

## Improving Innovation and Entrepreneurship Performance

### An “Invite-only” Networking Event for College/ University Leadership

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<b>GAINS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical Pointers on Improving Innovation and Entrepreneurship Performance</li> <li>• Exploring ideas and avenues for industry academia partnerships</li> <li>• Bridging gap between Industry and Academia</li> </ul>
<b>ORGANIZED BY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TechEx.in, a Tech transfer hub at Venture Center</li> </ul>
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<b>FOR WHOM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only for Principals/ Heads/ Directors of Academic Institutions (by invitation only)</li> </ul>
<b>WHEN</b>	<b>(Friday) 7 October, 2022   Time: 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm</b>
<b>WHERE</b>	Session will be held at Venture Center Campus
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<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<p><b>Free “Invite-only” Session</b></p> <p><b>Steps for registration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step 1: Interested participants need provide the following details for entry purpose (Name; Email id and Mobile number)</li> <li>• Step 2: Registered participants shall receive a 4 digit code on their registered mobile number and email ID. Use the code to enter the campus. Please do mention that you have come for the workshop incase asked by the security guards.</li> </ul> <p>Note:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More details on: <a href="http://www.techex.in/events">www.techex.in/events</a></li> <li>○ Organizers reserve the right to select participants so as to optimize the group for better interaction and ensure benefit to as many relevant participants as possible.</li> </ul>

## Introduction

This event is held as a networking opportunity to facilitate exchange of ideas with Academic heads to foster collaborations and to bridge gaps between industry and academia. Aim is also to explore the role of incubators as strategic partners in facilitating innovation and entrepreneurship in academic set ups. Practical Pointers on Improving Innovation and Entrepreneurship Performance will be discussed. Event will end with a guided tour of Venture Center, India's largest Science and Technology Incubator.

Key benefits of the workshop:

- Brainstorming and exchange of ideas on improving innovation and entrepreneurship **performance parameters from ranking perspective.**
- Get **connected to other heads of academic and research institutes in the Science and Technology Ecosystem** in "Pune Region" from the perspective of fostering collaborations.
- Understand and explore ways in which **Venture Center can contribute as your strategic partner** for facilitating innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives at your institute's level.
- Get a **guided tour of Venture Centre** showcasing ways in which Venture Center can support conversion of innovative ideas from your institutes from ideation to all the way to taking the products to commercialization via spin-offs.

## Program Includes

- Free membership in mailing list to follow-up on program and intimation of relevant events/ funding opportunities from Venture Center.
- Guided Tour of Venture Center and the various service offerings to support innovators and startups from your institutes.

## Program Schedule

Time	Duration	Topic	Lead speaker
1600 – 1610	10 mins	Welcome and introduction to Venture Center and TechEx.in	Manisha Premnath
1610 - 1630	20 mins	Chief Guest- Keynote Speech: Improving Innovation and Entrepreneurship Performance	Abhay Jere
1630 - 1700	30 mins	Guided Discussion between the Chief Guest Dr. Abhay Jere and Dr. Premnath on Innovation Excellence and Startup Performance	Abhay Jere Premnath V
1700 - 1710	10 mins	Q&A	
1710 - 1740	30 mins	Networking over High Tea	
1740 - 1800	20 mins	Guided tour to Venture center	Mugdha Lele

**Speakers (in alphabetical order of last names)**



**Abhay Jere, PhD**  
**Chief Innovation Officer, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.**

Dr. Abhay Jere is the Chief Innovation Officer for Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. He is also the brain and driving force behind annual initiative 'Smart India Hackathon' which has now evolved as 'World's Biggest Hackathon and largest Open Innovation Model'. He is instrumental in conceptualizing first-of-its' kind 'Atal Innovation Ranking framework (ARIIA)' for ranking all education institutions in India on their innovation achievements. He conceptualized 'Institution's Innovation Councils (IIC)', to guide education institutions for establishing innovation ecosystem. Dr. Jere designed 'National Innovation and Startup Policy for Faculty and Students' to help enable students and faculty of higher education institutions to work on their innovation, startup and enterprise. Dr. Jere is also a very active scientist in field of biology and bioinformatics. He is the main brain behind 'Human Atlas initiative-Manav' and currently its National Coordinator. Dr. Jere has published more than 20 research papers in very prestigious international journals and contributed to multiple book chapters. Dr. Jere received multiple awards like Digital Thought Leadership Award by World Assessment Council, Boston USA, Distinguished Alumni Award by ICT, Mumbai and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Award.



**Premnath V, PhD**  
**Director, Venture Center | Head, NCL Innovations**

Dr. Premnath is Head, NCL Innovations at CSIR-NCL and Founder Director, Venture Center (National award winning inventive enterprises and deep tech incubator). Dr Premnath is a technology developer, innovation and incubation manager, startup mentor and a co-founder of 2 medtech startups. One of his inventions -- a breakthrough material for hip and knee joint replacements — has been implanted in more than a million patients worldwide. Another technology for porous maxillo-facial implants has been implanted in thousands of patients in India and abroad. He has provided leadership for teams that have won National awards for technology development, intellectual property management and business incubation. He is chemical engineer and an alumnus of MIT in the US, IIT-Bombay (Distinguished Alumnus, 2022) and has been a Chevening Technology Enterprise Scholar in Cambridge, UK.

**Venture Center Organizing Team (in alphabetical order of last names)**



**Mugdha Lele**  
**Head – Social Innovations, Venture Center**

Mugdha is a Ph.D from School of Health Sciences, University of Pune and has teaching and research experience in a State Government medical university. At Venture Center, she is responsible for driving the Social Innovations and related activities and is responsible for providing technical mentoring for incubatees at Venture Center. Mugdha has been a Fellow of the Chevening Rolls Royce Science, Innovation, Policy and Leadership Programme (CRISP) at the Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK in 2016. In 2018 she has also been part of the Aritra Accelerator Program for Leadership in the Social Sector at IIM Bangalore with Phicus Solutions and Dr. Reddy's Foundation. She is interested to drive programs which support development of novel technology solutions for impact in the social sector.



**Kavita Parekh**  
**Assistant Manager - Technology Connects, Venture Center**

Dr Parekh is currently Assistant Manager - Technology Connects at Venture Center. She is a doctorate from School of Health Sciences, University of Pune and has teaching and research experience of more than 11 yrs. She has industry experience of working with biomarkers for cancer and her research interests are in molecular diagnostics. At Venture Center, she is responsible for technology marketing and lead generation activities. She also identifies Tech partners in academic and research institutes.



**Manisha Premnath**  
**General Manager and Chief Operations Officer, Venture Center**

Dr Manisha is General Manager and Chief Operations Officer, Venture Center. Dr. Manisha holds a Ph.D in Biotechnology from University of Pune and Post-doctoral training from University of Cambridge, UK. She has been a Chevening Rolls Royce Science, Innovation, Policy and Leadership Programme (CRISP) Fellow at the Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK during 2015 where she had the opportunity to study technology innovation ecosystems. She has research experience in biotechnology, microbiology, fungal biotechnology, molecular biology and molecular virology. She has experience in planning and setting up of advanced scientific facilities and program management.

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