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FY 24-25 in numbers

Startup Highlights

53

unique families of patents, 66 trademarks, and 8 designs filed

₹272 Cr

Total investment mobilized by current Venture Center resident and associate incubatees.

₹1390Cr

Total revenue generated by current Venture Center resident and associate incubatees.

2600+

direct employees of our current and graduate resident incubatees, with 2961 indirect jobs created

310+

students/interns were employed by incubatees

350+

national and international mentors engaged by the startups, along with 200+ strategic partners, and 250+ consultants

76

new products, services, and technology platforms launched by current Venture Center resident and associate incubatees.

Operational Highlights

₹70,568
thousand

service revenue generated by
Venture Center in FY 2024 - 25

217

incubatees supported including
137 residents, 25 associate
incubatees, and 69 pre-
incubatees

72

companies in our equity portfolio,
with 9 new companies being
added this year

170+

events organised in FY 24-25,
with an average of 40 people
per event

52

patents, 52 trademarks, and 6
industrial designs filed by
TechEx.In

3

technologies advanced towards
commercialization, supported by
key agreements & transactions
facilitated by TechEx.In

2

startups supported by RIFC in
receiving their test licences.

30+

CSR partners till date, supporting
a wide range of programs and
initiatives across the ecosystem.

10+

new services launched by CBA,
techEx.in, and RIFC teams

FY 2024 - 25 Highlights

CII-AMTZ MedTech Quality Champion Awards 2024



Incubator of the Year Award by Pune Management Association



Cummins Excellence Award



Notable updates

NABL Accreditation

The Center for Biopharma Analysis at Venture Center was granted NABL accreditation in accordance with ISO 17025: 2017 standard

Early translation accelerator

All six projects recommended by the Expert Committee have received Letters of Intent from industry

Investor Readiness Program

In partnership with Kotak Alternate Asset Managers, Venture Center successfully concluded IRP 2.0 and initiated IRP 3.0 during the year.

Renovated and New Workspaces

Several office spaces were renovated and upgraded during the year, while new work areas were created to better support teams, entrepreneurs, and visitors at Venture Center.

New Website Launch

Launched the redesigned Venture Center website to improve accessibility, navigation, and user experience.



Collaboration with MSInS

Established a partnership with the Maharashtra State Innovation Society (MSInS) to set up the Center of Excellence for Clean Energy and Green Hydrogen Innovations at Venture Center.



Partnership with UNIDO to strengthen technology transfer offices in India

Venture Center was selected by UNIDO to develop a handbook and training program on technology transfer, aimed at sharing best practices in de-risking and commercialization with practitioners, startups, academia & government stakeholders.

Launch of a 112 kWp roof-top solar farm

This was possible due to generous CSR support from Persistent Foundation, and it was inaugurated by Dr. Anand Deshpande and Ms. Sonali Deshpande



New Launches & initiatives

Rx Innovation Circle

Launch of Rx Innovation Circle - an exclusive club for doctors and run by doctors

Whitepapers by the Regulatory Information Facilitation Center (RIFC)

RIFC released two whitepapers in FY 2024-25, providing valuable regulatory insights for MedTech innovators

Weekly Open House

A weekly walk-in session held every Friday at Venture Center to provide information, guidance, and orientation to aspiring entrepreneurs and visitors.

Impact Reports

Released impact reports for BIG, NIDHI PRAYAS, and EIR-PEP programs, highlighting outcomes, achievements, and contributions to the startup ecosystem.



About Us

Established in 2007, Venture Center is India's top, award-winning, technology business incubator dedicated to nurturing science and technology startups.

Born from an initiative of the National Chemical Laboratory under CSIR's "Scheme for setting up incubation centers in CSIR laboratories," Venture Center has evolved into a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship. We are incorporated as the "Entrepreneurship Development Center" under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, and proudly operate as an approved incubator of the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India (DST-NSTEDB).

Venture Center offers a comprehensive suite of programs, services, resources, and facilities tailored to support entrepreneurs at all stages of their journey. While our primary focus is on early-stage startups, we extend our expertise and resources to businesses at all stages, fostering growth and development in the technology sector.



Our Vision

To be the organization that will be credited with creating, shaping and sustaining a "Pune cluster" of innovative technology businesses with a significant economic impact regionally, nationally and globally within the next 20 years (Venture Center was founded on 10th Jan 2007).

Our Mission

To nucleate and nurture world-leading inventive ventures emerging out of India that solve the globe's most pressing problems with science and technology-led interventions



Focus Areas

We focus on promoting inventive enterprises and spin-offs from R&D institutions. We are sector agnostic but our strengths lie in science based technologies.

Emerging sectors in pipeline:

- Defence
- Circular Economy
- Food Security
- Biopharma/ Advanced Medical Biotechnology
- Digital/IT/ Sensors/ Electronic Wearables
- CCUS, Energy Management
- Climate Action/ Clean Energy



Health & Rehabilitation



Energy & Environment



Engineering & Automation



Agriculture & Nutrition

What we stand for

01. Advocating Technology

We believe in the transformative power of technology to address real-world challenges and enhance control over our lives and environment.

02. Market-Driven Innovation

We focus on guiding innovative ideas to successful market entry, ensuring smooth commercialization and impactful market presence.

03. Empowering Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship is central to our mission. We foster an entrepreneurial mindset that encourages resourcefulness, ownership, and a commitment to achieving ambitious goals.



