

TiE Delhi-NCR & BIRAC organise Entrepreneurship Conclave Series

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TiE Delhi-NCR has joined hands with BIRAC to organise the Entrepreneurship Conclave at IIT Patna. Held on February 23, 2019, the initiative brought together several prominent leaders from the industry to share their stories and experiences with student entrepreneurs, mentoring them on the financial, legal, and business aspects of how to build a successful start-up.

Real life exemplar business leaders, technical and business mentors held several engaging and insightful discussions with students and aspiring entrepreneurs about the opportunities available in the rapidly expanding start-up ecosystem. BIRAC's role in bolstering the Biotech start-up culture was shared through two case studies. The speakers addressed important aspects in the exciting journey of a start-up – ideation to venture creation, funding, legal and regulatory compliances, gaining customer and market traction, incentives and opportunities for start-ups, during the sessions.

Commenting on the partnership, Geetika Dayal, Executive Director, TiE Delhi-NCR, said, "The Indian start-up ecosystem has witnessed some major developments in the past few years. However, when we compare what has been done to what can still be achieved, we realise that we have only begun to scratch the surface of the inexhaustible potential of India's youth. That is why we are very pleased to associate with BIRAC to organise these Entrepreneurship Conclaves across the country. We are confident that these meetings will succeed in inspiring the young minds of today to become powerful intellectuals of tomorrow, and to come up with novel business ideas that will drive the growth and the future of the Indian biotech entrepreneurship."

Commenting on the partnership, Dr Manish Diwan, Head, Strategic Partnership & Entrepreneurship Development – BIRAC said, "The Biotech Startup Innovation Ecosystem is expanding with 1000+ entrepreneurs, Startups and SMEs, 41 Incubation Centres and 10000+ skill generation beneficiaries. TiE Delhi-NCR complements BIRAC as an ecosystem partner to strengthen and inspire both existing and new biotech startups in the country. This Entrepreneurship Conclave Series across cities is a customized knowledge-sharing platform by bringing opportunities closer to aspiring entrepreneurs among student community.

The Entrepreneurship Conclave featured an speaker line-up of 14 industry leaders. Among the dignitaries encouraging the students' entrepreneurial potential were Shikha Sharma (MD –Nutrihealth & Chair, Special Interest Group from Women entrepreneurs at TiE Delhi-NCR), Vinita Jindal - Senior Manager, IP & Tech Management, BIRAC, Smita Mishra (Founder –Fandoro), Rohit Shorey (Founder –Dawai Bank), serial entrepreneur Hemant Kohli, and Rajat Jain (Co-Founder – Padup Ventures). Also in attendance were Mudit Dandwate (Founder –Turtle Shell Technologies), Saarthak Bakshi (CEO –International Fertility), Nihar Sharma (Director –Auralis), Saurabh Jain (Head –PayTM Build for India), Suryanil Ghosh

(Director –TotalStart Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Developers), Anku Khanna (Managing Partner –The Attorneys) and Neelam Vats (Partner –Legal Orbit).