

# NIDHI-EIR Conclave for Program Execution Partner

- Organized by NIDHI - EIR – Program Implementation Partner @ Venture Center

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| <b>Potential gains</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The event aims to help PEPs to follow best practices for sourcing EIRs and mentoring EIRs on different aspects, also to get chance to interact with other PEPs</li></ul> |
| <b>Organized by</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NIDHI – EIR – PIP @ Venture Center</li></ul>   |
| <b>Supported by</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DST – NSTEDB under NIDHI EIR</li><li>Venture Center</li></ul>  |
| <b>For whom</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Program Execution Partners of NIDHI EIR</li></ul>  |
| <b>When</b>            | <b>22 Dec 2021   Wednesday   Time: 2.30 pm – 5.30pm</b>  |
| <b>Where</b>           | On virtual platform  |

## Introduction

This event organized by: NIDHI-EIR PIP(Venture Center), intent of this event to follow best practices for sourcing EIRs and mentoring EIRs on different aspects, also to get chance to interact with other PEPs.

## Event Outline

Event shall consist of:

- Talks, online Panel discussion and Q&A sessions.**

## Event Schedule

| In Time                   | Duration | Session title  | Speaker   |
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| 02.30 pm<br>To<br>3.00 pm | 30 mins  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction for event</li> <li>Welcome remarks</li> <li>NIDHI-EIR Status Report</li> <li>Remarks by Chief guest Dr Anita Gupta</li> <li>Remarks by COO &amp; GM, Venture Center</li> </ul> | Shruti Devasthali<br>Premnath V<br>Shruti Devasthali<br>Anita Gupta<br>Manisha Premnath |
| 3:00 pm<br>To<br>3:10 pm  | 10 mins  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Success stories of EIR</li> <li>Kick off - panel discussion</li> </ul>  | 4-5 videos<br>Shruti Devasthali   |
| 3:10 pm<br>To<br>3:55 pm  | 45 mins  | <b>Session1: Panel discussion on</b><br><br>Leveraging NIDHI-EIR for incubation result<br>Moderator: Soma Chattopadhyay  | Hardik Joshi<br>Chiranjibi Samal<br>Nikhil Agarwal<br>Namami Gosh                       |
| 3.55 pm<br>To<br>4:40 pm  | 45 mins  | <b>Session 2: Panel discussion on</b><br><br>Best Practices in sourcing & selecting EIRs<br>Moderator: Mugdha Lele   | M Fasil<br>A.V.Gnanasambandam<br>Ranjany Sundaram<br>Y Shrihari Upadhyaya               |
| 4.40 pm<br>To<br>5.25 pm  | 45 mins  | <b>Session3 : Panel discussion on</b><br><br>Best Practices in Mentoring EIRs<br>Moderator: Premnath V   | Amit Sharma<br>Lakshmi Jagannathan<br>Rashmi Mahajani<br>Aditya Vyas                    |
| 5:25 pm                   | 5 mins   | <b>Closing remarks</b>   | Manisha Premnath  |

## About the Organizers

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|  | <p>Venture Center is India's largest inventive enterprises and scientific business incubator. Venture Center is a technology business incubator hosted by CSIR-NCL and supported by the Department of Science &amp; Technology's National Science &amp; Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (DST-NSTEDB) and BIRAC. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.venturecenter.co.in">www.venturecenter.co.in</a></p>   |
|  | <p><b>Department of Science and Technology (DST)</b> has announced <b>National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI)</b> as an umbrella program for nurturing ideas and innovations (knowledge-based and technology-driven) into successful startups. Entrepreneurs-in- Residence (EIR) Program is one of the programs introduced under NIDHI to inspire the best talents to be entrepreneurs, to minimise the risk involved in pursuing start-ups, and to partially set off their opportunity costs of high paying jobs. The NIDHI-EIR program provides tremendous opportunities for innovative entrepreneurs to expand their networks and get critical feedback on their ventures in order to promote their entrepreneurial career goals and aspirations<br/>More on: <a href="http://www.nidhi-eir.in/">http://www.nidhi-eir.in/</a></p> |

