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# Message from
# Director General

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The coronavirus pandemic has disrupted the social and economic fabric of the world in an immeasurable proportion. The wheels of economy have significantly decelerated. The global supply chains and international trade are facing the challenges of lockdown across geographies. The domino effect of lockdown has not only impacted the aviation, travel & transportation, tourism, and hospitality sectors but also it has impacted the allied sectors those were dependent on them. While COVID-19 has affected most sectors, the Indian IT/ITeS industry has warranted the continuity of critical operations of clients by adhering to the remote working. STPI has played a catalytic role in ensuring the member units allow work from home (WFH) to their employees to serve their clients seamlessly. STPI has also facilitated the business continuity plan to the STP/EHTP units by warranting a lean staffing model across all centres pan-India.

WFH facility has enabled the Indian IT industry to deliver services and critical solutions to their global clients in an efficient manner even during national lockdown. With matured IT-grade infrastructure like massive communication network, data centres and cloud adaption, the IT companies have displayed a higher degree of sustainability and resilience in ensuring business continuity. The government has also taken necessary measures in relaxing norms and various policy amendments, which have helped the Indian IT companies to deliver continuous services to global clients without affecting the operations.

STPI apart from the enablement of WFH has also contributed one-day salary amounting to Rs. 15.48 lakh to the PM CARES Fund to fight the menace of COVID-19. This gesture has also influenced the IT companies in India to come forward and pitch in to the national cause by contributing through various means

such as direct contribution to PM CARES Fund, distribution of masks and other medical equipment to frontline warriors, provide essential materials to the underprivileged sections of society, strengthen R&D & innovation by leveraging their technology platform to build applications and medical devices, and support the government and pharmaceutical companies in revving up the drug discovery process.

The policy decisions undertaken by the government in the Union Budget 2020 are commendable initiatives. The government's thrust on further easing business norms and incentivising startups; embracing emerging technologies such as AI, ML, IoT, 3D Printing, Drones and Quantum Computing; building required digital infrastructure in terms of connectivity to public institutions at gram panchayat level and also to create data centres pan India will catalyse the growth of Indian economy in the coming times. The robust technology ecosystem will galvanise collaborative research and innovation help tech companies and startups build indigenous affordable products for the citizens of India.

As we are moving into a new world order where technology plays an enormous role in addressing the gravest challenges of the world by delivering path-breaking solutions, it's imperative for the Indian IT industry to stand tall and support the nation in overcoming the challenges and making it an example for the global audience. I am sure the Indian IT industry has brought many laurels for the nation by making it the global outsourcing hub, and today the same industry is poised to disrupt the cycles of innovation and build superior technology products to not only combat the grievous pandemic like COVID-19 but also ensure a safer future by enabling other industries leverage the power of technology to become more resilient and sustainable on the face of global crisis. ⌐

# Lead Story

## Inauguration of Incubation Facility
### at STPI-Srinagar

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Law & Justice inaugurated "STPI-Srinagar incubation facility" on 22nd January, 2020 at Srinagar in the gracious presence of Dr. Omkar Rai, Director General of STPI. The additional facility of about 24,000 sq. ft. constructed at STPI, SIDCO Electronics Complex Rangrath, Srinagar will meet the growing demand of IT/ITeS MSMEs of the region. Currently, J&K has three STP units, employing around 140 resources are registered with STPI. For FY 2019-20, estimated exports from these units are expected to be around Rs. 6.76 Cr.

On this occasion, Hon'ble minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad stated, "The incubation facility at STPI-Srinagar will provide opportunities to IT entrepreneurs by providing plug-n-play and other digital infrastructure along with regulatory support to develop and export IT products from the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. "

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Omkar Rai, DG, STPI shared, "MeitY and STPI are in the process of getting various collaborating partners onboard to set up Centres of Excellence in the area of Agritech, Horticulture under IoT domain. To establish these CoEs, we are working with Higher Education Department of UT of J&K for allocation of space at University of Jammu, Jammu and Govt. Sri Pratap College, Srinagar.

Shri Bipul Pathak, Principal Secretary to Lt. Governor; Shri Farooq Khan, Advisor to Lt. Governor; Prof. Talat Ahmed, Vice Chancellor, Kashmir University; Dr. Omkar Rai, DG, STPI; Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chowdhary, Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; Dr. Syed Abid Rashid Shah, CEO Mission Youth; Shri Davesh Tyagi, Senior Director, STPI; Shri Rajnish Agarwal, Director, STPI-Noida; Shri Asim Ahmed Khan, Director, STPI-Srinagar; Shri Ganesh Nayak, Director, STPI-Noida; Shri Amit Bansal, Additional Director, STPI-HQ and other officials were present on the occasion.