Our distinctive edge

Venture Center has been at the forefront of the startup movement in India, helping commercialize some of the best science research and innovations in India. We highlight below some of the things we believe make us different and uniquely place us in a position to help our startups grow.

01 Complete Ecosystem

Venture Center offers seamless support for early-stage ideas through mentoring, funding, infrastructure, advisory services, advanced scientific facilities to business and IP and regulatory guidance.

02 Mentoring Expertise

Venture Center is one of the very few incubators in India that can support startups in difficult domain areas such as life sciences, engineering, materials sciences, agriculture, and clean energy. Our strong in-house mentoring team led by Dr Premnath Venugopalan is known for its depth and thought leadership, and we also have a large network of over 200 technical, business and other specialist mentors.

03 Stimulating Environment

Venture Center is in close proximity to some of India's leading academic and research organizations that engage in cutting-edge research and innovation, adding to Pune's vibrant, academic atmosphere. At Venture Center, you can also benefit from the strong peer network of like-minded, driven entrepreneurs, and discover invaluable mentorship and role models within our dynamic ecosystem.

Key milestones

FY 2023 – 24

- Welcomed three new members on the Board of Directors
- First incubator to be registered on the Social Stock Exchange of Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (BSE)!
- Awarded prestigious grant by U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai, to promote Diversity & Inclusion in MSMEs across India and launch of the DEIA catalyst program
- Partnered with Kotak Alternate Asset Managers for the Investor Readiness Program (Wave 2)
- Partnered with Blockchain for Impact for the BFI-Biome Virtual Network Program
- Partnered with Ansys software to set up a Center of Excellence for startups
- Launch of the first edition of our in-house publication – CanDid

FY 2022 – 23

- Received the National Intellectual Property Award for Nurturing IP
- Partner for the MeITY Samridh Accelerator
- Launch of the Makers Hive at Venture Center
- Visit by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science and Technology
- Listed our first ever book on Amazon – the PRIME Playbook
- Selected by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) for implementing the Start up India Seed Fund Scheme

FY 2021 – 22

- Implementation partner for the AIM PRIME Program
- Venture Center Bioincubator Ranked No. 1 in Biospectrum Survey
- Partner Incubator for iDEX-DIO program
- Launch of the Investor Readiness Program
- Celebrated 15th foundation day

2021 to 2016

2021: Virtual inauguration of the Center for Biopharma Analysis (CBA) supported by NBM by Secretary, DBT, Dr Renu Swarup.

2020: Received approval from NBM for Regional Tech Transfer Office (TechEx.in)

2019: Received the National Entrepreneurship Award 2019 under the Ecosystem Builder Category

2018: Formal launch of BIRAC Regional Bioinnovation Center

Received the AABI Award for Incubator of the Year

Formal initiation of activities of DST's NIDHI CoE

Received approval from BIRAC for operating the BIRAC LEAP Fund

2017: Inauguration of DST-Prayashala by Dr. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST.

Inauguration of BioIncubator Phase 2 by Dr. Renu Swarup, MD, BIRAC.

Inauguration of a 55 kWp solar farm, built with CSR support from IBPL.

2016: Received the National Award for TBI 2015 from the Honorable President of India.

Selected for DST's NIDHI Centre of Excellence status and funding support.

Chosen as the National Implementation Partner for NIDHI – EIR.

2015 to 2006

2015: Formal inauguration of the BioIncubator by Prof. Vijay Raghavan

Inauguration of Tinkering Lab by Dr. Satya Dash.

2014: Incorporated first company under the Lab2Mkt program (Module Innovations).

Launch of Social Innovation Immersion Program (SIIP)

2013: Launch of the Center for Applications of Mass Spectrometry

Venture Center appointed as a Biotechnology Ignition Grant Partner by BIRAC.

2010: Inauguration of IP Facilitation Center (IPFACE) on World IP day.

2007: Signing of MoU with DST-NSTEDB for creation and funding of the technology business incubator.

2007: Incorporation of "Entrepreneurship Development Center" with Dr. V. Premnath and Dr. S. Sivaram as Founding Directors.

2006: Inauguration of physical facilities at 100 NCL Innovation Park by Prof. Sir Richard Friend in the presence of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar and Dr. S. Sivaram.

Recognizing Excellence

We are proud to have received national and international recognition for our work in science, technology, and entrepreneurship. These awards reflect the dedication and impact of our team, startups, and partners, reinforcing our commitment to fostering innovation and driving positive change.



National Award for Technology Business Incubators 2015



Asian Association for Business Incubation (AABI) Incubator of the Year Award for 2018



National Entrepreneurship Award 2019



National Intellectual Property Awards 2021 & 2022 under the category of "Best Incubator for Nurturing IP"



Certificate of merit in the Smart Incubator of the Year category at ISUW2019



Appendix



Incubator of the Year from Pune Management Association 2023



Cummins Excellence Award 2022



Award for the No. 1 Bioincubator for FY 20-21 at the Biospectrum Excellence Awards 2023.



National Entrepreneurship Award 2019



Cummins Excellence Award 2023



Inaugural CII-AMTZ MedTech Quality Champion Awards 2024

A complete ecosystem

Venture Center provides entrepreneurs with access to world-class knowledge and resources that they need to grow their businesses and create impact. The rich technology innovation ecosystem at Venture Center consists of infrastructural facilities including specialized scientific facilities, IP facilitation center, library, funding options, internal mentoring capabilities, technical and mentor networks, etc.