**About the DST officials | Speakers**

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| <br><b>Dr. Anita Gupta</b>         | <p><b>Dr. Gupta</b> is Head, Innovation, entrepreneurship and Technology mission, DST. She is having over 25 years + of professional experience in Management of Govt. of India programs on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Startups and Incubation coupled with research and academic experience at premier Technical institutes . Currently Associate Head ( Innovation and Entrepreneurship) at Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India. It is the lead Govt. of India Department in the country for promoting Technology Business Incubators and startups in tech domain under National initiative of Startup India</p>  |
| <br><b>Dr. Naveen Vashisht</b>     | <p><b>Dr Naveen Vashisht</b> is involved in promotion of Innovation &amp; Entrepreneurship practices in broad domain of Science, technology and Innovation (STI). Some of the programs being implemented by him include National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI), Entrepreneurship in Residence (EIR), Promotion and Acceleration of Young and Aspiring innovators &amp; Start-ups (PRYAS), Centers of Excellence (COE), Technology Business Incubator (TBI) IEDC/ New Gen IEDC, Training Program on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Indo-Canada Bilateral Program on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, India -Switzerland program on Science, Technology and innovation, The India - Brazil Agritech Cross-incubation Programme and The Indo Russia Program on Innovation</p> |
| <br><b>Dr Premnath V</b>          | <p><b>Premnath V</b> is currently the Head, National Chemical Laboratory (NCL) Innovations - the group within NCL charged with the responsibility of championing the cause of technology innovation within NCL. He is also the Founding Director of the Venture Center - a technology business incubator on NCL campus. Dr. Premnath is also a Scientist, Polymer Science &amp; Engineering Division at NCL with an interest in technology development for biomedical products.</p>   |
| <br><b>Ms Shruti Devasthali</b>  | <p><b>Shruti Devasthali</b> is Head– Equity and Grant Portfolio at Venture Center She is a Chartered Accountant and a certified Financial Risk Manager. She is currently operating seed fund activities for Venture Center and monitoring the investments in Venture Center’s portfolio companies.</p>  |
| <br><b>Ms Soma Chattopadhyay</b> | <p><b>Ms Soma</b> is Head Incubation at Venture Center<br/> <b>Education:</b>M. Sc in Chemistry from Calcutta University<br/> <b>Experience:</b>9+ yrs of industrial research exp (Ex- R&amp;D Division of Cookson Electronics); 6 –Sigma Green belt; ISO9001:2008 auditor<br/>     Mentoring entrepreneurs and innovators.<br/>     Business development of various incubation services.</p>   |

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|  <p>Dr. Mugdha Lele</p>       | <p><b>Mugdha Lele</b> is Head - Social Innovations at Venture Center and a Ph.D in Health Sciences from University of Pune. She has been a Chevening Rolls Royce Science, Innovation, Policy and Leadership Programme (CRISP) Fellow at the Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK</p>  |
|  <p>Mr. Hardik Joshi</p>      | <p><b>Hardik Joshi</b> is a director – Entrepreneur Engagement and Training at Science and Technology Park, Pune.<br/>He is Entrepreneurship Strategist   Start-up Coach   Mentor   Innovation Catalyst</p>   |
|  <p>Mr. Chiranjibi Samal</p> | <p><b>Chiranjibi Samal</b>, the Incubation Manager of FTBI, NIT Rourkela. Ph.D. student(NIT Rourkela), M.Tech in Electronic Systems &amp; Communication from NIT Rourkela, MBA in Finance from SMU, B.Tech in Electronics &amp; Telecommunication from BPUT. More than 11 years of experience in lectureship. Assist entrepreneurs-in-residence (EIRs) in the areas of funding, strategy, business plan development, market analysis, and company registrations; help the incubated companies leverage various resources and mentors.</p>   |
|  <p>Dr Nikhil Agrawal</p>   | <p><b>Nikhil Agrawal</b> holds twin charge of CEO FIRST "Foundation for Innovation &amp; Research in Science &amp; Technology" is responsible for incubation and innovation AND CEO of C3i Hub - Cybersecurity and Cyber Defence of Critical Infrastructure Innovation Hub. FIRST and C3i Hub are section 8 companies promoted by IIT Kanpur.</p>   |
|  <p>Ms Namami Gosh</p>      | <p><b>Ms Namami Gosh</b> is Head - Portfolio Management at IIM Calcutta Innovation Park Namami is a brilliant strategic planner with proficiency in managing enterprise and channels, identifying prospective clients, segments, developing and expanding markets for business excellence. She has been associated with IIMCIP as the Head Portfolio Management since September 2018. At IIMCIP, she excels in managing incubation activities, sourcing, capacity building and funding of start-ups. Prior to IIMCIP, she has around more than 18 years of experience in Software Engineering working with renowned brands.</p> |
|  <p>Mr. M Fasil</p>         | <p><b>Muhammed Fasil</b> is a Lead Incubation Programs, Kerala Startup Mission currently works as Incubation Manager &amp; NiDHI EIR for Kerala Startup Mission. His portfolio includes Incubation Programs, Accelerator Programs, Fundraising, Building Mentor Networks.</p>   |

