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First Step towards ICTRD & SMILE Collab

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Solapur will host the second largest startup fest of the country

- District Collector Announced the mega Startup Fest.
- ICTRD is partnering Startup Fest to be held in Solapur.
- More than 4000 participants will join the fest.
- 100+ effective startups will be invited in the district.

To promote and sustain the startup ecosystem in south-east region of Maharashtra, ICTRD collaborated with Solapur District administration, Solapur Municipal Corporation & Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University and planned to organize another mega startup initiative, Solapur Startup Fest. The goal of this program is to promote and celebrate Solapur's entrepreneurial spirit. For this, 100 entrepreneurs from the country will be invited to speak and to educate the youth.

Solapur Startup Fest is a mission and goal to create a budding entrepreneurial ecosystem in Solapur region and foster the spirit of the same in the long run. The festival will help the district's new businesses. Several novel ideas will be presented to motivate and inspire young people. An online portal will be created to increase participation in the startup festival.

Recently The Collector of Solapur, Milind Shambharkar organized a meeting to plan the Solapur Startup Fest. On this occasion, Member Secretary of Indian Council for Technical Research and Development Ketan Mohitkar,



Collector & Dist. Magistrate Milind Shambharkar addressing the review meeting of Solapur Startup Fest... along with ICTRD Member Secretary Ketan Mohitkar, Chief Executive Officer Dilip Swamy and other key officials

Chief Executive Officer Dilip Swamy, Municipal Deputy Commissioner Pushpagandha Bhagat, Assistant Commissioner Skill Development Sachin Jadhav, Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Rajesh Gadewar, Manager of District Pioneer Bank Prashant Nashikkar, Principal of various engineering Colleges, and Officers from other government offices were present.

Indian Council for Technical Research and Development is the Convener of India's largest startup fest i.e. "Nagpur Startup Fest" The Nagpur Startup Fest, broke all records and was a massive success. That's why many districts are interested to apply same model at their places.

A preliminary outline of the program was discussed in the meeting with all concerned departments, organizations, and other entities including ecosystem stakeholders regarding the organization of the Startup Fest.

ICTRD's Ketan Mohitkar presented the concept of Solapur Startup Fest in the meeting.

According to the Solapur District Magistrate Milind Shambharkar, an environment should be created for entrepreneurs to start new industries. He assured that, the efforts will be made to provide all the necessary resources to organize successful solapur startup fest. We'll also help innovators with the assistance of investors and academicians.

Ketan Mohitkar Quoted Startup Fest as a way to strengthen India's startup community



He went on to say that the collaboration between SMILE and ICTRD will help SMILE's ultimate goal of improving Mumbai's welfare through social and economic growth. He acknowledged the efforts of BMC officials for making SMILE as a strong incubation facility in Mumbai. According to Ketan Mohitkar, programs like the Nagpur Startup Fest would benefit India's startup community. He wants these initiatives to get off the ground in Maharashtra before eventually spreading throughout the entire country.

Mumbai hosted the third incorporation day of the CivicTech Business Incubator "SMILE" run by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), named SMILE Innovation Summit. The event was featured with startup success stories, experience sharing by BMC departments, and panel discussions.

on the occasion, Ketan Mohitkar, Member Secretary of Indian Council for Technical Research and Development acknowledged the scope of the collaboration between SMILE and ICTRD. He emphasized ICTRD's vision and mission, saying, "ICTRD serves as a link between the Innovators, government organizations, corporates, academicians, and students.

Third incorporation day of BMC's SMILE Council is celebrated at Mumbai



Ketan Mohitkar visited various startups during the Smile Innovation Summit and listened to their concepts. These startups are incubated under SMILE.



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In this event Ashwini Bhide (Additional Municipal Commissioner), P.Velrasu (Additional Commissioner), Shashi bala (Business Development officer of BMC), Dr. Satish Revatkar from BMC, Dr. Uday Salunkhe (Group Director of the Welingkar Institute), Prof. Santosh Gharpur (Professor in Charge at SINE), Prasad Pradhan (Group Director of Hindustan Unilever Limited), Sandeep Khosla (Director General of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry), and Pyoni Bhatt (CEO of SINE) were present.

What is SMILE?



Society for Mumbai Incubation Lab To Entrepreneurship Council (SMILE Council) is a Civic Tech Business Incubator of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM), incorporated as sec 8 company under Companies Act 2013. SMILE is incubating many startups who mainly handles solutions to city's civic problems. Currently Shashi Bala from business development department of BMC is looking after the routine activities of SMILE.



Siddhart Roy joins MyGOV

ICTRD's Youth Ambassador Siddharth Roy recently joined myGov team in new Delhi. Siddharth is active in youth related activities of ICTRD for the last many years. The special thing is that Siddharth is a recipient of the National Youth Award.

Siddharth is a good writer. He is interested in writing since his school days. His 3 books have been published so far. One of those books "Rise in Love" was liked by the youth and was widely discussed. Siddharth is also writing a book on the various innovative initiatives of ICTRD which is going to be published soon. According to him, his experience of working with ICTRD was very good. The entire team of ICTRD congratulated him on his success. Now being in the team of MyGov, he will get a chance to contribute to the country's growth in a more powerful way, said Ketan Mohitkar, Member Secretary, ICTRD.



Wardha Celebrates Startup Yatra

The Maharashtra government has started the Startup Yatra project to get more youth attracted in startups and create self-employment opportunities in the state through that medium. It conducts Startup Yatra in various districts of the state and organizes training camps, innovation concept competitions, boot camps etc. As part of this, a startup boot camp was recently organized in Wardha district. Various startups presented their concepts in the boot camp. Those concepts were evaluated and then selected startups were awarded. The program was conducted under the chairmanship of Collector Rahul Kardile. On this occasion Assistant Commissioner of Skill Development Department Neeta Awghad, President of Yashwant Shikshan Sanstha Sameer Deshmukh, Member Secretary of ICTRD Ketan Mohitkar, Pradeep Ghule, Praveen Hivre and other guests were present.



Maharashtra Startup Yatra Boot Camp was organized in Wardha. Innovators from different parts of Wardha district presented their business ideas in this program. District Magistrate Rahul Kardile was specially present in this event and ICTRD member secretary Ketan Mohitkar was invited as the keynote speaker.

Competition is increasing in government jobs. Lakhs of people apply for selective seats and prepare for competitive exams for years. Few people get this opportunity. Many feel depressed because everyone else's time is wasted. Due to this, unemployment is increasing in the society. In such a situation, if students can create their own employment, this problem can be overcome. This will also provide employment to other people. Maharashtra Government's Startup Yatra is the first step towards entrepreneurship.

... Rahul Kardile

(Collector & District Magistrate)



Some Glimpses from Wardha Startup Boot Camp



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