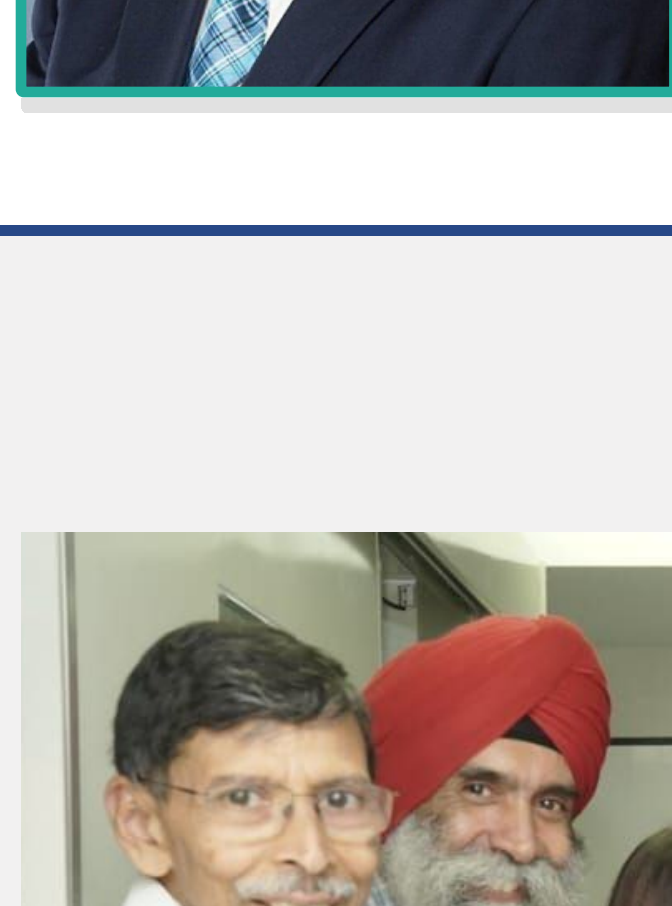




# IKP INSIDER

May-June 2024

## IN MEMORIAM



Mr. Narayanan Vaghl, Founder and Architect of IKP Knowledge Park (erstwhile ICICI Knowledge Park) and Chairman of IKP Trust passed away at the age of 88 in Chennai on May 18, 2024. The country has lost a visionary institution builder and thought leader, and we at IKP, lost the pole star that guided us and the banyan tree, which nurtured us for the last 25 years since its inception. His unwavering principles and dedication have left an indelible mark on all who knew him. We remain committed to upholding the values and vision he championed.

## TOP STORY



### Launch of Centre for Smart Protein and Sustainable Material Innovation

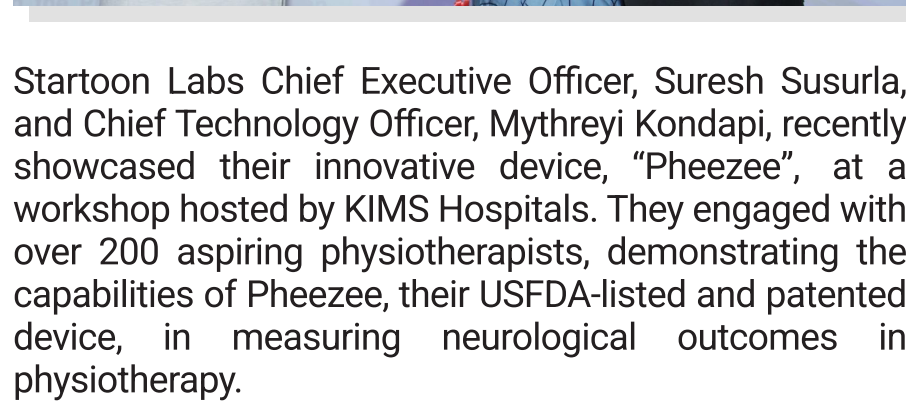
The Centre for Smart Protein and Sustainable Material Innovation was launched at IKP Bengaluru. The new centre is designed to provide startups with comprehensive support, including infrastructure, equipment, and legal and regulatory assistance. By bringing together experts, advisors, investors, and mentors, it is set to be a premier hub for developing and scaling innovative foods, feed, functional foods, and sustainable materials. During the launch, three key memorandums of understanding were signed with AIC Jyothi Institute of Technology, Bühler Group, and the Transdisciplinary University. Apart from this, groundbreaking report on the challenges and opportunities for smart protein innovators in India, co-authored by Dr. Priyankana Mukherjee, Assistant Vice-President and Head, BioNEST, IKP and Poorvasha Kar, Innovation Associate at Good Food Institute-India, was also launched.

