

## **I-STEM takes efforts to boost research collaboration to Ladakh for the first time**

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### **Enhancing industry's and startups' accessibility to research facilities & labs**



I-STEM (Indian Science, Technology, and Engineering facilities Map), an initiative from the Office of Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India, has taken its efforts to revolutionise research collaboration in India by enhancing industries and startups' accessibility to research facilities and labs to the Ladakh Region for the first time.

I-STEM conducted its flagship 'Samavesha' at the University of Ladakh on 5th November 2024 to create awareness of the I-STEM National Portal. The Samavesha Project connects industries, researchers and startups looking to avail advanced scientific equipment with an academic institution that has the requisite equipment.

This saves the researchers, industry and startups the prohibitive capital expenditure of purchasing advanced equipment. At the national level, this prevents duplication of resources in the research institutions.

This event, the sixth Samavesha event nationally, was intended to create awareness of the impact and accessibility of the I-STEM National Portal under the tagline 'Linking Researchers and Resources.' As a visionary platform, I-STEM is a comprehensive aggregator, connecting researchers to publicly funded laboratories and scientific equipment across India.

By linking the sophisticated tools to the I-STEM platform, researchers would not only gain access to cutting-edge technologies but also stay updated on the latest advancements across various disciplines.