# Coronavirus Impact:

## Software Technology Parks Empowered IT/ITeS Firms to Work from Home

In a precautionary move to check spread of deadly coronavirus, Software Technology Parks of India on 13th March 2020 issued advisory that enabled around 18-20 lakh employees of IT/ITeS companies registered with it to work from home.

"There are rules that allow employees to work from home in certain situation. We have issued those enabling clauses and will motivate all units registered with us to implement it. There are around 3,000 exporters registered with us and around 18-20 lakh employees work with them," said Dr. Omkar Rai, Director General, STPI.

The urgent advisory issued by STPI, which oversees facilities and rules for software exporters, said in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, units may require employees to work from home using the laptop or desktop provided by the unit to them. "In this connection, para-6.07 of HBOP (handbook of procedures) of FTP, inter-alia, permits employees of STP/EHTP units to take duty-free laptops/computers, etc, out of premises of units for working upon by authorised employees," the advisory said.

Business continuity and employee safety remains key priority during Covid-19. IT industry is putting contingency measures and leveraging technology to ensure business continuity for its customers and employees. Companies have been extensively deploying technology solutions and online collaboration tools for business interactions, client meetings and internal workouts, allowing employees to work from home wherever possible.

## STPI Employees Donated

### 1-Day Salary to PM CARES Fund

In wake of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic across the country, employees of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) voluntarily came forward to donate their one-day salary to the PM CARES Fund to help combat the disease. "We at STPI are committed to extend our support to the nation to fight this pandemic. Each employee of STPI will donate his/her one-day salary to the PM CARES Fund," Dr. Omkar Rai, Director General, STPI said.

The effort is to make immediate contribution with the noble intent, he said. Dr. Rai has also appealed the Indian IT/ITeS industry and diaspora to come forward and support the government in all its endeavours to address the challenges of this pandemic. "Together in the collaboration with the State and the Central government we will not only fight this war effectively but eventually we will win as well," he further said.

At this time of crisis, STPI is providing seamless services to the Indian IT/ ITeS industry and simultaneously discharging its social responsibilities. To ensure continuity of its services, STPI has allowed all its employees to work from home.

Moreover, STPI has also urged the IT/ITes industry to refrain from terminating their employees, including casual and outsourced staff, and ensure that they are treated 'on duty' during their period of absence to enable timely disbursal of wages/salaries to them at this critical moment. STPI also recommended that the companies should leverage CSR funds for implementing suitable measures while commending the efforts of the IT/ITes industry for allowing the majority of employees to work from home and adhering to the standard hygiene practices, wherever offices are operational.

## PM CARES

# Success Story

## MattsenKumar Service Pvt. Ltd.

### Creating Jobs in Jaipur under IBPS

For more than 15 years, MattsenKumar has been a pioneer in establishing and transforming contact centre operations for leading organisations across the globe. With over 13 years of providing third-party quality monitoring services through exclusive partnership with Hyper Quality (an Avaya company), the company has been adhering to the global quality standards with due diligence. The team not only focuses on providing successful transactional output, but they also offer business analytics and process improvement strategies by leveraging internal business intelligence expertise.

As part of their business strategy, MattsenKumar always wanted to expand their operations to tier 2 & 3 cities. However, lack of adequate skilled manpower and proper infrastructure were concerns for the company. Moreover, scarcity of talent, employee attrition and shoestring budgets were key challenges faced by the company. Frequent disruptions related to internet and traffic were the major concerns for a BPO that serves global clients. Furthermore, dearth of professionals willing to move to tier 2 cities always constrained the organisation from expanding.

In the meantime, India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS) motivated the company for the timely expansion of its operations at Jaipur. The scheme encouraged MattsenKumar to create direct and indirect employment in varied sectors. The company participated in the 5th round of IBPS bidding and was allocated 200 seats under the scheme. STPI also played a catalytic role in helping the organisation establish their centre at Jaipur and expand their operations effectively.

With positive response both in terms of infrastructure and human resource availability in Jaipur, the company is optimistic of expanding the team of talented professionals and building a thriving community. With continuous support from IBPS and STPI, MattsenKumar aims to employ more women and differently abled persons. The support extended by the government at varied fronts has encouraged the organisation to get in collaboration with local entrepreneurs and take their assistance in running the centres efficiently.