## FUNDING YOUR VISION

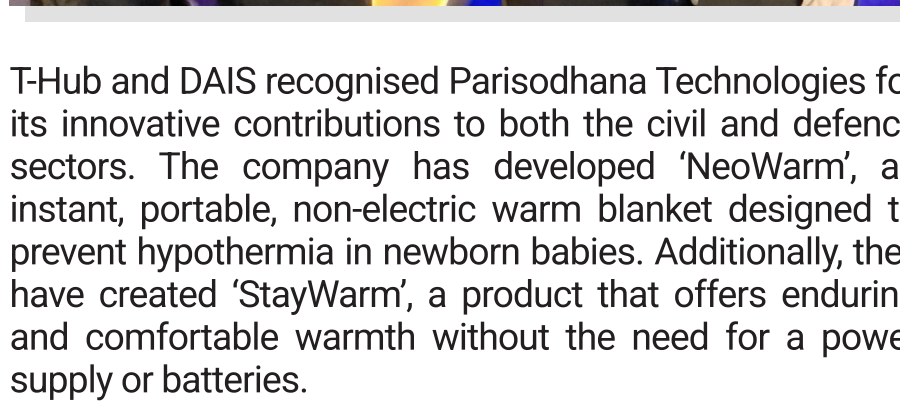


Six IKP startups and innovators secured funding under the NIDHI PRAYAS Call 101! The program is specifically aimed at supporting young innovators to turn their ideas into proof of concept.

## STARTUP HIGHLIGHTS

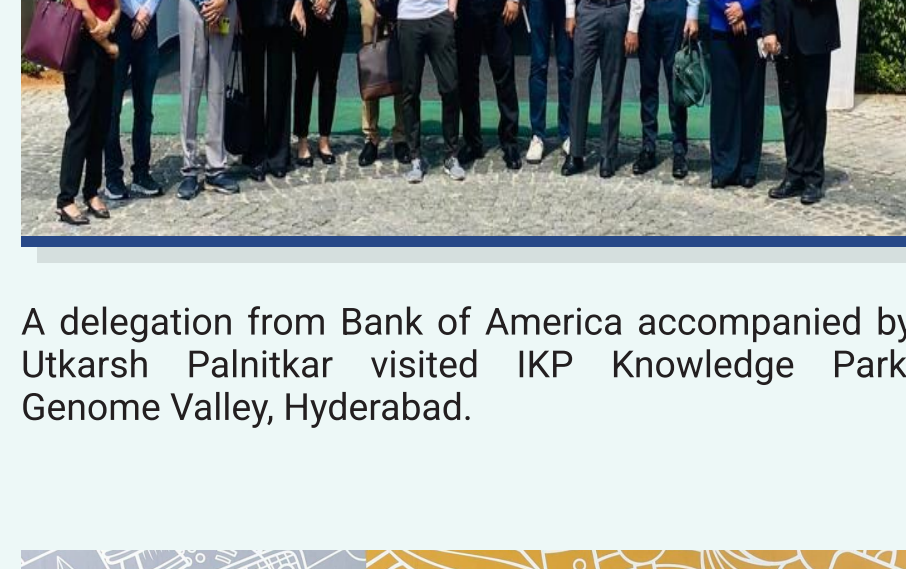


Starton Labs Chief Executive Officer, Suresh Susurla, and Chief Technology Officer, Mythreji Kondapi, recently showcased their innovative device, "Pheezeze", at a workshop hosted by KIMS Hospitals. They engaged with over 200 aspiring physiotherapists, demonstrating the capabilities of Pheezeze, their USFDA-listed and patented device, in measuring neurological outcomes in physiotherapy.



T-Hub and DAIS recognised Parisodhana Technologies for its innovative contributions to both the civil and defence sectors. The company has developed 'NeoWarm', an instant, portable, non-electric warm blanket designed to prevent hypothermia in newborn babies. Additionally, they have created 'StayWarm', a product that offers enduring and comfortable warmth without the need for a power supply or batteries.