Below, is a complete list of all the services and resources that is on offer to entrepreneurs and startups:



Infrastructure Support

- Dedicated lab suites
- Shared lab spaces or starter packages
- Dedicated office space
- Hot desks
- Address and reception services
- Meeting and event spaces
- Cafeteria
- Parking

Funding Opportunities

- NIDHI Prayas Prototyping Support
- NIDHI Seed Support Scheme
- NIDHI Entrepreneur-in-Residence Fellowship Program
- BIRAC SEED Fund
- BIRAC LEAP Fund
- Startup India Seed Fund
- BIRAC Biotech Ignition Grant
- CSR Grants and Fellowships



Advisory, Mentoring and Referral Support

Venture Center has a very strong in-house team of coaches and trainers, and extended network of experienced advisors and mentors to help our startups. We have also built an external network of service providers to help advise on the following topics:

- Business planning and sharpening the value proposition
- Fund raising and agreements
- IP and technology strategy
- Company operations and HR
- Regulatory pathway
- Referrals and leads
- One-to-one mentoring via MClincs and RClincs
- Technology marketing, Technology licensing, Negotiations and valuation services
- Advisory service for other upcoming incubators

Scientific Support

- Hot labs (plug and play labs)
- Analytical services (spectroscopy, chromatography, thermal analysis, elemental analysis)
- Advanced scientific support (Center for Applications of Mass Spectrometry, Cell Studio)
- Prototyping support services (Tinkering Lab, DST Prayashala, Maker's Hive)
- Selected specialized studies (cytotoxicity, cell viability/ proliferation)
- Scientific services (including contract research, consulting services)
- ISO 13485: 2016 certified MedTech Cleanroom Facility for Manufacturing and Packaging of Medical Devices & Diagnostics
- Discounted access to NCL's analytical services

Other Resource Centers

- Center for Biopharma Analysis
- BIRAC Supported Bioincubator
- BIRAC Regional Bioinnovation Center
- Protoshop (NIDHI Prayashala, Tinkering Lab, and Maker's Hive)
- NIDHI Center of Excellence
- Regulatory Information Facilitation Center
- Regional Tech Transfer Office Hub (RTTO Hub) – Techex.in
- Venture Center Library

Venture Center Networks

- Peer-to-Peer Network (of all incubatees)
- Pune Biomed Network
- Academic and research institutes in Pune (Pune Collaboration Framework)
- Networks in the business incubation community (via ISBA, APIN, NBIA, MCCIA and PIC)
- Pune Inventors Network
- CSIR-NCL
- Networks in the tech transfer community (via STEM and AUTM)
- Networks with international agencies – especially UK, EU and US.



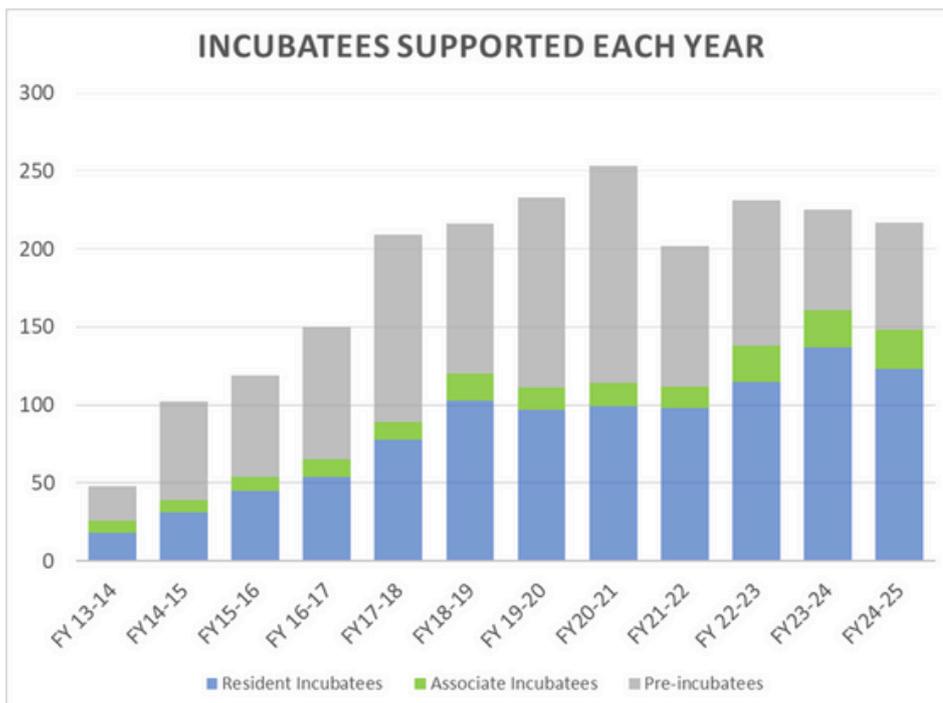
Management Review

The fiscal year 2024-2025 has been a period of significant growth and transformation for Venture Center. In this section, we provide an overview of our strategic initiatives, financial performance, and key achievements that have shaped our journey over the past year. Our focus in FY 2023-24 has been on fostering innovation, enhancing operational efficiency, and strengthening our community partnerships.

Incubation Efforts

Venture Center’s incubation efforts have supported over 1000 resident, virtual, and pre-incubatees since our inception in 2007. Through our various incubation programs, we continue to provide essential resources, mentorship, and support to startups, helping them develop sustainable, scalable, and profitable businesses. Our primary focus is companies with knowledge intensive/IP-rich innovative solutions, business models with a high growth potential, and a team that is driven, competent, and will strengthen the ecosystem at Venture Center.

