



BEST WISHES FOR 2025 from IKP Knowledge Park!

Reflecting on 2024: Innovation, Growth, and Achievements
This year-end bulletin showcases key highlights from 2024 that shaped our path.

THE MEGA 5 MILESTONES

IKMC2024: A Grand Confluence of Innovation



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Our annual conference, IKMC2024, successfully captured the essence of our epic 25-year journey and our vision for the next symphony of innovation and discovery. The event brought together distinguished speakers, industry leaders, and entrepreneurs to share insights and inspire the next wave of advancements in deep science. Highlights of the conference included awards and recognitions, the 'Distinguished Lecture' series, a startup expo, the CXO Conclave, and the launch of several key initiatives and partnerships.

A Transformative Leadership Transition at IKP
We underwent a significant transformation this year, with our former Chief Executive Officer, **Deepanwita Chattopadhyay**, handing over the baton to **Dr. Sanjay Sarin**. With 25+ years of global health leadership, Dr. Sarin is set to lead IKP into a new era of innovation and impact. While Ms. Chattopadhyay continues to guide us as Chairman and Managing Director, her legacy remains the cornerstone of IKP's success.



Launch of Centre for Smart Protein and Sustainable Materials Innovation
IKP launched India's leading Centre for Smart Protein and Sustainable Materials Innovation at its EDEN facility in Bengaluru, in partnership with Good Food Institute India, fostering cutting-edge research and startups in sustainable protein solutions. At the launch, we also signed key MoUs with AIC Jyothi Institute of Technology, Bühler Group, and the Transdisciplinary University to drive innovation and sustainability in this sector.



Strengthening Biotechnology Leadership
Deepanwita Chattopadhyay was appointed as the Vice President of the Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE), further strengthening IKP's leadership in advancing the biotechnology sector.

A YEAR OF NOTEWORTHY VISITS AT IKP

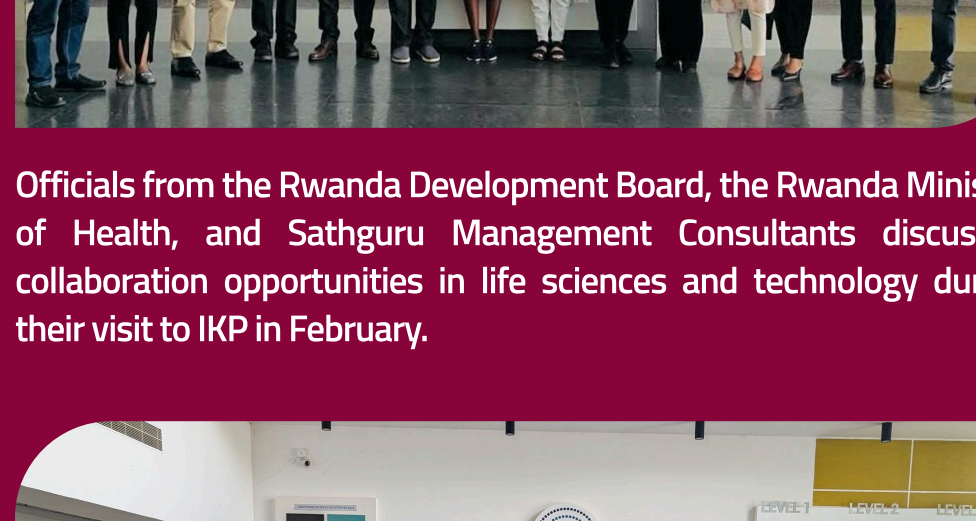
We had the privilege of hosting remarkable visitors in 2024



