

## **Interaction with key stakeholders from Telangana Ecosystem of Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

**Venue:** Hyderabad

### **OBJECTIVE:**

Gujarat delegation aims to develop a Common Facility Resource Centre in the state of Gujarat for the assistance and facilities needed. The authorities studied about the resource centers of various states including Maharashtra and Telangana to develop a brief idea. By doing such, it will help in creating a better model which can support the ecosystem in a more helpful way.

### **ABOUT THE EVENT:**

#### **DAY-1**

The first meeting was with the Director of IIT-Hyderabad at the campus. He explained about the working system of their Research Cell. They have autonomy of 12 research centers where salary, buying of instruments and many other things are done through grants. It has a dean academics where 3 co-coordinators work individually and 2 program managers work under each co-coordinator.

The second meeting was at Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the campus itself. It is a Section-8 company where they met Mr. Ramesh Loganathan who explained them regarding their work. Their main work is into accelerator programs for the startups in their ideation phase which a very unique concept as most of the accelerators in our ecosystem work directly after

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prototyping phase projects. They avail office space there itself and help them grow and perform better.

The next meeting was with T-Hubs. The COO (Chief Operating officer) of T-Hubs discussed with them regarding their method of working into seven segments – Healthtech, Cleantech, Smart city, Agritech, biotechnology, social impact and Transportation and Logistics. It has more than 25 corporate programs and has a tie up with three institutions – IIT-Hyderabad (for technology support), ISB (for management support) and Nalser (for legal support). They have three venture capitalist communities and has various startups. Interaction with two startups related to chit fund and IoT based smart cars proved really helping in understanding their methods in a detailed manner. T-Hubs is mainly engaged among corporate companies because corporate have a greater success rate than student startups because they generate greater revenue. The campus also had Qualcomm, Samsung and other offices because they had community engagements which such companies.

Another for the day was at D-Labs at ISB (Indian School of Business). It is mainly for the alumni's of ISB presently and will see if other communities work out well in the near future. They have many research oriented courses for people who are interested in doing startups and can work ahead for the improvement and development of their programs.

Next was the meeting with the secretariat of Telangana and Mr. Jayesh Ranjan (Principal Secretary, IT and Communication). They briefed about the current system of innovation and its working. A point worth noting during this discussion was that, Telangana has 31 incubation centres and co-working spaces which is quite huge such a small state. Telangana state has an innovation policy which works in vertical sectors. The policy runs differently for different segments. They are launching T-works which will be known as maker's space and it is a hardware incubator. They are working on launching of an incubator called 'Image' which will be handling image-related (animation and gaming) and graphics segment. Further, they are planning to propose an Aerospace incubator and have also started an Urban and Rural Incubator which is currently near Nizamabad in Hyderabad. The point to be noted is that their ecosystem is

chaired by IAS officers themselves. They have an advisory committee who handles the main work.



## **DAY-2**

The first discussion was at CIPS (Centre for Innovation in Public Services). They maintain a database wherein a case study is prepared for the people who are working into innovative topics under public services in any state government. Till now, they have made 474 case studies all over India. The main advantage of such case studies is that when someone wants to replicate such case studies, it is easily available from their database. Any advantageous activity by any state government related to the four fields - Education, health, e-governance and urban-governance can be useful for other states to make their system better. They have IPM (Innovation, Planning and Monitoring Strategies) which was discussed in detail. An example regarding implementation of Arvind Icare which was successfully implemented in Jharkhand and then adopted by Chhattisgarh was discussed to make the working more clear.

The next meeting was at MAARM which is an agritech incubator which is funded by DBT (Department of Bio Technology) and BIARCH. Agriculture based research is implemented there and it also has one of the best agri-based university. Their models are research oriented too where they try to commercialize them.

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