As can be seen in the graph below, the number of resident incubatees has plateaued since the last few years. This is mainly due the available space for resident incubation. Further growth in the number of resident incubatees will be possible once we are able to create additional space for resident incubation.





While the large majority of the startups we support are primarily in the domain area of healthcare and clean tech, in 2024, we've observed a significant rise in startups focusing on clean energy, climate tech, engineering, and agro-technology, reflecting an interesting shift in sectoral focus. New programs like MeitY SAMRIDH, iDEX, and the protoalpha accelerator have been instrumental in attracting startups from these sectors, allowing us to support knowledge-intensive, IP-rich, and high-growth potential ventures in these new domain areas.

In addition to helping both new and existing incubatee companies take their business to the next level, Venture Center also continued to support larger entities setting up R&D centers in Pune via the Soft Landing Program. Appendix A19 contains the entire list of all incubatees supported during the last financial year.

Social Innovations

The Social Innovation Immersion Program (SIIP) at Venture Center continues to play a critical role in nurturing early-stage social innovators in the biotech and biomed sectors. As a training partner for the Inter-Institutional School of Diagnostic Innovation in Biodesign (SiB), a multi-institutional fellowship program, Venture Center was mainly responsible for training SiB fellows on different aspects of entrepreneurship.

Considering this, Venture Center organized an intensive training program - the Startup Launch Accelerator Program (SLAP) - which combined diagnostic clinics, startup visits, and lunch-side chats with startup founders from various deep tech sectors, and mini-workshops to support SiB fellows in developing their diagnostics innovations.

In March 2024, Venture Center became the first incubator across India to partner with Blockchain for Impact (BFI) under the BFI-Biome Virtual Network Program to foster innovation and drive advancements in healthcare. Under this initiative, BFI will be allocating over US\$200,000 over three years to support healthcare startups through initiatives such as BFI-BIOME Fellowships, BFI-BIOME Kick Starter Initiatives, and BFI-BIOME Events. More details can be found in Appendix A11.





Spin-off creation

Since 2009, Venture Center has been actively engaged in venture creation via one of its flagship programs, namely, the Lab2Mkt® program. As a part of this program, Venture Center contributes in a co-founding capacity by actively bringing together the capabilities, the business opportunity, the team, and the first tranche of funding. In particular, Venture Center uses this program to create spin-off companies by leveraging expertise in publicly funded research institutions (especially CSIR-NCL).

Till date, Venture Center has supported 11 companies under the Lab2Mkt program and a total of 15 companies under the Lab2Mkt and POC programs together. Of these, during FY 24-25, one company raised equity linked investments and six companies were generating revenue. Appendix A4 contains the entire list of companies created under the Lab2Mkt/POC initiative of Venture Center.

Investment and portfolio management

Venture Center continued to run the following funding programs in FY 2024-25:

For the *Department of Science and Technology* under the National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI):

- (1) NIDHI – EIR (Entrepreneur In Residence) Program as Program Implementation Partner and Program Execution Partner
- (2) NIDHI – PRAYAS (Promoting and Accelerating Young and Aspiring innovators & start-ups) Program as PRAYAS Center
- (3) NIDHI-SSS (Seed Support Scheme)

For the *Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)*:

- (1) BIRAC – SEED (Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development) Fund
- (2) BIRAC – LEAP (Launching Entrepreneurial Driven Affordable Products) Fund

For the *Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)*:

- (1) Startup India Seed Fund Scheme

During FY 2024-25, Venture Center continued to support 10 innovators under the NIDHI-EIR scheme, and 10 budding entrepreneurs under the NIDHI-PRAYAS Scheme. Nine startups were supported under various seed fund schemes implemented by Venture Center. As on 31 st March 2025, Venture Center had 72 companies in its seed fund portfolio of which 67 were equity investments and 5 were grants. Out of these 72 portfolio companies, 28 companies are being led by women, 80 products / services are in the market, 200 Intellectual Properties generated, and Rs 292 crores of total follow-on funding raised as on 31 st March 25 in the form of equity or debt.

Appendix A2 contains more details on the investments made during FY 2024-25.



Assets and Resource Centers

(a) Human Resources

This year, Venture Center continued to strengthen its organizational capabilities with a sharper focus on supporting both our employees and the startups we serve. One of the key initiatives was the launch of a centralized Careers Page on our website to showcase job opportunities across incubated startups. The platform has quickly gained traction and is helping young ventures reach a much larger pool of talent than they could have on their own, while reinforcing Venture Center's role as an ecosystem builder.

Within the organization, our workforce remained steady and engaged. Over the year, we recorded a net growth in headcount, with around 18% of employees joining afresh, resulting in an average team size of just over 70 people. This reflects our ability to attract new talent in line with evolving needs.

Another important milestone was Venture Center's commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA). We became a cohort member of the DEIA Catalyst Program for MSMEs in India and formally adopted an Equal Opportunity Policy. By signing the DEIA charter, we have underlined our belief that diverse perspectives and inclusive environments fuel innovation and collaboration.

Employee well-being also remained a priority. A new mental health module was introduced within our Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) training framework, equipping employees to better understand and manage mental health challenges at the workplace. This addition reflects our belief that care for employees goes hand in hand with performance and innovation.

Through these initiatives, Venture Center is not only strengthening its own organizational culture but also amplifying its impact across the startup ecosystem – by enabling access to talent, fostering inclusion, and supporting holistic employee well-being.

