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## Message from ARVIND KUMAR

Director General, STPI



Ever since the inception of STPI, the organisation has been working relentlessly to empower the IT/ITeS industries by providing them with the right platform for ease of doing business. To fulfil its commitment, STPI has been establishing state-of-the-art IT-grade infrastructure in tier 2/3 locations in India. These facilities are created by STPI to work as a resource centre for the IT/ITeS industry and startups/entrepreneurs of the newer cities by offering them a wide range of services including statutory services, incubation services and high-speed data communication services and besides creating employment opportunities for the local youth.

Considering the growing demand for IT/ITeS/Startups/Entrepreneurs/SMEs in Kerala, STPI has set up its centres in Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi. STPI-Thiruvananthapuram has been developed on a 38,200 sq. ft. area of land and is equipped with 190 plug-and-play seats, a conference room, an office area and a cafeteria. Whereas, STPI-Kochi centre has been built over an area of ~41,274 sq. ft. inside the Kerala Technology Innovation Zone and boosts a state-of-the-art facility with 140 plug-and-play seats, a conference room, an office area and a cafeteria. These facilities will enable the state to become the largest technology hub in South India while shaping the state's startup ecosystem.

Likewise, a Centre of Entrepreneurship (CoE) has been established in GIFT City, Gandhinagar to foster growth and innovation in the financial technology sector. The local startups in the region can build cutting-edge technology solutions in the financial services domain by accessing the CoE. The CoE provides the requisite support including state-of-the-art incubation infrastructure, sandbox environment, industry APIs, payment gateways, mentoring, and industry and market connections to the startups.

To create a conducive environment to nurture tech startups, STPI has set up an incubation facility in Nagpur. This 28,151 sq. ft. incubation facility is built with 229 plug-and-play seats and can be used as a resource centre by entrepreneurs and IT/ITeS units. To further promote the IT/ITeS industry in Bihar, STPI has established a new centre in Bhagalpur, which has 10,016.48 sq. ft. incubation facility with 110 plug-and-play seats. The centre will further help in promoting entrepreneurship and IT exports from the state of Bihar.

STPI is playing a pivotal role in nurturing the tech startup ecosystem in tier 2 and 3 cities, bridging the gap between these regions and the major metropolitan tech hubs. By providing state-of-the-art infrastructure, mentorship programs, funding opportunities, and networking platforms, STPI is fostering innovation and entrepreneurial spirit across the country. Initiatives such as incubation centres ensure that local talent is harnessed and nurtured, leading to the creation of successful startups that contribute to regional economic growth. Through its dedicated efforts, STPI is transforming tier 2 and 3 cities into vibrant tech hubs, ensuring a more inclusive and diversified growth of India's digital economy.

STPI is strongly supporting the startup ecosystem to scale up its products. In the LEAP AHEAD cohort, 87 promising scaling-stage tech startups across India have been selected following a rigorous selection process. These selected startups are now embarking on a transformative journey through a comprehensive three-month mentorship program consisting of 13 modules, 14 classroom sessions, 10 fireside chats and 10 office hours.

STPI has been instrumental in strengthening the startup ecosystem through policies, initiatives, and the creation of enabling networks. To boost the presence of women entrepreneurs in the tech industry, STPI has introduced CHUNAUTI 7.0, under NextGen Start-up Challenge Contest (CHUNAUTI - Challenge Hunt Under NGIS for Advanced Uninhibited Technology Intervention). Through CHUNAUTI 7.0, STPI has been looking to identify and support promising startups, especially those led by women, by providing access to networks, mentorship, learning opportunities, and essential resources.

As India is navigating through an era of unprecedented technological interventions, the contribution of DeepTech to our startup ecosystem is imperative to recognize. A knowledge report on "Exploring the DeepTech Landscape: Innovation, Opportunities & Challenges" has been unveiled under STPI KnowlegeUp Series. The report catalyzes meaningful action and will inspire stakeholders across sectors to embrace the transformative power of DeepTech. Let's embrace DeepTech as the catalyst for India's socio-economic progress.

### SUCCESS STORYI



### M/s Eidikos Business Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.

Revolutionising the EV industry by manufacturing a range of EV charging station products adaptive to consumer requirements.

