

P R E S S R E L E A S E

*TSIC Startup India Telangana Yatra launched – TSCHE & IT & C Dept.,
to give Innovator Awards from next year.*

The Hon'ble Minister for IT & C, MA & UD Sri. K. T. Rama Rao today flagged off the Startup India Telangana Yatra at Hyderabad. Prior to the launch a panel discussion was held in which Brigadier (Retd) Sri. P Ganesham, Founder President, Palle Srujana, Sri. Ajit Rangnekar, former dean of ISB, and Prof. V. Venkata Ramana, Vice-Chairman, TSCHE spoke. The panellists outlined the need for developing and strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem through programs like Startup Yatra and also dissemination of the various schemes of the Central and State Government. The Hon'ble Minister advised all the Vice-Chancellors' to adopt the German model of "Practice Schools" to give the much needed practical exposure to the students.

Sri. P. Ganesham stressed the need to promote rural entrepreneurship and tap the hitherto untapped potential amongst the rural students.

Shri. Ajit Rangnekar opined that with the advent of technology, the entire gamut of Higher Education would undergo a sea change right from teaching – learning processes to evaluation and employment patterns and opportunities.

Prof. V. Venkata Ramana, Vice Chairman, TSCHE elaborated on the various initiatives being undertaken by TSCHE and also the activation of entrepreneurship development cells amongst colleges and Universities in Telangana. He emphasised that there is a gradual shift of "mindsets" of students from joining jobs to creating value and newer opportunities.

After the Startup India Telangana Yatra was flagged off the Hon'ble Minsiter addressed all the Vice-Chancellors' of Universities of Telangana. He stressed the need for Universities of Telangana to give more flexibility to teachers and students to pursue innovation and promote entrepreneurship. He suggested that TSCHE must be in the forefront in suggesting suitable curricular changes and also facilitate students who wish to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams with ease and without academic pressure.

Prof. T. Papi Reddy, Chairman, TSCHE exhorted the Universities to adopt a flexible approach towards encouraging teachers and students to promote innovation in many areas which impact our society. Prof. T. Papi Reddy announced that TSCHE & IT & C Departments would jointly identify the outstanding innovators and reward them the "Innovation Awards" from the academic year 2019-2020.

Shri. Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary, IT & C Department, Govt. of Telangana also suggested that the Universities should take up projects in close coordination and support from industry and assured the innovators that any notable innovation shall be encouraged by the Govt. of Telangana.

Shri. Phanindra Sama, Chief Innovation Officer, Govt. of Telangana explained how the Startup India Telangana Yatra would identify innovators during the 20 days of its visit to various colleges in several districts of Telangana. At the end of the Startup India Telangana Yatra 200 innovations would be showcased in the grand finale to be held at JNTU, Hyderabad on October, 5th 2018. The Startup India Telangana Yatra would be visiting the following districts as per the details given below:

Startup India Telangana Yatra	
17.09.2018	Mahabubnagar
19.09.2018	Nalgonda
20.09.2018	Khammam
21.09.2018 22.09.2018	Warangal
24.09.2018	Karimnagar
25.09.2018	Jagtial
27.09.2018	Adilabad
28.09.2018	Nirmal
29.09.2018	Nizamabad
01.10.2018	Sangareddy