(b) Analytical Services and Center for Biopharma Analysis

Last financial year marked a significant milestone for our organization with the Center for Biopharma Analysis achieving NABL accreditation in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017, highlighting our commitment to the highest standards of quality, competence, and reliability in analytical testing.

We continued to strengthen our analytical infrastructure with the addition of advanced equipment, including Refractive Index Detector (RID), Capillary Electrophoresis (CE), and advanced micro plate readers, enabling enhanced precision and expanded testing capabilities. New service offerings such as functional assay services, short chain fatty acid analysis, and crude fiber testing further diversified our portfolio and strengthened our market position.



As part of our outreach and knowledge-sharing initiatives, we launched Only One Analytical Technique Talk Series, the Letter of Support (LOS) initiative to support academic R&D institutions looking to secure grants/ funding/partnerships, and conducted a series of technical workshops to foster collaboration and professional development within the community.

In alignment with our goal of consistent communication and stakeholder engagement, we curated and circulated a monthly newsletter, and were also featured in the ABLE industry newsletter, showcasing our initiatives and offerings.

(c) Scientific & Prototyping Services, Initiatives and Facilities

The scientific initiatives and prototyping vertical at Venture Center continued supporting innovators and early-stage technologies through various facilities and programs. As part of DBT-BIRAC's Early Translation Accelerator (ETA), Venture Center scouted 44 promising technologies in the industrial biotechnology domain from research and academic institutions across India. From these, the ETA Advisory Committee shortlisted 12 technologies for presentation to the BIRAC ETA Expert Committee. Following the review, 6 technologies were selected for further development under the ETA program, with recommended budgets approved for each project. Letters of Interest (LoIs) were also received from potential industry partners for all six selected technologies, ensuring strong translational and commercialization potential.

During FY 2024–25, the Hot Labs maintained an average equipment utilization rate of 44% with minimal downtime of 1%, and no accidents were reported under EHS compliance. A key milestone was the launch of a new Biology and Health Science Lab dedicated to the safe handling of blood and body fluids, expanding our capabilities in life sciences research. In the Cell Studies Lab, several new services were introduced, including Bioburden testing (as per ISO 11737-1:2018 and USP <61>), and advanced bioassays such as ADCC, CDC, and Binding assays. To support these expanded services, the lab acquired new instrumentation, including a Real-Time PCR system and an Advanced Microplate Reader with AlphaScreen, further enhancing analytical precision and throughput.

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The team also hosted a total of 6 workshops on themes such as crafting a floating table, Physictronics, Lanternistry and more. Of special note, was a 3-month course on "Model-Based Design for Electrified Systems" in collaboration with Mathworks. From mastering MATLAB and Simulink to receiving real-time guidance from industry experts, participants explored how simulation can accelerate the path from concept to prototype.



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(d) Technology Transfer Hub

TechEx.in continued to strengthen its role as a bridge between research and industry during FY 2024–25. TECHEX.in filed 52 patents, 52 trademark, and 5 industrial designs and 9 copyrights. Under our technology licensing support activities, TechEx.in facilitated key agreements and transactions enabling the commercialization of three innovative technologies. A new Business Development (BD) Support Service was launched to help startups and MSMEs identify and pursue growth opportunities through marketing, lead generation, and client acquisition support. The team also organized multiple TechEx Matchmaker sessions, fostering collaborations between technology providers and industry seekers through curated, theme-based matchmaking. Appendix A12 contains more details of our techex activities.

(e) Venture Center Library

FY 2024–25 marked an exciting new chapter for the library with its relocation to a newly renovated, cozy, and modern space, inaugurated in February 2025 by Hon'ble Dr. Vijay Kelkar. The refreshed environment quickly became a hub of activity and curiosity on campus. The library witnessed 12% increase in members bringing the total members to 158. We also saw an increase of 10% in Venture Center associated startup founders becoming library members showing the important place the library continues to serve as part of the Venture Center ecosystem.

We reintroduced YNOS Search Engine for the benefit of our incubatees. YNOS is a complete intelligence platform for startups allowing them to access investors and experts making it an important asset. The library's circulation numbers have also shown a modest increase of 5% compared to the previous year.

Programming and community engagement continued to be a strong focus, with a total of 13 events organized – including 2 book clubs, 4 author talks, and 7 diverse workshops on topics such as AI/ML, Negotiation Skills, Systems Thinking, Theory of Constraints, Child Safety, and Positive Psychology & Mindfulness.



Overall, despite the temporary closure for renovation, the library successfully strengthened its offerings, enhanced member engagement, and reaffirmed its role as a vibrant learning space at Venture Center.

(f) Campus redevelopment and maintenance

In FY 2024-25, several infrastructure re-development and upgradation activities were undertaken to enhance the functionality, aesthetics, and overall user experience across the campus.

100 NIP & Library – Reimagined Spaces

The year saw the unveiling of a reimagined 100 NIP, designed to bring the Venture Center team together under one roof, fostering collaboration and a vibrant work culture. The Venture Center Library and Courtyard were also reopened after thoughtful redesigns, offering renewed spaces for interaction and learning.

These upgraded facilities were inaugurated by Dr. Vijay Kelkar, Padma Vibhushan in the presence of Dr. Ashish Lele, Director NCL and Chairperson, Venture Center Board and Mr. Sanjay Kanvinde, Angel Investor and Advisor, Lavni Ventures marking a significant milestone in our journey of continual improvement.