STPI Motion CoE-incubated startup M/s Eidikos Business Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., a Pune-based company, is manufacturing a range of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station products adaptive to consumer requirements. It is addressing the issue of lack of indigenization and self-sufficiency in EV charging Infrastructure in India by making a range of tailored EV charging station products for e2w, e3w and e4w vehicle segments. These products are affordable, reliable, easy to use and compliant with published standards.

Founded in 2018 by Shri Zunzar Patil, the company is contributing towards the vision of the nation of building a self-reliant India in electronics manufacturing and making India a global manufacturing hub for EV charging infrastructure solutions. The company aims to be a leading engineering company renowned for its technology expertise and domain experience in designing and developing innovative Electric Vehicle charging products. The company has received recognition at various forums.

Eidikos has been awarded a contract from Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. for a turnkey project to commission Smart & EV-enabled parking spaces at the station premises.

We are grateful to STPI, STPI MOTION CoE Pune teams for this opportunity to be a part of this prestigious program. Our journey with STPI MOTION CoE Pune to reach the growth stage has been full of new learnings with mentoring sessions by automotive industry experts, interactions with senior government officials, Industry connections and participation in global events and exhibitions. The milestone project of Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. would not be possible without the support of STPI's incubation program for startups."

#### Shri Zunzar Patil, Founder

M/s Eidikos Business Enterprises Pvt Ltd.

The company has so far installed 1000+ charging stations in over 38 cities across India. This has resulted in the reduction of around 903 tonnes of Carbon dioxide equivalent emission. Eidikos vision is to contribute to make our planet a greener and safer place, lowering carbon footprint and greenhouse gases.





### STPI launches its centres at Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi to catalyze tech entrepreneurship from Kerala

STPI has set up centres in Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi and both the facilities were inaugurated on 6th March 2024 by Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Electronics & IT and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Jal Shakti, Govt. of India in the presence of Shri S Somnath, Chairman, ISRO; Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI and Shri Ganesh Nayak K, Director, STPI-Thiruvananthapuram.

The new infrastructure at STPI-Thiruvananthapuram has been developed with state-of-the-art IT-grade facilities of approx. 38,200 sq. ft. equipped with 190 plug-and-play seats, a conference room, an office area and a cafeteria. Whereas, STPI-Kochi centre has been developed with state-of-the-art facility of approx. 41,274 sq.ft. with 140 plug-and-play seats, a conference room, an office area and a cafeteria inside 1.2 acers of land of Kerala Technology Innovation Zone (KTIZ), Kalamassery, Kochi.

During the inauguration, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar took a walk-through of the STPI- Thiruvananthapuram incubation facility and interacted with the young entrepreneurs.

"There is a tremendous opportunity for Thiruvananthapuram to be a great catalyst for the growth of India's Digital Economy. The newly inaugurated STPI centres in Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi will bring the state on track to becoming the largest technology hub in South India while boosting the state's startup ecosystem," said Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar.

The new facilities at Kerala will work as a resource centre for IT/ITeS/ESDM industry and startups/entrepreneurs of the region by offering Statutory services, Incubation services, High-Speed Data Communication (HSDC) services and PMC services and will also help in creating employment opportunities for the local youth.

#### STPI unveils OCP 5.0 to propel MedTech startups forward

STPI has launched the 5th edition of the Open Challenge Program (OCP) of the MedTech CoE, Lucknow on 27th February 2024 to encourage entrepreneurship in the medical technology sector in an event at the Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow. The theme of the OCP is "DHEEMAHI"- 'Deep Harnessing and Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs for Medical & Health Innovations'.

The OCP has a special prize of ₹1,00,000, ₹ 75,000 and ₹50,000 for the top 3 selected and on-boarded women entrepreneurs/startups working in the field of health technology. The OCP's focus areas are -- Early Disease Diagnosis, Next Generation Technology, Wireless Monitoring Systems, IoT-based Health Monitoring Systems and Perioperative care of the patient.

A panel discussion on the "Emerging Landscape for MedTech Startups & Ecosystem Development" was held and the panellists shared their views on the evolving terrain for MedTech startups and ecosystem development. They also explored trends, challenges and opportunities in the medical technology sector.