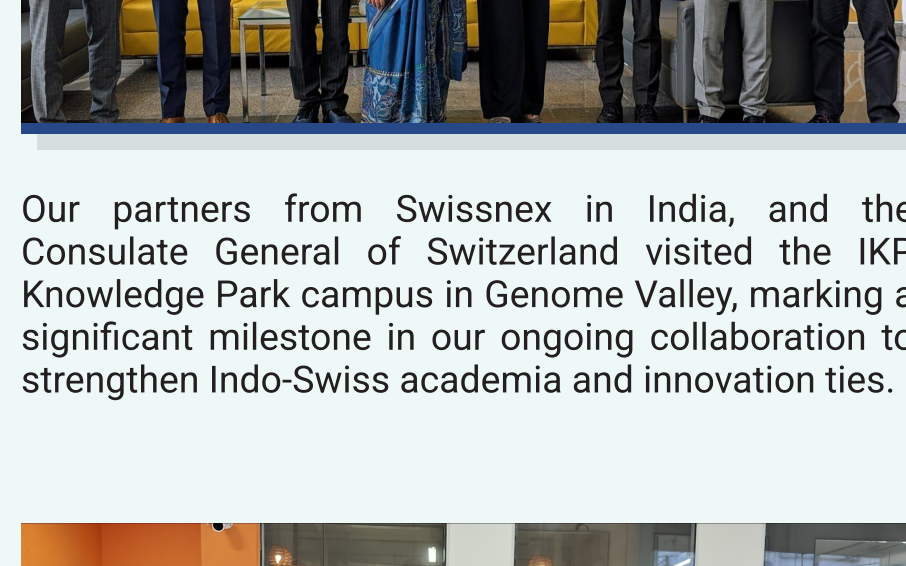
## VISITOR CHRONICLES



A delegation from Bank of America accompanied by Utkarsh Palnitkar visited IKP Knowledge Park, Genome Valley, Hyderabad.



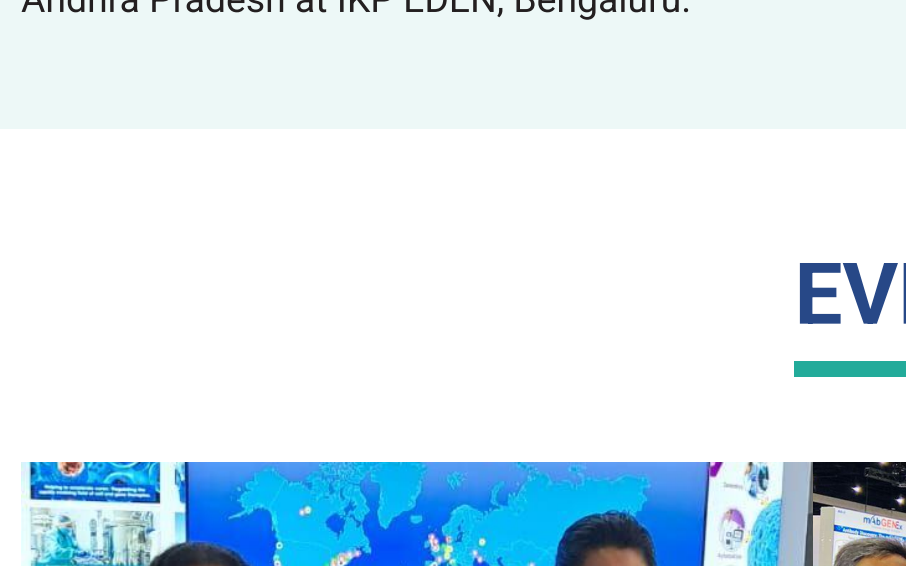
A delegation from Innovate UK as part of the Global Business Innovation Programme visited IKP Knowledge Park, Genome Valley campus in Hyderabad.