Exclusive Event and Meeting Spaces @ 200 NIP

A suite of exclusive event and meeting spaces are being developed at 200 NIP, tailored to host VIP guests, meetings, and networking events. The facility will include a state-of-the-art Studio Room for recordings, podcasts, and video productions, as well as an open-air rooftop venue that provides a distinctive setting for outdoor gatherings and dining experiences.

Over the financial year, we addressed a wide range of maintenance requests spanning civil, carpentry, plumbing, and other areas. All the maintenance requests are tracked using the Spiceworks platforms. Throughout the year, our team attended to 299 requests and the average time for the complaint resolution was 4 days. We continue to explore new ways to make our maintenance systems even more efficient and responsive.





Financial Highlights

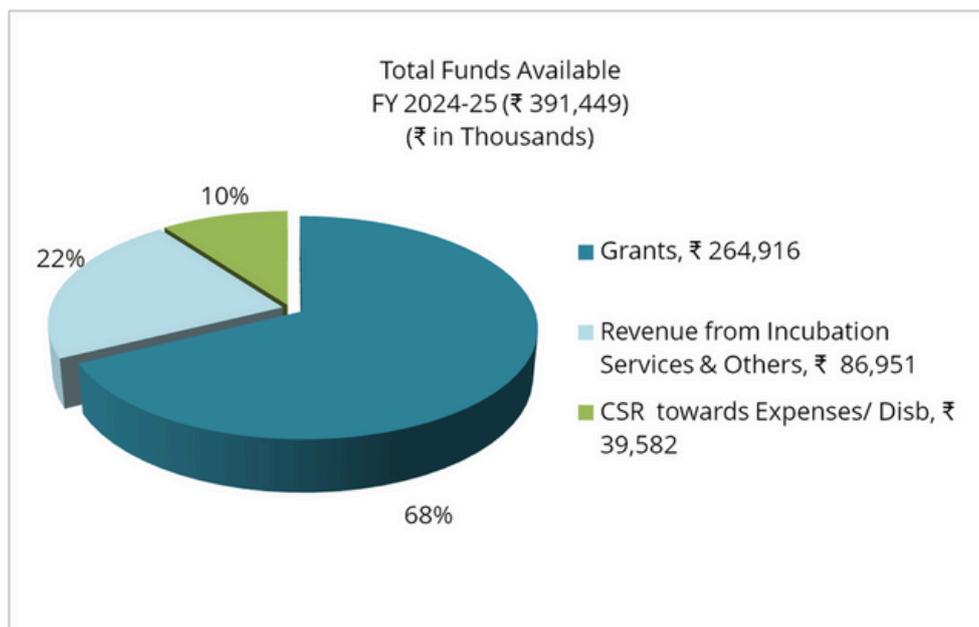
Venture Center is a not-for-profit company and charitable organization that supports its activities through a variety of financing sources.

The major sources of financing are:

- Government grants for incubation programs
- Income from rendering incubation services for entrepreneurs (service revenue)
- Operational costs received for operating projects for the benefit of innovators and entrepreneurs (Certain projects include funds that are of a “pass-through” nature where the eventual beneficiary is an innovator or entrepreneur)
- Income from corpus and reserves
- Donations for projects
- Grants for projects under Corporate Social Responsibility
- Returns on equity realization
- Others
- In-kind contributions of host institution, other organizations and volunteers

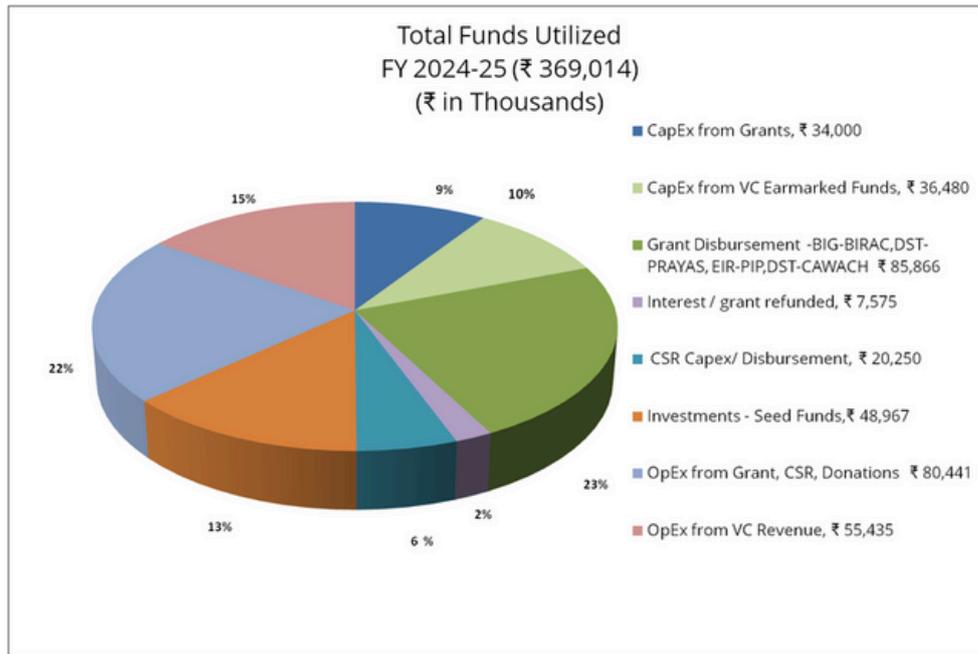
Funds available and utilized

During FY 2024-25, the overall funds available were ₹ 391,449 thousand of which ₹ 369,014 thousand were utilized. The funds available correspond to fund inflows plus funds brought forward from previous year. Similarly, the funds utilized include expenses (recurring and capital expenses), disbursements and interest/grant refunded to the granting agencies. The distribution of sources of funds available and categories of funds utilized are shown below:

