Collaboration of STPI FinBlue with Indian Overseas Bank

STPI and STPINEXT signed an MoU with Indian Overseas Bank for FinBlue in collaboration with STPI-Chennai in the presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI and Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta, MD & CEO, Indian Overseas Bank (IOB). Under this agreement, FinBlue will provide FinTech solutions for the problem statements of IOB through FinTech startups and IOB will provide access to their APIs and engage startups for their Banking application.

This MoU will help the bank in leveraging innovation through the financial technologies engaged under the FinBlue initiative.

## Visit of Hon'ble Minister of State for Electronics & IT, Govt. of Odisha

Hon'ble Minister of State for Electronics & IT, Govt. of Odisha Sh. Tusharkanti Behera visited STPI-Bhubaneswar to grace the event organized by Incture on completion of one year at Bhubaneswar on 18th June 2022. On this occasion, Sh. Manas Panda, Director, STPI-Bhubaneswar extended greetings & best wishes while addressing the professionals of IT company Incture on completion of one year as an incubatee at STPI ELITE building and assured all support for their further growth at Bhubaneswar. Hon'ble Minister Sh. Tusharkanti Behera stated that Bhubaneswar has become the most happening place in recent times with many global IT companies coming to the city while addressing Incture's one-year celebration and wished the incubatee for its growth.





## Tech Day by Analog Devices on Automotive

STPI IoT OpenLab, Bengaluru in collaboration with partner Arrow Electronics India & Analog Devices conducted a session at Cyber Park, STPI Bengaluru office, on Friday, 10th June 2022. The session was conducted in hybrid mode. The topics included Industry 4.0, Latest Precision Converters, Medical signal chains & reference designs, EV technology offerings - BMS road map, Energy measurement for charger, DC-DC Convertors & Charging station offerings, and Drones (mainly Motor control). There were also demos on Auto-BMS, Smart Watch, and Water Meter.

The sessions were very informative and provided an opportunity to understand the Analog Devices with reference to the awareness/strategy performed to publicize the lab, domain /sector of the startups availing the IoT OpenLab, and demand for the equipment/devices.

## STPI Inks MoUs with IDBI Capital Market & Securities Ltd & MergerDomo

AIC STPINEXT Initiatives (STPINEXT), a special purpose vehicle of STPI signed two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) on 4th May 2022, one with IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited (ICMS), a well-known investment banking and financial services company and another with MergerDomo, a global online marketplace that enables fundraising and consulting for startups in the country. These partners would play critical role in supporting and handholding the startups in the growth journey through technical guidance & assistance, mentoring, pitching to investors, funding support, and market connect & access etc. STPI has announced setting up of 25-plus CoEs in specific domains spread across India. To further strengthen the startup ecosystem, STPINEXT is getting into an association with IDBI Capital Market & Securities Ltd. and MergerDomo.

The forthcoming support from these organizations will be of immense value to the startup community. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI highlighted, "STPI & STPINEXT have created a strong collaborative ecosystem and are continuously striving to enhance it for nurturing emerging tech startups into self-sustainable and market ready ventures. For addressing the diversified needs of the startups, STPI & STPINEXT have associated with various organization who excel in their functional areas. Moving forward, collaboration will be a critical parameter for success, and STPI's robust CoE ecosystem is a glaring manifestation of this." Shri Subodh Sachan, Director, STPI cited, "Signing of MoUs with IDBI Capital & MergerDomo is a laudable step towards further galvanising STPI's startup ecosystem to nurture startups by providing them access to industry, industry associations, and funding partners for scaling up their ventures."

Speaking on the occasion Shri Vikram Jain, Senior Manager, ICMS highlighted, "Under this collaboration, ICMS may on best effort basis support STPI CoEs' initiative with regards to supporting and nurturing the selected startups by providing Venture Capital Funding and also through mentoring and knowledge sharing in financial and fund-raising space." Shri Hormazd Charna, Founder & CEO, MergerDomo said, "The collaboration will strengthen STPI's startup ecosystem in particularly through Fund Raising, Market Access, Presenting startups to its investor community on its technology platform, etc."



## STPI Confers 'STPI Excellence Awards' to IT/ITES of Companies of Punjab & Haryana

STPI conferred the STPI Excellence Awards at TiECon 2022, Chandigarh at Plaksha University. The STPI Excellence Awards were presented as a recognition of the contribution made by the IT/ITES industries in terms of exports, employment generation, innovation, and boosting the overall economy and prosperity of the Tricity (Chandigarh, Mohali, and Panchkula) and the states of Punjab & Haryana. The award function is a testimony of the contribution and achievements of STP/IT units/Startups from the Tricity and both the states. For the performance of excellence, IT companies and individuals got awards in 16 different categories.

The event was held in presence of Special Guest, Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI; Shri Sibin C, Director Industries & Commerce Punjab; Shri Paritosh Dandriyal, Director, STPI-Gurugram; Shri Jitin Talwar, President TiE, Chandigarh; and Dr. Rudra Pratap, Founding Vice Chancellor, Plaksha University.

Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI delivered the keynote address at the award function and shared his thoughts on the progress of IT companies in this region and their contribution for boosting exports and generating employment opportunities.

He further stated, "STPI Excellence Awards manifest our commitment to the Indian IT/ITES industry in recognizing their continuous efforts in contributing to the growth of exports and creating enormous employment opportunities for the tech talent of the country."



## STPI Export Awards 2021-22 for West Bengal

STPI-Kolkata conferred STPI Export Awards 2021-22 for West Bengal on 8th April 2022 to promising IT/ITES companies in the state under six categories such as IT Ratna of West Bengal (Exporter above Rs. 2000 crore), Pride of West Bengal (Exporters above Rs. 500 crore to Rs. 2000 crore), Exporters in Tier II/III Region, Exporters above Rs. 25 crore to Rs. 100 crore, Exporters above Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 25 crore, and Exporters upto Rs. 5 crore in the august presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI, Shri Rajeev Kumar, Principal Secretary, Department of Information Technology & Electronics, Govt of West Bengal, Shri Manjit Nayak, Director, STPI-Kolkata and Shri Debashis Sen, Managing Director, WBHIDCO Ltd.



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