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# Pune's Venture Center wins National Award

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**P**UNE: Pune-based Venture Center (also called the Entrepreneurship Development Center), the technology business incubator hosted by the CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, has bagged the National Award for Technology Business Incubation for this year.

The award will be presented to the center by President Pranab Mukherjee on May 11 in Delhi on the occasion of National Technology Day.

"This award recognizes the contribution of Venture Center to promoting and nurturing scientific [entrepreneurship](#) in the Country and more specifically in the Pune region," NCL said in a statement.

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Venture Center, NCL said, is today home to 35+ scientific ventures. Most of these are inventive [enterprises](#) driven by scientists and engineers. Women entrepreneurs have founded more than 30% of the startups incubated at Venture Center.

"This award recognises the consistent efforts of the entire Venture Center team and extended family of incubatees, mentors and other well wishers over the last several years in building a unique, rich and supportive innovation ecosystem for scientific enterprises for Pune and India," said Premnath, Head of the Venture Center.

Venture Center is a technology business [incubator](#) specializing in technology startups offering products and services exploiting scientific expertise in the areas of materials, chemicals and biological sciences & engineering.