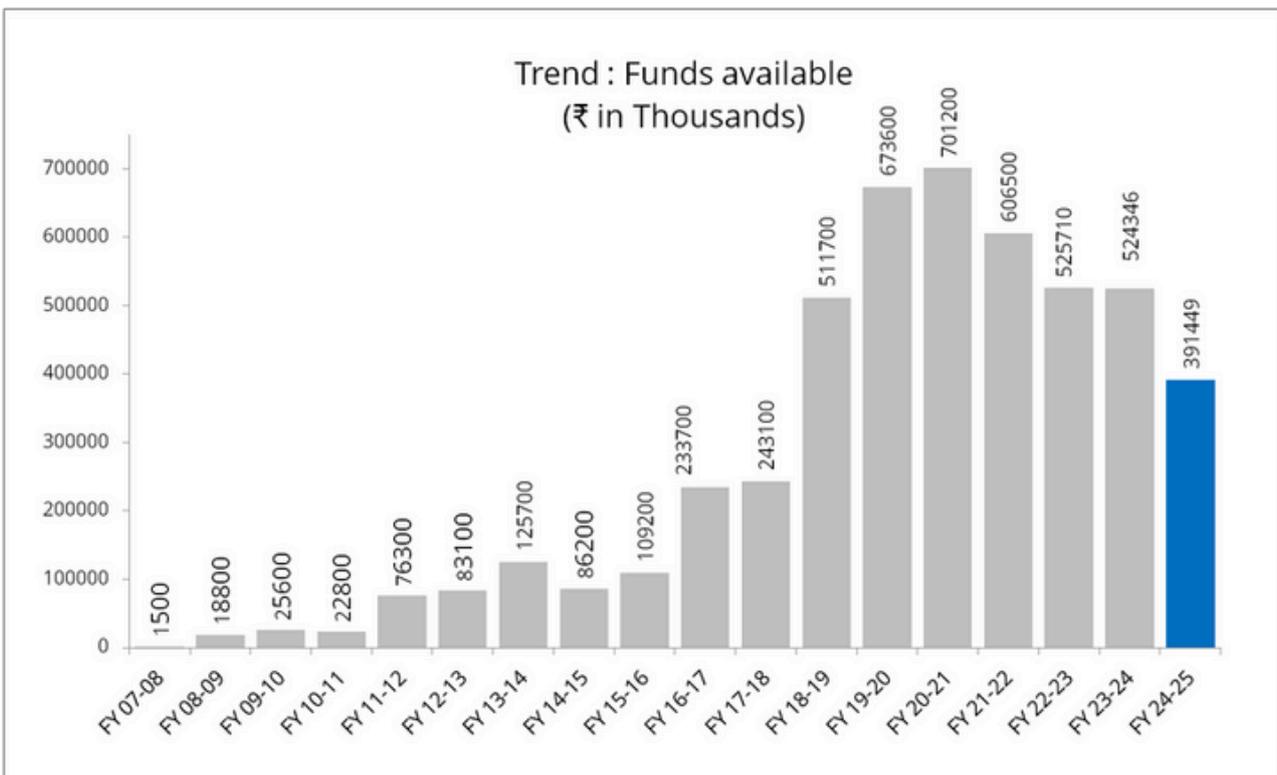


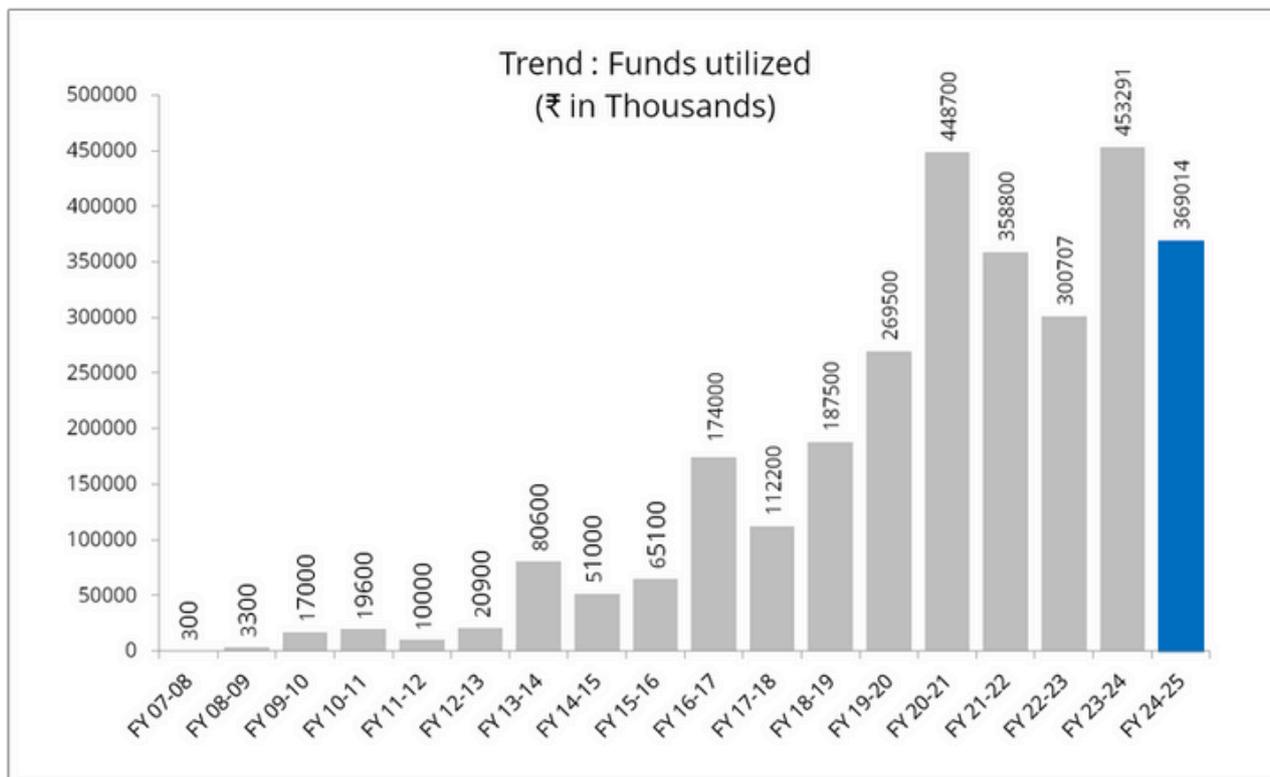


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The trends in funds available and utilized are shown below. The trends are not monotonous especially due to variability in grant funding levels. That said the finances handled by the Venture Center team have increased considerably in the last 5 years. The funds available can largely be attributed to grant inflows under various programs such as MSiNS, BIRAC-CBA, BIRAC-TTO, NIDHI EIR, NIDHI PRAYAS, IDEX, DPIIT SISFS, FCRA DEIA, FCRA BFI, etc. The total expenditure on non-capex items (~recurring expenditure) stood at ₹ 135,876 thousand.