Today, MattsenKumar operates in an array of business areas. From offering contact centre services to managing e-commerce catalogues for multiple Fortune 500 companies, the company leverages the experience of talented professionals to ensure 100% client satisfaction. MattsenKumar's clientele includes companies seeking multiple services including back office support, contact centre operations, data visualizations services, business process management, e-commerce catalogue management and customer experience management.

The all-inclusive scheme, IBPS has encouraged the company to explore the unchartered territories and find success in everything. The incomparable support of STPI at every juncture has shaped their story in such a way that it can inspire other enterprises venture into this domain.

> **Mr. Rudraksh Singh Parmar**
> Vice President, MattsenKumar Service Pvt. Ltd.
> & Site Head, Jaipur Centre concludes
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> Our state-of-the-art operation facility at Jaipur plays an important role in helping us serve our growing base of Fortune 500 clients, while expanding our national footprints to access the best and brightest talent in and around Jaipur.

# Soft Launch of

## IMAGE
A CoE in Gaming, VFX, CV & AI by STPI

### at Hyderabad

IMAGE, the first Centre of Excellence for Gaming, VFX, Computer Vision & AI, set up by STPI, backed by MeitY and Government of Telangana was launched on 17th February 2020 at Hyderabad.

IMAGE CoE also signed MoUs with five partners such as Telangana VFX, Animation and Gaming Association (TVAGA), Hyderabad Angles, Hyderabad Software Exporters Association (HYSEA), and IIT-Hyderabad, with an objective to nurture and promote startups and budding entrepreneurs by offering resources like mentoring, technology support, infrastructure like plug & play incubation, Mocap, CVAI labs and funding.

Spread over 10,000 sq. ft. inside the existing STPI facility at Hyderabad, the IMAGE CoE targets to incubate up to 25-30 startups per year for the next five years. A total investment of Rs. 19. 6ll crore shall be spent over a period of 5 years for the CoE in addition to the existing infrastructure in the STPI facility.

The startups will be mentored by a group of accomplished industry and academic pioneers, led by the Chief Mentor and aided by a strong Governing Council (GC) & Project Management Group (PMG) consisting of top technology industrialists, investors and academicians.



## Benefits to Startups

Applications to get on board in the CoE (image.stpi.in) is open. The startups will undergo various levels of evaluation before selection. On selection, they will be assisted with a seed fund of Rs.

5 lakhs after due diligence by the PMG. This fund will be released to startups during the structured accelerated program, at regular intervals, based on achieving set milestones.

In the first year, 20 startups will be chosen for on-boarding this program. Each startup will be given access to best-in-class infrastructure and R&D lab facilities, for development and validation of solution from design to prototyping to democratise innovation, including the newly set up first-of-its-kind Motion Capture Lab. They will also be provided access to funding, mentorship and marketing.

Shri Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary of the Industries & Commerce (I&C) and Information Technology (IT) said "Hyderabad is fast emerging as the best global destination for Gaming and AI landscape. That's the one key reason we believe STPI chose to set up its CoE in Hyderabad, and as partners, we are fully committed to this initiative." "We have a strong ecosystem, as Hyderabad hosts world's leading gaming companies, global scale events such as IndiaJoy, The India Game Developers Conference (IGDC) plus India's biggest IMAGE towers readying to open in Hyderabad."

Stating that Hyderabad was a natural choice to set up the IMAGE CoE due to its inherent industry strengths, Dr. Omkar Rai, Director General, STPI accentuated, "The CoE will bring a paradigm shift in reviving up research and innovation in Gaming, VFX, Computer Vision & AI through a robust ecosystem in collaboration with tech partners, industry, investors, industry associations and government, and will bolster indigenous product development while propelling the growth of tech entrepreneurship in the country. By collaborating with industry associations, academia, and angels, we have ensured the IMAGE incubation model is built on a solid foundation to realise our mission to build world-class Gaming, Animation and Deep Tech providers to the world."

"Setting up STPI-IMAGE CoE is a great news for the Gaming sector, especially startups, as they now have access to game development, funding, foster strategic partnerships with game development companies and global gaming publishers. TVAGA will play an active role in promoting the gaming sector and support IMAGE mission," Shri Rajiv Chilaka, President, TVAGA & Founder and CEO of Green Gold said.