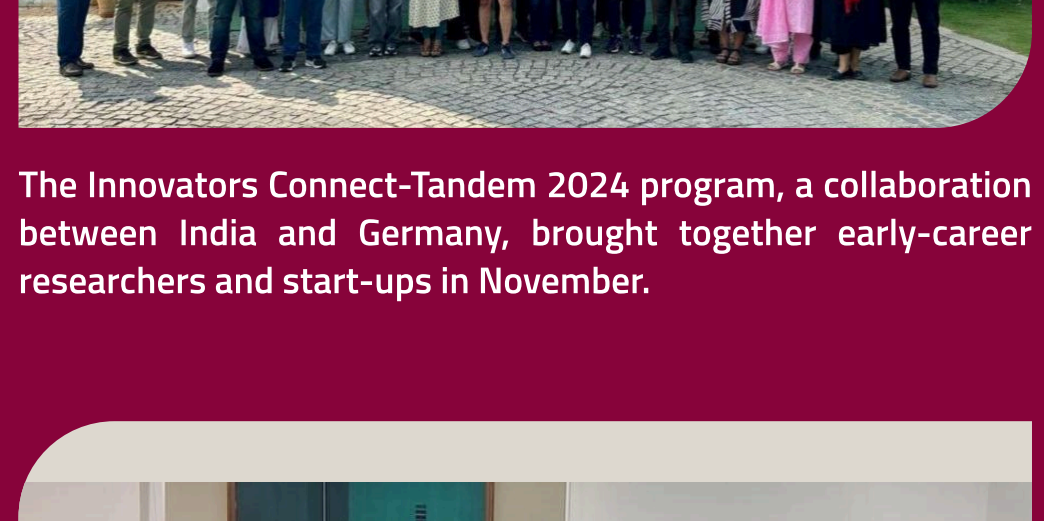
During their visit to IKP in January, the German Centre for Research and Innovation - DWIH New Delhi aimed to foster strategic collaborations between Indian and German incubators, enhance cross-cultural ties, and advance entrepreneurial ecosystems.



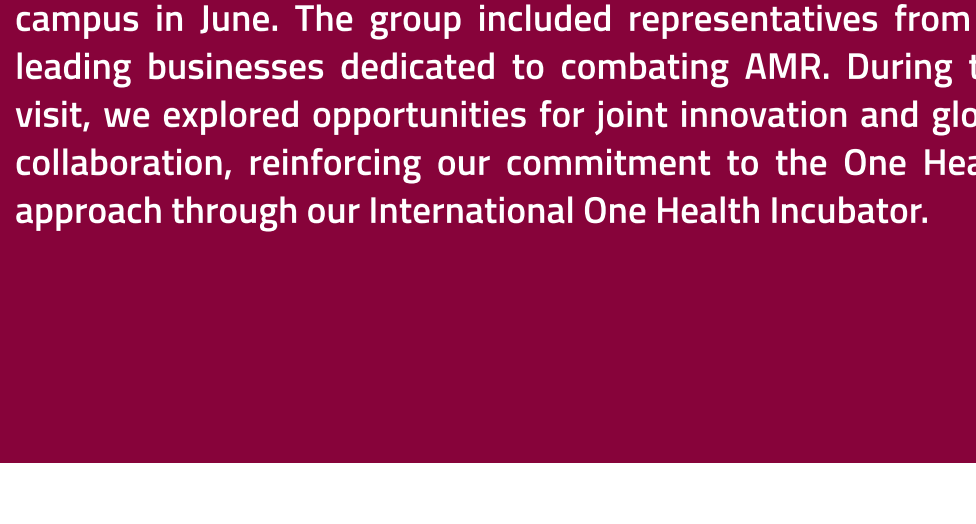
A Mission Officer from the French Consulate in Bengaluru, accompanied by representatives from the Indo-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry, visited IKP in June to explore ways to strengthen Indo-French collaborations in innovation and identify opportunities for technological advancements.



Swissnex and the Consulate General of Switzerland seek to enhance Indo-Swiss ties in academia and innovation. This visit in June, emphasised our shared mission of promoting research, collaboration, and sustainable development.



We showcased our dynamic ecosystem to the delegates from Bank of America in June. The discussions focused on potential collaborations to enhance health technology and foster innovation in life sciences.