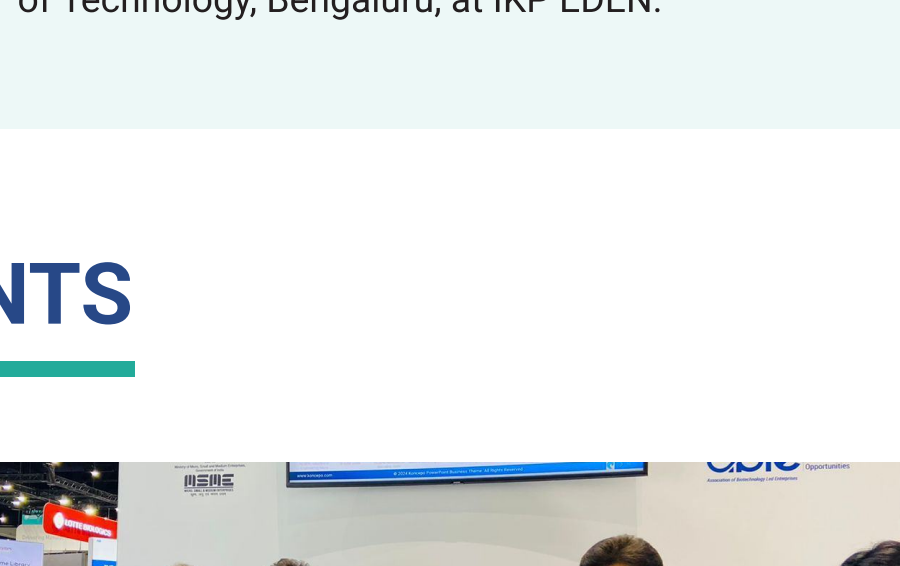
Our partners from Swissnex in India, and the Consulate General of Switzerland visited the IKP Knowledge Park campus in Genome Valley, marking a significant milestone in our ongoing collaboration to strengthen Indo-Swiss academia and innovation ties.



Pierre Beaudoin, the Economic Attaché for New Technologies at the French Consulate in Bengaluru, visited IKP Knowledge Park, Genome Valley, Hyderabad, with Sachana R N from the French Consulate in Hyderabad, and Nakul D. and Tanishka S. from the Indo-French Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IFCCI).



Top student teams representing three districts of Andhra Pradesh at IKP EDEN, Bengaluru.



Total 70 engineering graduates from the SJB Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, at IKP EDEN.

## EVENTS

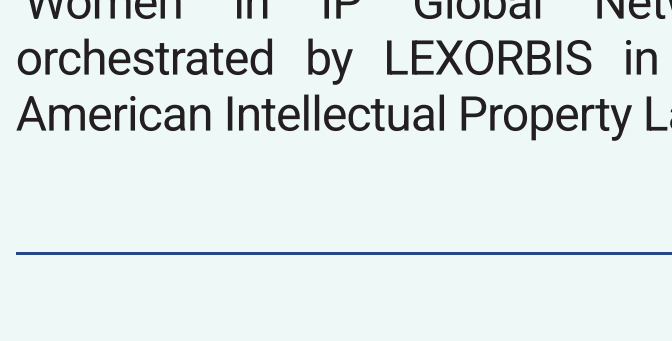


The IKP PRIME team led by Dr. Sangita Majee, Head of the Technology Transfer Office and Dr. Priyankana Mukherjee, Assistant Vice-President and Head of BioNEST represented IKP at the BIO International Convention 2024 from June 3-6, 2024 in San Diego, California, US.

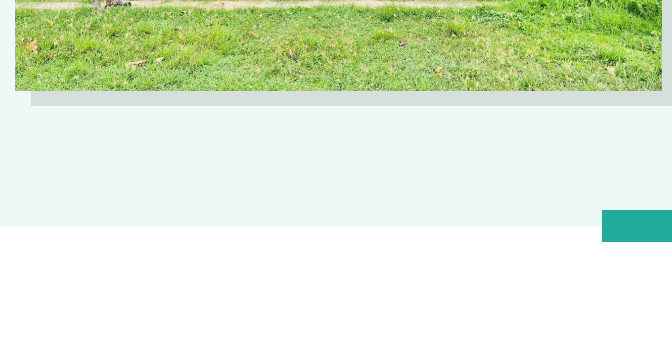
## ENGAGEMENTS



Dr. Viswanadham Duppatla, Vice-President, IKP, captivated the audience with his insightful presentation on the innovators' journey through the lens of Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) during the "Student Placement Readiness Levels (TRL) under the ambit of Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council+ (IBRIC+), Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, co-hosted by the CDFD Technology Incubator and the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB).



Miltenyi Biotech in collaboration with IKP Knowledge Park hosted an insightful workshop that focused on providing startups and incubators with a comprehensive manufacturing workflows in Cell and Gene Therapy.



IKP PRIME Senior Manager Harshada Wadkar and Manager Anuradha Barua played integral roles in the 'Women in IP Global Networking Event, 2024', orchestrated by LEXORBIS in collaboration with the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA).