### STPI inaugurates state-of-the-art Incubation and Lab facility in IoT in agriculture at Guwahati

STPI has marked a significant milestone as Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY inaugurated a state-of-the-art incubation and Lab facility in IoT in agriculture of Octane CoE at STPI Guwahati on 9th February 2024. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Shri K.S.P.V. Pavan Kumar, Special Secretary, Department of IT, Govt. of Assam; Shri Kuntal Sensarma, Economic Adviser & Group Coordinator, MeitY, Govt. of India; Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI; Shri PVSLN Murty, Chairman & Managing Director, NEDFi; Smt. Vandana Srivastava, Jurisdictional Director, STPI Guwahati among others.

The event also saw the launch of the Agtech Summit & Assam Agtech Open Challenge Program (OCP) in collaboration with the Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS Society), Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Assam. An MoU was signed and exchanged between STPINEXT and North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) for strengthening the tech startup ecosystem of the North East region.

The OCP was announced to bridge the gap between the agriculture and technology sectors and would support innovators and existing startups to develop solutions that address challenges for smallholder farmers and the Farmer Producer Companies serving them in the state of Assam.

"The launch of OCP in IoT in AgriTech is a relevant, timely & important initiative. The opportunity for agriculture is huge in the Eastern part of India as it is abundantly endowed with water, land and greenery. We need to build a critical agricultural ecosystem & work with the other CoEs of the Octane CoE. This synergy needs to be built so that this doesn't become an isolated effort & doesn't catch on with the economy of the state. Placing bets on innovation is important when you want to transform this part of India as well. We are proud that MeitY is collaborating with Govt of Assam in this significant initiative," said Shri S. Krishnan.

DG STPI Shri Arvind Kumar said, "As India is primarily an agricultural nation, STPI is capitalising on the emergence of technology in the agriculture sector. For a startup, the most difficult task is to identify the problem statement. Technology such as AI can only solve the problem, but it can't identify the problem. This has to be done by a human mind."

The inauguration ceremony was followed by a panel discussion on "AgriTech Revolution: Transforming Agriculture and Livelihoods" and an investor connect session, where startups pitched their ideas to investors. The AgriTech-focused startups even shared their success stories and business experiences.

### STPI takes centre stage at Vejalpur Startup Festival; **Showcasing Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

STPI-Gandhinagar participated in the Vejalpur Startup Festival on 3rd February 2024 and exhibited various services of STPI for the growth of the IT/ITeS industry and tech startup ecosystem. The inaugural ceremony of the event was attended by Shri Bhupendra Patel, Hon'ble CM of Gujarat; Shri Amit Thaker, MLA, Vejalpur; Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI among other dignitaries.

Hon'ble CM Shri Bhupendra Patel interacted with STPI-Incubated startup M/s Fintegration Pvt Ltd, which showcased its products at the fest. Shri Amit Thaker also

visited the STPI-Gandhinagar stall and the officials briefed them about various services of STPI.





### STPI launches incubation facility at Nagpur to promote entrepreneurship and IT exports from Maharashtra

STPI has set up an incubation facility in Nagpur, Maharashtra, which was inaugurated on 10th February 2024 by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India in the presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI; Shri Sanket Bhondve, Joint Secretary, MeitY; Dr. Amol Shinde, CMD, Mahatma Phule Backward Class Development Corporation, Govt. of Maharashtra; and Dr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Director, STPI-Pune.

Keeping in view the growing demand from IT / ITeS/startups/entrepreneurs / SMEs, the incubation facility is spread across 28,151 sq.ft. in Nagpur with 229 plug-and-play seats. This incubation facility will be used as a resource centre by entrepreneurs and IT / ITeS units. It will also provide plug and play incubation facility and high-speed data communication, thereby creating direct and indirect employment opportunities for the IT-educated masses of the region.

Shri Nitin Gadkari praised the efforts of STPI and said, "The main objective of STPI is to promote IT exports. Today, the biggest need is to increase exports and reduce imports. And, this is also one of the important parameters of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, I am happy that the inauguration of this STPI incubation facility here will benefit this region of Maharashtra. I would like to thank STPI for their efforts through their CoE in Akola which is solving the farming problems of our farmers through technology. This is a very important step for the development of the farmers of the Vidarbha region. Startups need to identify the problems of the society and to understand the problem they need to know the pertinent issues of the society and then only they can develop world-class products."