Congratulating Software Technology Parks of India, Hyderabad, for setting up the Centre of Excellence in animation and gaming as well as in Computer Vision and AI, Shri Shashi Reddy, Chief Mentor of IMAGE CoE and VP Engineering, Qualcomm India, in his address said, "Hyderabad has a lot of animation and gaming companies, and the industry has been maturing over the years. This is a great opportunity for new startups to build, nurture innovation at STPI-IMAGE and accelerate the growth of gaming and animation in the city." "I am really excited about the future, as the new Computer Vision and AI at CoE will propel Deep Learning techniques and help grow the CV and AI areas, as well as augment new startups," Shri Reddy added.

"I am very happy to see the STPI CoE become operational. We have been working on it for many months now. It is a unique endeavour where we have STPI, Govt. of Talangana, IIIT-Hyderabad, HYSEA and we have a large company like Qualcomm and the gaming and animation association TVAGA, all involved. We will be supporting the startups from IIIT-Hyderabad, from both research and as well as the innovation centre standpoint. We are hoping to find very interesting startups that are using Computer Vision & AI to solve different problems for different industries. The opportunities are huge from medical solutions to industry for point solutions to safety and security," expressed, Shri Ramesh Loganathan, Professor of Practice, Co-innovations at IIIT-Hyderabad.

Shri CVD Ram Prasad, Director STPI-Hyderabad welcomed distinguished guests & participants to the event & Shri Subodh Sachan, Director, STPI-HQ gave vote of thanks.

## Highly Value Partnerships

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TVAGA will lend support in funding game development start-ups and fostering strategic partnerships between game development startups and global gaming publishers. In addition, TVAGA will be sponsoring Gamelab related resources such as cloud and advertising credits for gaming startups being accelerated at CoE.

HYSEA will help provide seed funding, strategy guidance, market access besides helping the startups on matters related to product definition. On their part, Hyderabad Angels will provide strategy, mentoring, and help to raise funds for the startups. IIIT-H will extend technology mentoring support.

## Gaming Industry's Market Potential

Year 2020 will see social interactive gaming and eSports become mainstream. India ranks fifth among the world's top mobile gaming markets and is expected to move to the top 3 in the next 3 years. Mobile gaming is anticipated to be a $105 billion opportunity by 2023 and outpace China which is estimated to be at $73 billion. From 2 million gamers in 2016 to 100 million gamers by the end of 2019, the momentum will likely continue.

The average gamer spends 60 mins on mobile games with OTT platforms seeing 45 mins spent. Add to the fanatic user engagement is the repetitive behaviour where 40% of men and 35% of women play mobile games at least five days a week in India.

60% of online gamers are in the 18-24 age bracket who want to make quick money and don't hesitate to spend. Tencent's PUBG makes a mind-boggling $7 million a month from India.

### 27th Edition of Technology Sabha
#### at Bhubaneswar

The 27th edition of Technology Sabha was held during 14th-15th February 2020 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The 2-day residential conference explored new trends and innovations in creating a digital ecosystem for accelerating eGovernance initiatives.

Technology Sabha has been able to gather key Government ICT practitioners and decision makers, under one roof, as they work towards the creation of a more transparent and efficient governance mechanism.

Dr. Omkar Rai, Director General, STPI addressed the participants on 14th February 2020 and briefed the role of STPI towards building the growth of IT industries in the country.



### TiE Tier 3 City Summit
#### Exploring Entrepreneurship

STPI and TiE Bhubaneswar organised a first-of-its-kind Tier-3 city summit with the theme Exploring Entrepreneurship Ecosystem at Jeypore in Koraput, a western district in Odisha, to nurture innovation and entrepreneurship on 4th February 2020. Shri Manas Panda, Director, STPI-Bhubaneswar addressed the gathering and briefed on various facilities, services and new initiatives of STPI like NGIS, Fablab and STPICoEs for nurturing and advised the participants to leverage the unlimited opportunities for converting ideas into successful enterprises. The event was attended by around 30 startups & some of brightest minds who got highly motivated after interaction.



### SBC Business Expo 2020

STPI-Surat participated in the SBC Business Expo 2020, organised by Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI), held at Surat International Exhibition & Convention Centre, Surat during 6th - 8th March 2020.

STPI-Surat showcased the incubation facilities at Gandhinagar & Surat and provided information to the visitors on the new initiatives undertaken by STPI at national level like setting up domain-specific Centres of Excellence (CoEs), FABLAB, Electropreneur Park, Next Generation Incubation Scheme, SMART Lab etc.