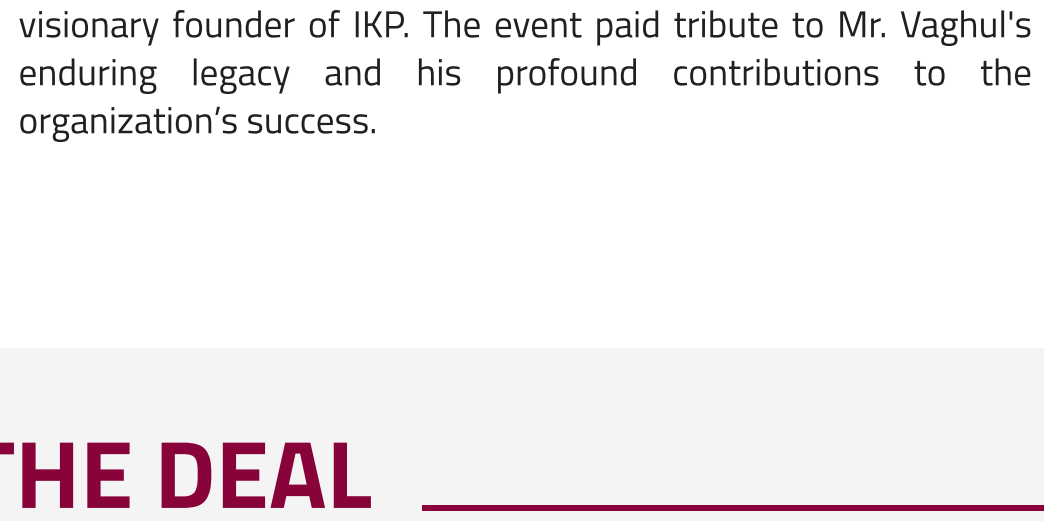
Officials from the Rwanda Development Board, the Rwanda Ministry of Health, and Sathguru Management Consultants discussed collaboration opportunities in life sciences and technology during their visit to IKP in February.



The Innovators Connect-Tandem 2024 program, a collaboration between India and Germany, brought together early-career researchers and start-ups in November.



A delegation from Innovate UK visited our Genome Valley campus in June. The group included representatives from 14 leading businesses dedicated to combating AMR. During this visit, we explored opportunities for joint innovation and global collaboration, reinforcing our commitment to the One Health approach through our International One Health Incubator.



The second batch of the Copenhagen Business Immersion Program 2024 consisting of 40 students, visited IKP in November to build business models with Indian companies. IKP supported startups—Bycus Therapeutics, Huwel Lifesciences, Monitra Health, UR Advanced Therapeutics, and IKP PRIME (a technology transfer office of IKP)—collaborated with the students. It marked a significant milestone in our ongoing collaboration with Copenhagen Business School to drive innovation and global partnerships.

HONOURING OUR LEGACY



Inaugurating The Narayanan Vaghul Building at IKMC2024
During IKMC2024, IKP marked a momentous occasion with the inauguration of The Narayanan Vaghul Building, dedicated to the visionary founder of IKP. The event paid tribute to Mr. Vaghul's enduring legacy and his profound contributions to the organization's success.

SEALING THE DEAL

We forged impactful partnerships through key agreements, driving innovation and collaboration forward

IKP, in partnership with USP, launched SheLeads in Science—an initiative aimed at empowering women in STEM through mentorship, training, and networking opportunities, promoting diversity and fostering women leaders.

An IKP-USP Initiative



KEY MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

Atria Innovation Hub	Blockchain for Impact	Umami Bioworks	Guwahati Biotech Park
Copenhagen Business School	BV Ritu Institute of Technology (BVRIT)	World Trade Center, Genome Valley	

SHOWCASING INNOVATION AT LEADING CONFERENCES

We proudly showcased cutting-edge innovations from IKP at prominent industry conferences, driving collaboration and progress

National Conferences



International Conferences



CELEBRATING ACCOLADES



Deepanwita Chattopadhyay Receives Rotary Vocational Excellence Award 2024
Deepanwita Chattopadhyay was honoured with the Rotary Vocational Excellence Award 2024 by the Rotary Club of Hyderabad Deccan. This prestigious award acknowledges her exemplary leadership, unwavering resilience, and dedication to ethical values, celebrating her outstanding contributions to IKP and the wider community.



Manish Kumar Receives RTPP Pin Recognition
Manish Kumar, Senior Manager - BD & Tech Transfer (Pharma & Medtech) at IKP PRIME (The Technology Transfer Office of IKP), was awarded the prestigious RTPP pin, honouring his exceptional expertise and dedication.



The Amrit Grand Challenge - जनCARE program accelerates digital health innovations through targeted funding. It supported 86 startups across three categories: 74 early-stage innovations received up to INR 10 lakhs each for ideation and testing; 10 late-stage startups were awarded INR 20 lakhs each for pre-commercialization; and 2 advanced-stage startups received INR 50 lakhs each for multi-centric product deployment.

