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TOP STORY

IKP ARK Launched for Deep-Science Startups



To help deep-science startups move from lab to market with structured operational support, we launched IKP ARK. The 12-month program will support MedTech and HealthTech startups across productization, manufacturing, regulatory pathways, GTM, and fundraising.

EVENTS

Building India's MedTech Scale-Up Blueprint



We hosted a curated MedTech workshop in Bengaluru, bringing together founders, clinicians, funders, and ecosystem leaders to discuss what it takes to build and scale world-class MedTech products from India. The session also marked the soft launch of IKP ARK and announced key partnerships with St. John's Research Foundation and HS Foundation India.

AI in Drug Discovery Roundtable

We co-hosted a roundtable in partnership with Lifesciences and Pharma Telangana, on how AI can accelerate drug discovery and strengthen India's role in healthcare innovation. The discussion focused on shared infrastructure, regulatory agility, interdisciplinary talent, and high-impact use cases for Telangana.



RDI Scheme Outreach at CDFD



In partnership with BRIC-CDFD, we facilitated an outreach session on BIRAC's Research, Development and Innovation Scheme. The session highlighted funding pathways to strengthen industry-led biotech innovation and India's biomanufacturing capabilities.

BioXcelerate Demo Day

IKP EDEN hosted the BioXcelerate Demo Day under the WEscalate initiative. Women founders presented their progress and growth plans to investors, mentors, and ecosystem leaders, with discussions on capital, market access, and scale.



National Safety Week at IKP

IKP observed National Safety Week with in-house training sessions on basic first aid, fire safety, and electrical safety. The sessions reinforced everyday preparedness and a shared commitment to workplace safety.

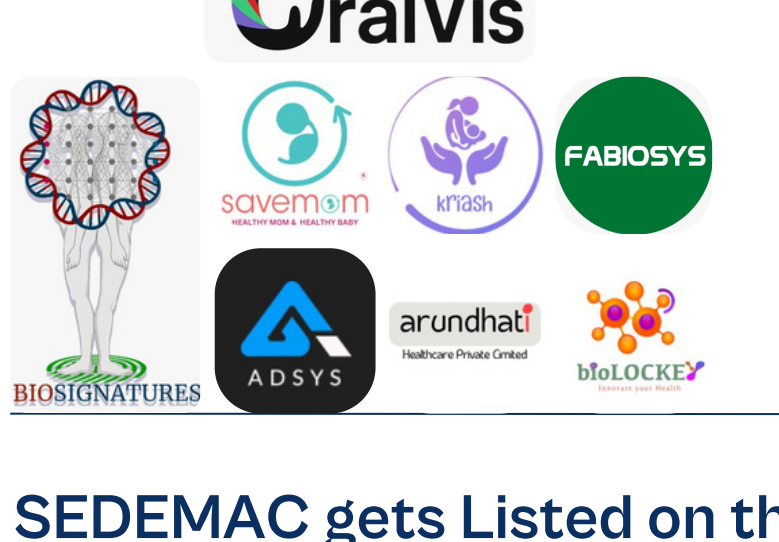
ENGAGEMENTS



IKP at CSIR-CDRI's 75th Foundation Day

Dr. Satya Prakash Dash joined CSIR-CDRI's 75th Foundation Day as Guest of Honour. The discussions centred on science for society, translational impact, and the need to build innovation platforms rooted in empathy and public purpose.

STARTUP SUCCESS



Health Access Catalyst Winners Announced

IKP EDEN and ICTPH announced eight winners of Health Access Catalyst from 131 applications. The selected startups will receive funding, mentoring, and access to networks for validation, adoption, and scale in public health.

SEDEMAC gets Listed on the Stock Market

IKP Ventures through the India Innovation Fund (IIF) is proud to be among the early institutional investors in SEDEMAC which had a successful stock market listing in March.



Dutch MedTech Mission to IKP

IKP hosted the Dutch Innovation MedTech Mission to India for discussions on MedTech scale-up and Indo-Dutch collaboration. Key areas included AI-enabled diagnostics, medical imaging, remote monitoring, and advanced medical devices.



Ghana and Italy Ambassadors visit IKP to Strengthen Global Innovation Ties

IKP hosted Ambassadors of Ghana and Italy in India along with delegations from the respective embassies to explore collaboration across life sciences, deep tech, renewable energy, agri-tech, public health, and innovation ecosystems. The visits reflected growing international interest in India's innovation capabilities.

U.S. Consul General Explores Innovation at IKP

Ms. Laura Williams, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad, visited IKP during her visit to Genome Valley. The engagement highlighted Hyderabad's growing role in pharma, biotechnology, life sciences, and deep-tech innovation.



ITRI Leadership Visits IKP

Mr Mirik Gogri and Dr Abdur Rub from India's Translational Research Initiative (ITRI) visited IKP Knowledge Park. They held discussions with the CEO and senior leadership on opportunities that India should leverage in Biomanufacturing from sustainability, smart materials to health.

Building State-Level Synergies: Gujarat Officials Visit IKP

A delegation from the Gujarat Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat, visited IKP to discuss biotechnology ecosystem development. Conversations covered incubation models, translational research, infrastructure, and technology-led entrepreneurship.



NEW JOININGS

Prashant Gaur Joins as VP – Biomanufacturing & Scale-Up

Prashant Gaur joined IKP Knowledge Park as Vice President, Biomanufacturing & Scale-Up. He brings over 24 years of experience in bioprocess development, scale-up, and biomanufacturing, strengthening IKP's lab-to-market support for startups.



Karthik Venkataraman Joins as AVP – MedTech Regulation and Quality

IKP welcomes Karthik Venkataraman as AVP – MedTech Regulation and Quality. With over two decades of global experience in medical device regulation and quality systems, he will support startups through regulatory pathways and ecosystem partnerships.

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