## Kutuhal Exhibition
### Revealing Journey from Pre-birth to Re-birth



STPI sponsored Kutuhal exhibition, which was held during 07th -10th February 2020 at S P college, Pune. A Vijnana Bharti concept supported by College of Engineering, Pune; B J Government Medical College & Sassoon General Hospital, Pune; Indian Medical Association, Pune Chapter; Vigyan Prasar and Shikshan Prasarak Mandali, Kutuhal was envisioned to reveal the inside story of medical appliances ranging from blood pressure measurement apparatus to ultra-modern CT scan machine and from the simple stethoscope to the futuristic endoscope. This event was intended to unfold the know-how of various medical technologies, instrumentations to display innovations in medical sciences and diagnostics to create awareness about various diseases, their treatment and many other aspects of healthcare systems in India.

Dr. Omkar Rai, Director General, STPI inaugurated the event. While speaking in the inaugural session of the event he emphasised on how the medical science is uplifting due to technological advancement, especially in medical domain.

STPI sponsored 8 exhibition stalls to IT SME/Incubatees under STPI jurisdiction pan India for participation in the event.

# Participation in CII Programme: CII@125 – Promoting Tirupati as Electronic Manufacturing Hub of India



STPI-Hyderabad participated in the CII's session: CII@125 Promoting Tirupati as Electronics Manufacturing Hub of India held on 6th February 2020 at Tirupati. Shri CVD Ramprasad, Director, STPI-Hyderabad was invited as the Chief Guest for the inaugural session.

During the inaugural address, Shri CVD Ramprasad accentuated on the scope of promoting Tirupati as Electronic Manufacturing Hub and also briefed about the STPINEXT initiatives and the successful launch of the CoEs in multiple domains at various STPI centres.

STPI also participated in the session on "CII@125: Building Organisation through Sustainability" held on 22nd February 2020 at Visakhapatnam. Shri M P Dubey, JD & OIC addressed on "Digital Transformation using Emerging Technologies"

## Cyber Security Conclave 5.0

STPI Hyderabad participated in the Cyber Security Conclave 5.0 organised by Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) in association with Cyberabad Police on the theme " Next Gen Threats & Solutions" held on 23rd January 2020 at HICC Novotel, Hyderabad.

The one-day conclave has covered the trending topics in IT arena namely Quantum computing Vs Cyber Security, AI Solutions for Resilience, IOT Security, Engineering Security in Cloud computing, Cyber Forensics and Global & India Cyber Laws and compliance and best practices.



## Participation in ASSOCHAM Launchpad

STPI-Visakhapatnam participated in ASSOCHAM Lauchpad startup event held on 30th January 2020. The ASSOCHAM Launchpad series is an initiative to encourage startups and connect them on a single platform with industry leaders.

Many IT startups from Visakhapatnam participated in the three-minute pitch session to exhibit their innovative products in the event.

## Conclave & Hackathon on AR/VR at Bhubaneswar



IIT-Bhubaneswar in association with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), and Govt. of Odisha held a Conclave & Hackathon on Virtual and Augmented Reality during 10th 12th January 2020 at its campus. The three-day Conclave and Hackathon was inaugurated by Dr. Omkar Rai, Director General, STPI as Chief Guest in presence of Shri Manoj Kumar Mishra, IRTS, Secretary, E & IT Department, Govt. of Odisha as Guest of Honour and Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT-Bhubaneswar. Dr. Rai addressed on how VARCoE will play a catalytic role in fostering startups and enabling them build path-breaking products in AR/VR domain.

Other dignitaries including Mr. Manas Panda, Director, STPI-Bhubaneswar; Prof. P.K. Sahu, Professor in charge, VARCoE; Prof. M. Sabarimalai Manikandan, Organizing Committee Member, VARCoE, IIT-Bhubaneswar and Mr. Prasant Biswal, Evangelist, Startup Odisha Secretariat, IEDO, Bhubaneswar were also present on this occasion.

The goal of the conclave and hackathon was to gather people with different backgrounds and experiences to work together in teams and create disruptive and inspiring products/solutions for use in every field of imagination in the AR/VR domain.

## Visit of Brazilian delegation

Brazilian delegation led by Mr. Paulo Alvin, Secretary of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communication, visited STPI-Bengaluru on 30th January 2020. Shri Shailendra Tyagi, Director, STPI-Bengaluru briefed Brazilian delegation on various initiatives of STPI including CoEs for promoting IT industry and innovation, R&D activities of startups. STPI-Bengaluru facilitated incubatees interactive meet with the delegation. The incubatees briefed their innovative products & solutions to the delegation.