On this occasion, Shri Arvind Kumar said, "It's a proud moment for STPI to get the incubation facility inaugurated by our Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari ji. We hope that this incubation facility will be beneficial for the IT/ITeS companies and startups of the region. STPI has 6 centres in Maharashtra, Pune, Mumbai, Aurangabad, Nagpur, Nashik and Kolhapur. STPI-registered units from these centres have an export of ₹1,65,384 lakh crore in FY 22-23. STPI has 2 CoEs in Maharashtra to nurture startups in AgriTech & ACES mobility."

"STPI has been supporting IT/ITeS industry since 1992. It has supported almost 530 startups through CoEs in the form of mentoring and funding. STPI has launched 23 CoEs and is shaping tech startups through these domain-specific CoEs. And, with this incubation facility, STPI will augment the tech ecosystem of the region," said Shri Sanket Bhondve.

Highlighting the need for inclusive growth of society, Dr. Amol Shinde said, "India can become a 5 trillion-dollar economy soon by developing all sections of society, especially the backward class. Today, Mahatma Phule Backward Class Development Corporation (MPBCDC) is signing an MoU with STPI for the allotment of 50 incubation seats at STPI Nagpur Facility for Tech Startups from the backward class. These startups will be sponsored by MPBCDC. This collaboration between STPI and MPBCDC will give a boost to the startups ecosystem from the region."

An Open Challenge Program (OCP) for the startups, working in Deep Tech and its applications in Automotive and Agri-Tech domains, was also launched by Shri Nitin Gadkari. The special focus of the OCP was on women entrepreneurs. The ceremony also saw an MoU sign and exchange with STPI and IIM, Nagpur to promote and strengthen the tech startup ecosystem of the Maharashtra region. Another MoU was exchanged between STPI and MPBCDC for the allotment of 50 incubation seats of STPI Nagpur to MPBCDC.

STPI along with Mahatma Phule Backward Class Development Corp. Ltd. (MPBCDC) is working to create a conducive environment to nurture tech startups from backward-class communities. At the inaugural event, MPBCDC provided financial assistance of Rs. 50,000/- per startup to the 5 shortlisted startups of STPI MOTION CoE during the inaugural ceremony.

### **STPI launches new CoE** in Gandhinagar to nurture startups in fintech & banking services

STPI has launched its 24th CoE on 11th March 2024 to foster innovation and growth in the financial technology sector, at STPI-Gandhinagar, GIFT City. Shri K Rajaraman, Chairperson, International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) inaugurated the CoE and its maiden Open Challenge Program (OCP) for the startups amidst the presence of Ms. Mona K Khandhar, Principal Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat and other dignitaries.

The FinGlobe CoE, which has been set up in association with the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat, aims to serve as a catalyst for the development and proliferation of cutting-edge technologies within the financial services domain. During the event, five MoUs were exchanged by STPINext Initiatives with its CoE partners i.e., (n)Code Solutions (IT Division of GNFC Limited); Centre for Advancing and Launching Enterprises (CrAdLE), a Technology Business Incubator at Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad; Pandit Deendayal Energy University, Gandhinagar; GVFL Limited and TiE- Ahmedabad.

"If we look at the economic reforms that have happened in the last 25 years, the most important reform is the tax reform. This helped in improving the health of the Indian financial system and financial sector at large. We at IFSCA are building such regulations so that foreign investors don't face any issues when they land in India. With this FinGlobe CoE, startups will build solutions for the rest of the world. We are happy to support and facilitate this CoE," said Shri K Rajaraman during the launch of the event.

"The launch of this CoE is an important journey towards making Gujarat a Fintech hub. All these efforts will deepen the ecosystem of FinTech further. We have also planned a hackathon and start onboarding the startups. We have a long association with STPI. The disruption in IT sector continues with the emergence of artificial intelligence and we are working to leverage this technology," said Ms. Mona K Khandhar.

On the occasion, Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI stated, "STPI is actively engaged in promoting IT/ITeS industry & startups in the state of Gujarat through its two centres in Gandhinagar and Surat. Both centres are driving digital transformation, fostering job creation, and contributing to Gujarat's emergence as a prominent IT destination in times to come. This FinTech CoE will provide the requisite support like state-of-the-art incubation infrastructure, sandbox environment, industry APIs, payment gateways, mentoring, industry & market connect to the startups."