IKP Knowledge Park along with anchor companies IFF, ADAMA India, Daicel Chiral Technologies, PI Health Sciences, US Pharmacopoeia, Curia, Laurus Labs Limited, Sai Life Sciences Pvt, and Escientia Life Sciences came together to celebrate World Environment Day. Employees enthusiastically participated in planting saplings, fostering a greener and more sustainable environment.

## COLLABORATIONS



IKP Knowledge Park exchanged a memorandum of understanding with Copenhagen Business School to foster a dynamic exchange of knowledge and ideas.



A strategic collaboration between two of IKP's resident companies, Synthenta and Lordin was sealed. As part of this partnership, Synthenta will be providing custom synthesis services for Organic LEDs (OLEDs) utilised in display technologies.



IKP Knowledge Park and BioNEST IIT Guwahati joined forces, reaffirming our shared commitment to fostering innovation and collaboration. A memorandum of understanding was also signed between IKP and Guwahati Biotech Park to advance technology transfer and intellectual property filing activities.

## IKP IN NEWS

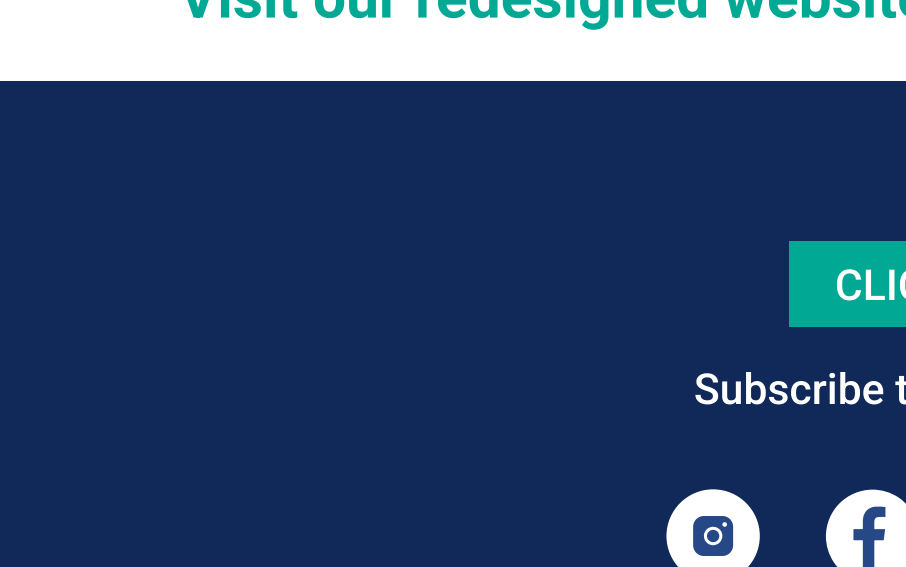


- IKP Knowledge Park partners with GFI India to establish India's Leading Smart Protein Innovation Centre: The Hindu
- Bengaluru gets new centre for Smart Protein and Sustainable Material: The New Indian Express
- IKP Knowledge Park Partners with GFI India for India's Leading Smart Protein Innovation Centre: Vegan First
- Incubate & Commercialise: Two New Alternative Protein Centres Signal Industry's Potential in India: Green Queen

## IKP INSIGHTS



Delve into our LinkedIn Insight article on 'Building an Accessible and Sustainable Global Healthcare System with Innovative Solutions' featuring Lamark Biotech.



Learn about the importance of 'Global MedTech Conferences for the Startup Ecosystem'. Find out how Ashva Wearable Technologies, an IKP Fellow, leveraged the travel grant to take part in two large-scale global medtech conferences: the MEDICA Dusseldorf B2B medical fair in Germany (in 2023) and Arab Health in Dubai (2024).

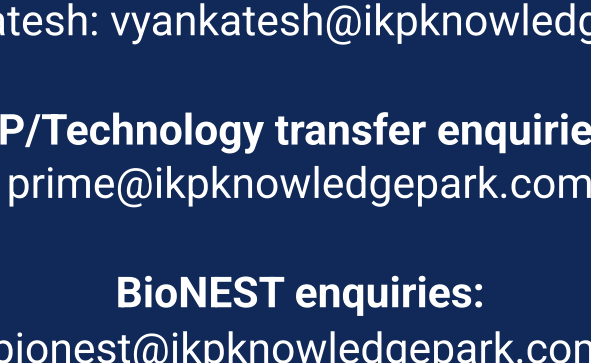
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