# STPI Export Awards Odisha

Software Technology Parks of India has organised the STPI Export Awards function at Bhubaneswar on 14th February 2020. The STPI Export Awards were presented as a recognition of contribution made by the IT Industries in terms of exports, employment generation, innovation and boosting overall economy and prosperity of the State of Odisha. The award function is a testimony of contribution and achievements of STP/IT units from the State. IT companies from Odisha got awards in 74 different categories based at their outstanding performance.

The event was held in presence of Shri Tusharkanti Behera, Hon'ble Minister of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of Odisha; Mr. Ashok K Meena, Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Odisha; Mr. Manoj Kumar Mishra, Secretary, Department of Electronics & IT, Government of Odisha; Dr. Omkar Rai, Director General, STPI, Govt. of India; Mr. Manas Ranjan Panda, Director, STPI-Odisha, Bihar & Jharkhand, Govt. of India and Mr. Raj Kamal Jha, Chief Editor, The Indian Express.

The 'Pride of Odisha' for top IT/ITES Exporters (Exports above Rs.100 Crores) awards were awarded to Infosys Ltd., Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. and Tech Mahindra Ltd.



# DIPEX 2020 – Betterment of Rural Life

DIPEX 2020, India's one of the largest and the most prestigious state level exhibition-cum-competition of projects and working models prepared by the students of Diploma, Degree, PG in Engineering/Technology as well as Agriculture in the State of Maharashtra and Goa was held during 8th-9th March 2020 at Shri Sangameshwar College, Solapur. The event was organised by ABVP and SRIJAN foundation to promote the entrepreneurship and research for the youth to enhance their technical capabilities.

STPI participated in the event and showcased products, services and conducted seminar to explain the opportunities for startups/entrepreneurs in Centres of Excellence (CoEs) which are being established by STPI across the country.

Dr. Omkar Rai, Director General, STPI was the chief guest in the valedictory session of the event. While speaking in the session he emphasised, "How India can be built as a product nation by inventing/creating new prototypes especially in engineering domain".



# IBM Delegation Visits STPI HQ

Mr. Braim Stephen, Vice President & Regulatory Affairs of IBM Asia Pacific and Shri Vivek Vasishtha, ED & Country Leader, Government & Regulatory Affairs, IBM India paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Omkar Rai, DG, STPI on 3rd March 2020. They discussed how IBM is looking forward to a strong collaboration through STPI CoEs to contribute to Indian IT industry.

STPI has signed an MoU with IBM in the field of emerging technologies for its Blockchain CoE at Gurugram. The MoU is meant for promoting entrepreneurship and create a nurturing ecosystem for STPI CoE in areas such as digital and mobile payments, blockchain, IoT, big data, and other emerging technologies.

## Workshop on GoI Digital Infrastructure Readiness

Hon'ble Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Law & Justice Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated the Regional Workshop on 'Digital Infrastructure Readiness & Review of implementation of Govt schemes' in Patna on 14th March 2020. Shri Rajeev Kumar, Joint Secretary, MeitY and Shri Manas Ranjan Panda, Director, STPI-Bhubaneswar and other senior officers of DoT & State Government were present during the event.

## FICCI's Digital Disruption and Transformation Summit 2020
### Held at Chennai



Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Director, STPI-Chennai delivered special address at FICCI's Digital Disruption & Transformation Summit with the theme "Leapfrog into the new future with exponential technologies" held on 7th March 2020 at Chennai. Dr. Tyagi emphasised on various STPI Centre of Excellence initiatives on Deep Tech areas including FinTech CoE (i.e, FinBlue) at Chennai during his address. This conference is the 4th in a series of Digital Transformation conferences, named DT4, from FICCI technology panel. The summit focused on the technology enabling industries like embedded with manufacturing, financial services, insurance, retail, e-governance, utilities, telecom, automotive, real-estate and construction.

## Board Meeting of AIC STPINEXT INITIATIVES



The 4th Board Meeting of AIC STPINEXT INITIATIVES, chaired by Dr. Omkar Rai, DG STPI held at STPI headquarters in New Delhi on 1st February 2020. Shri Subodh Sachan, MD & CoE, AIC STPINEXT INITIATIVES presented the progress achieved so far and the board further deliberated on steps to be taken for making key activities such as AIM and STPI CoEs successful.

A quick review of previous ATR focused on the progress of centres in terms of export growth, incubation infra dev & utilisation, advancement of STPI CoEs, NGIS, FabLab, IBPS & NEBPS subsequently discussed in the meeting in presence of all the Directors.



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