### An MoU signed between STPI Neuron CoE and PUNCOM

STPI Neuron CoE, Mohali and Punjab Communications Limited (PUNCOM) have signed an MoU on 4th January 2024 in the presence of Shri Ajay P. Shrivastava, OIC, STPI Mohali; Shri Parminder Pal Singh Sandhu, Managing Director, PUNCOM. The MoU has been signed to foster innovation and support startups in the state of Punjab and pan-India. It will be instrumental in strengthening the deep tech startups in the domain of AI, IoT, AVG and BigData in Punjab and across the country.

### STPI signs MoU with IIIT-Allahabad to promote innovation in IT sector

STPI, STPINext & IIIT-Allahabad officials signed an MoU on 16th February 2024 at the IIIT-Allahabad campus to facilitate and accelerate innovation in technology and work towards promoting the growth of the IT sector by creating the necessary ecosystem.







### STPI inaugurates new centre in Bhagalpur; provides boost to IT/ITES industry and entrepreneurs

STPI has established a new centre in Bhagalpur and the centre was inaugurated by Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India on 13th March 2024 in the gracious presence of Shri Santosh Kumar Suman, Hon'ble Minister of Information Technology Department, Government of Bihar; Shri Ajay Kumar Mandal, Hon'ble MP from Bhagalpur; Dr. Devesh Tyagi, Senior Director, STPI and other distinguished dignitaries.

The new centre will cater to the needs of the IT/ITES/ESDM industry and promote entrepreneurship and IT exports from the state of Bihar. The centre is another significant step by the Government of India to facilitate and support the dynamic entrepreneurs of the state for their growth.

Bihar State Government has provided 2 acres of land near the Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) for setting up the STPI facility in Bhagalpur. STPI-Bhagalpur has been developed with state-of-the-art IT-grade incubation infrastructure of approximately 10,016 sq.ft. on the ground floor and first floor. The ground floor houses incubation modules with a total of 110 plug-and-play seats. Apart from the incubation space, common facilities like reception, conference rooms, discussion areas, waiting lobby,

Network Operation Center (NOC), STPI office etc. are also available.

"STPI is providing many facilities to new entrepreneurs in the country through its 65 centres. This Bhagalpur centre will create employment opportunities for our local youth in IT. STPI is revolutionizing the world of software export. In the year 2022-2023, STPI has exported software worth about ₹8 lakh crore, which is a major part of the national software exports. Today India is known as a software exporter and there is no doubt that India will excel in this sector," said Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey.

On this occasion, Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI stated, "The expansion of STPI to Bhagalpur is another milestone in the technological journey of Bihar. With its second centre, which will foster innovation and opportunities beyond borders, STPI is enhancing Bihar's tech skills, driving growth and empowering India's digital dreams across the region. Through this centre, new local employment opportunities will be created among the youth of the country and the state & new capabilities will be developed in the field of emerging technologies."

With the inauguration of STPI's Bhagalpur centre, it will be the 65th STPI centre in India and the second operational centre of STPI after Patna in the state of Bihar.

#### STPI startups demonstrate their products at UmagineTN 2024

STPI has co-hosted the UmagineTN 2024 in collaboration with Govt. of Tamil Nadu on 23rd and 24th Feb 2024. Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY, Govt of India delivered his Keynote address on "The Digital Innovation Ecosystem: A Major driver of economic prosperity" in the said event. Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Director, STPI-Chennai has delivered a special address on various initiatives taken by STPI in establishing the CoEs on Emerging Technologies during a session held on "DeepTech Startups and Strategies" in association with iTNT Hub.

STPI has facilitated startups by providing 50 startup kiosks to showcase their Innovative products and solutions developed on emerging technologies. UmagineTN has deliberated on six major areas -- Artificial Intelligence, Deep Security, Connected Intelligence, Tech, Cyber Sustainability, Global Innovation Centres and AVGC-XR (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality). In the two-day event, over 25 sessions have been conducted and featured more than 150 exhibitors.

### STPI-incubated startups participate in Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024; bring out revolution in ACES mobility sector

At Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024, STPI provided a platform to seven startups of sustainability mobility domains to demonstrate their products. Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI interacted with these STPI MOTION CoE-incubated startups and discussed the immense potential of the ACES mobility sector possess for the young innovators during his visit to the expo.

STPI-incubated startup M/s Attron Automotive Pvt. Ltd., one of the participating startups of the event, unveiled three new products on 1st February 2024 for faster, more efficient, and higher-performance EVs.