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|  <p>Mr A.V. Gnana sambandam</p>   | <p><b>Mr A.V. Gnana sambandam</b> is a Chief Executive Office at TBI, ABIS, TNAU, Coimbatore.</p> <p>A total of 29 Years of experience in Agro Industry, Research &amp; Teaching in TNAU and Business Manager, one of the largest Agribusiness Incubation centre with 400 plus Start-ups</p> <p>Co-Project Leader &amp; Member Secretary in the RKVY-RAFTAAR R ABI Programme funded by the GoI-Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, RKVY Division.</p> <p>Project Leader for ABIS, TBI, TNAU NIDHI EIR Program.</p>  |
|  <p>Ms Ranjany Sundaram</p>       | <p><b>Ranjany Sundaram</b> is a Vice President, Amrita TBI with 23 years of experience of which 15 years' was in the Technology domain-Cyber security, Network Architecture and System Design in the Technology companies based out of New York and Washington DC. Technology and Business mentoring of Amrita TBI incubated startups. Manages Indian and International partnerships. Principal investigator for multiple Government funded startup programs. Published research in repute international journals in the areas of Accelerators, startup funding and founders' human capital.</p>                     |
|  <p>Dr.Y Shrihari upadhyaya</p>  | <p><b>Shrihari Upadhyaya</b> is CEO of Manipal Universal Technology Business Incubator (MUTBI) for the last 4 years. His multiple tasks include incubation related, NIDHI-EIR &amp; NIDHI-PRAYAS programs, interaction with stakeholders and conducting various programs on technology development &amp; entrepreneurship.</p> <p>A graduate of Mech Engg. from NIE Mysuru, Shrihari did his MTech from IIT Madras and PhD from VTU Karnataka. He started his career in industry as Machine Tool Design Engineer and later worked as Faculty at Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT) Manipal for over 25 years.</p> |
|  <p>Mr Amit Sharma</p>          | <p><b>Mr Amit Sharma</b> is Experienced Innovator, Mentor, and Learner with a demonstrated history of working in the education, startups, skilling, industrial training, and management industry. Skilled in Research, product development &amp; management, and Leadership. Strong education professional with a Master's Degree from National Institute of Technology Calicut and 6 months diploma in "Principles and Applications of Digital Fabrication" from FabFoundation, USA.</p>  |
|  <p>Dr. Lakshmi Jagannathan</p> | <p><b>Dr. Lakshmi Jagannathan</b> is Chief Executive Officer at DERBI Foundation   Super mentor for AiM iCRESt   Mentor of Change, Atal Tinkering Labs   Charter Member , TiE, Bangalore.</p> <p>An Incubation professional with more than a decade of experience in the Incubation Ecosystem. A hard core startup evangelist and a firm believer that startups can transform economies ! Instrumental in initiating Innovation and Entrepreneurship activities at Dayananda Sagar Institutions way back in 2009 with an entrepreneurship cell</p>   |



Ms Rashmi Mahajani

**Rashmi Mahajani** is currently working as Senior Manager – Incubation, at SINE-IIT Bombay. She is involved in identifying, screening and mentoring technology start-ups at SINE. She is also handling the pre incubation grant programs from DST, MeitY and DIO - iDEX.



Mr Aditya Vyaas

**Aditya Vyas** is currently Senior Manager at CRIF- Startup Oasis. He has been part of the team for around 3 years. He was instrumental in setting up the Innocity program for Startup support. He is presently leading Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh region and supporting innovative and social impact startups. By qualification he is an Electronics Engineering graduate and post graduate in Consultancy Management from BITS Pilani. He has been an entrepreneur in the IoT-Electronics and Software sector for around 9 years prior to joining CRIF-Startup Oasis