FUNDING FRONTIERS

BIG
IKP Congratulates the 23rd Biotechnology Ignition Grant Awardees

Six grant awardees supported by IKP received the 23rd Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG), with IKP serving as the implementation partner. They were recognized for their exceptional contributions to advancing innovative solutions in the life sciences sector.

Agri-Grand Challenge (AGGC)
to Agri-Grand Challenge (AGGC) Stage II Awardees!

Five startups were selected for Stage II of the Agri-Grand Challenge (AGGC) program, a joint initiative by BIRAC and IKP. These startups will receive funding of up to ₹100 lakhs to advance technology-driven solutions aimed at boosting farmers' incomes in India.

NIDHI PRAYAS Call 10
IKP Congratulates Winners of NIDHI PRAYAS Call 10!

Six startups were selected as winners of NIDHI PRAYAS Call 10. This initiative by the Department of Science and Technology funds early-stage prototypes, helping entrepreneurs turn innovative ideas into market-ready products.

Amrit Grand Challenge - जनCARE
BIRAC Ignite Innovate Incubate

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IKP Fellows
Global Innovators Circle

The second cohort of the IKP Fellows program in 2024 travelled to Germany, Belgium, China, and Dubai, building on the success of the first cohort. In total, 12 fellows across both cohorts participated, leveraging opportunities for global exposure, networking, and market entry. We supported their endeavors through IKP Growth Labs (IGL) and travel grants of up to USD 2,500. These grants enabled them to participate in conferences and trade fairs, fostering networking opportunities and the exploration of new avenues for growth.

LAMARK
BIOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED

IKP-supported startups, Bycus Therapeutics and Lamark Biotech, have secured funding of ₹19.3 crore and ₹2.7 crore, respectively, for projects under National Biopharma Mission. Bycus Therapeutics, a fast-growing biotech company, is dedicated to R&D aimed at improving the affordability and quality of healthcare. Its flagship product, a complex biosimilar, Pegloticase has the potential to significantly impact global healthcare. Lamark Biotech specializes in developing thermostable biologics, including its flagship product InsulinStrong—a crystalline form of recombinant human insulin that eliminates the need for refrigeration.

STARTUP BUZZ

IKP-supported startups demonstrated remarkable success across various prestigious platforms

Aframitha Innovations – Winner of the Best Startup Award for repurposing off-patented drugs into safe, steroid-free treatments for chronic diseases.	Revelations – Launched groundbreaking biotechnology solutions for the food, feed, and nutraceutical markets.	Ripple Healthcare – Launched a wearable innovation using airbags to reduce hip impact from falls in the elderly.
Tishyas Medical Devices and Development Solutions – Launched MedPlus, revolutionizing Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) for international markets.	RYMO Technologies secured ₹1 crore in funding at IKMC2024 Future Forward Awards for their work in clean fuels, including RNG/CBG, 2G Ethanol, and Green Hydrogen.	CartoSense was awarded ₹50 lakh at IKMC2024 Future Forward Awards for their exceptional advancements in technology, setting new industry standards.
BrainSight AI won the prestigious ET Award for Innovator of the Year, recognized for its groundbreaking technology that maps the brain's structure and function, providing invaluable insights for medical professionals.	GPS Renewables – Awarded Best Startup in the Biotech Industry Category for their work in clean fuels, including RNG/CBG, 2G Ethanol, and Green Hydrogen.	Inte-e-Labs – Honoured with the Best Startup in the Women Entrepreneur Category for advancing recombinant protein technologies in therapeutics and diagnostics.

IKP KNOWLEDGE PARK

IKP'S GLOBAL PRESENCE

IKP SUPPORTED START-UPS WITH AN INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

INDIAN SCIENCE PARK WITH GLOBAL REACH

IKP ANCHOR & RESIDENT COMPANIES AT GENOME VALLEY, HYDERABAD

IKP STARTUP INVESTMENTS

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IKP FELLOWS | IKP GLOBAL INNOVATORS CIRCLE

Thank You for Being an Essential Part of IKP in 2024

As we close the year, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support and presence in our community. Together, we've shared milestones, innovative ventures, and countless inspiring moments.

Here's to a bright 2025 filled with joy, success, and endless opportunities to grow and create impact. Stay tuned for more updates, collaborations, and exciting projects from IKP in the days to come.

Cheers to new horizons and a thriving future!

We'd love to hear from you! Share your favorite IKP memories from 2024 at engage@ikpknowledgepark.com

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