Attron Automotive is forging the future of sustainable transportation with its breakthrough EV propulsion technology. The company's proprietary motors and intelligent controllers are transforming how EVs are powered and performed. Attron's lightweight, compact solutions not only lower costs but also simplify EV operation, enabling longer range, quicker acceleration, and greater top speeds. Their integrated IPM PMSM motors and Eta

framework guarantee optimal performance, showcasing perfect harmony.

The revolutionising products were launched amidst the presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI; Shri Mosam Ugemuge. Co-Founder, Attron Automotive; Shri Shubham Pode, Co-Founder, Attron Automotive and other senior officials of STPI and MeitY.



#### Here are the other startups and their products:

| Dopar Energy Pvt. Ltd.                    | Dopar Energy is an EV Powertrain technology company specialized in developing customized and connected Traction Motor Control Solutions for EV Application. |
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| Electromotion E-Vidyut Vehicles Pvt. Ltd. | With Electromotion's RetroKit™, one can convert any existing autorickshaw to electric in less than 2 hours.                                                 |
| Yellow Matrix Pvt. Ltd.                   | Yellow Matrix offers Research driven Tech Advantage to Automotive Manufacturers through affordable and capable products and solutions.                      |
| Krishigati Pvt. Ltd.                      | Krishigati is offering innovative solutions for avant-garde technological solutions for precision farming through its electric bull.                        |
| CPO Assist                                | CPO Assist are industry pioneers in the electric vehicle (EV) charging sector, led by industry experts.                                                     |
| Attron Automotive Pvt. Ltd.               | Attron Automotive pioneers electric mobility with cutting-edge motor and controller solutions.                                                              |
| Combat Robotics                           | Combat Robotics working in defense and railway sector to reduce human efforts and increase the accuracy for the same.                                       |

#### STPI organizes a wellness program on International Women's Day

STPI-Pune organized a wellness program on 8th March 2024 for its officials and incubation units on the occasion of International Women's Day 2024. The program aimed to physical and mental well-being among promote

participants. The participants actively engaged in various activities and workshops focused on fitness, stress management, and mindfulness. STPI-Bhubaneswar also felicitated the women employees on the occasion.



#### Foundation Stone laid for STPI centre in Bareilly, paving the way for regional innovation and growth

The foundation stone for STPI's new centre in Bareilly was laid on 13th March 2024 during an event at Bareilly College. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath has laid the foundation stone for the ambitious project in the presence of other esteemed dignitaries and STPI officials. The upcoming centre will bolster the city's infrastructure, providing state-of-the-art facilities to foster innovation and entrepreneurship. STPI centre in Bareilly aims to nurture local talent, support startups, and attract major IT companies, transforming Bareilly into a burgeoning tech hub. In UP, STPI has its presence in Noida, Lucknow, Kanpur, Prayagraj and Meerut and with the upcoming centre, STPI reaffirms its commitment to driving India's digital transformation and regional development.





#### STPI empowers women entrepreneurs through the launch of CHUNAUTI 7.0

On the sidelines of the TiEcon Delhi 2024, STPI has launched the seventh edition of CHUNAUTI, under its comprehensive Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS), on 8th March 2024 to empower women entrepreneurs in co-creating India's Innovation Landscape. The momentous occasion saw the presence of Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY; Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI and Shri Alok Mittal, President, TiE Delhi-NCR among others.

This initiative aims to acknowledge and celebrate the impressive technical skills of women-led startups leading the charge in innovative technology solutions. These startups should be tackling pressing issues across sectors like education, healthcare & wellness, finance, SaaS, DeepTech, e-commerce, agriculture, and environment among others. STPI, through CHUNAUTI 7.0, is looking to identify and support promising startups, especially those led by women, by providing access to global networks, learning opportunities, mentorship, and resources. It also aims to empower startups to grow their ventures, achieve profitability, and make a global impact.

"Success as an entrepreneur doesn't come easy. There are struggles. You need to try many times. People misguide you. You also get lost somewhere. When you need help or assistance, you don't find that. But eventually, you will succeed because you have perseverance and persistence. Reinventing yourself is essential in any phase," said Shri S. Krishnan. Underlining the various other initiatives of STPI, Shri Arvind Kumar said," Our country is changing with all the efforts of the innovators. Govt. has created a conducive environment for entrepreneurs to flourish. STPI is also nurturing these entrepreneurs through its domain-specific CoEs across India."

The dignitaries also unveiled an STPI KNOWLEDGE REPORT on "Exploring the DeepTech Landscape", which delves into the realm of DeepTech, where complex and revolutionary technologies strive to address humanity's most burgeoning challenges.

### STPI launches LEAP AHEAD Cohort for 87 promising scaling-stage tech startups

After the successful completion of the LEAP AHEAD summits in Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh and Vijayawada, STPI launched the LEAP AHEAD Cohort for the 87 promising scaling-stage tech startups, which were selected following a rigorous selection process, on 22nd January 2024 amidst the gracious presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI; Dr. Devesh Tyagi, Senior Director, STPI; Shri Subodh Sachan, Chief Innovation Officer, STPINEXT and Shri Alok Mittal, President, TiE-Delhi/NCR among others.

During the LEAP AHEAD cohort launch, a booklet "LEAP AHEAD innovators" was unveiled. The booklet entails the profiling of 75+ shortlisted trailblazing tech startups. Shri Paritosh Pathak, Founder, M/s Paritosh Pathak International conducted a networking icebreaker session for startups during the LEAP AHEAD Cohort launch and emphasised the need for building strong connections as it opens doors to opportunities, collaborations, and growth.

These selected startups have now embarked on a transformative journey encompassing the three core pillars of the LEAP AHEAD: a) Quality Mentorship, b) Scale-up Funding, and c) Enabling Global Connections. A comprehensive three-month mentorship program consisting of 13 modules, 14 classroom sessions, 10 fireside chats and 10 office hours is being planned so that the selected startups can access knowledge about Go-to-Market strategies, Team Building, Legal & Compliance, Financial Management, and Unit Economics from the industry experts.



### 20 STPI startups from various tech domains demonstrate their products at IndiaSoft 2024

STPI co-hosted IndiaSoft 2024, which was held on 17th January 2024-19th January 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, IECC. In the event, 20 STPI startups from various tech domains have showcased their products.

At the STPI pavilion of IndiaSoft 2024, visitors interacted with these tech startups, explored their cutting-edge technologies and witnessed the dynamic spirit of STPI's tech startup ecosystem.



#### List of startups and their domains:

| List of startups and their domains: —     |                                                                       |
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| Benlycos Pvt. Ltd.                        | • IOT                                                                 |
| Bivastra Textiles Pvt. Ltd.               | Blockchain                                                            |
| Brenin Technologies Pvt. Ltd.             | Software Development, AI ML , SaaS                                    |
| • CFAUS India, Social Service Pvt. Ltd.   | Music video production                                                |
| DrPashu Al Technologies Pvt. Ltd.         | Al-Enabled Health Monitoring                                          |
| Vyom Digital Services Pvt. Ltd.           | IoMT, Smart Integrated Health Services                                |
| Manodayam Pvt. Ltd.                       | DIGITAL PLATFORM (APP) for Mental Health                              |
| AbracaDabra Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd.  | • Games, Mobile Apps, Web Apps                                        |
| Irin Al Pvt. Ltd.                         | Marketing software                                                    |
| HarSar Innovations Pvt. Ltd.              | Emerging and Immersive Technology                                     |
| Grus & Grade Pvt. Ltd.                    | Agri Fin Tech Platform                                                |
| HanuAl Pvt. Ltd.                          | <ul> <li>Automated AI enabled Road Asset Management System</li> </ul> |
| • iAMPS&Hz Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd. | EMI/EMC products                                                      |
| Intellewings Pvt. Ltd.                    | Anti Money Laundering Solution                                        |
| Mobilefirst Applications Pvt. Ltd.        | • Financial Technology                                                |
| Net0link AI                               | Carbon Marketplace & Al-based HVAC system                             |
| Picasoid Health Technology Pvt. Ltd.      | Healthcare API, SaaS for healthcare facilities                        |
| Stackcell Realty Technologies Pvt Ltd     | Real estate                                                           |
| Tinitfy India Pvt. Ltd.                   | Software Development, Mobile Applications                             |
| WaterBot Online Solutions Pvt. Ltd.       | IoT prototyping boards                                                |