Service Revenue

During FY 2024-25, Venture Center's service revenue was ₹ 70,568 thousand. There was an increase in the revenue as compared to the previous year due to team efforts. Venture Center's service revenue from incubation services can be classified into four parts:

- Infrastructure support services for entrepreneurs
- Scientific and research services for entrepreneurs
- Entrepreneurship support services including advisory, mentoring, technology license fees for entrepreneurs and other services
- Organization of events and workshops to support innovators and entrepreneurs

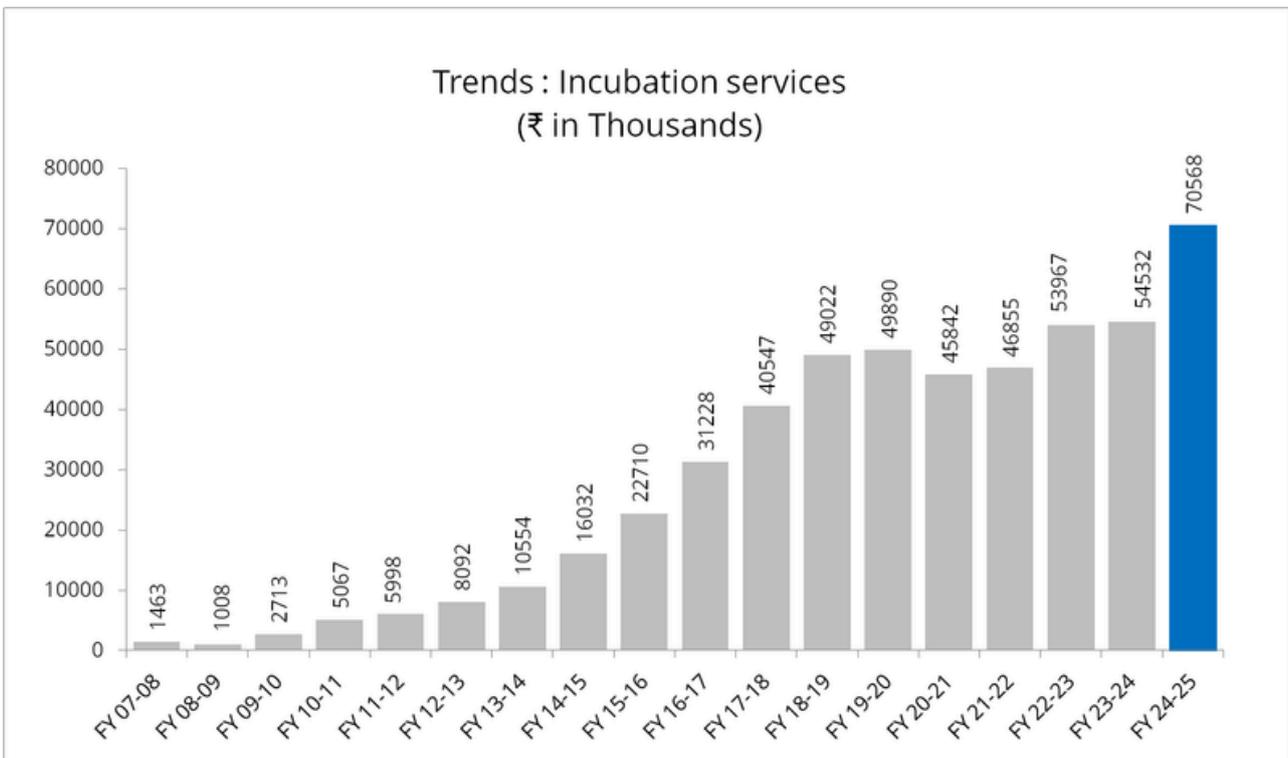
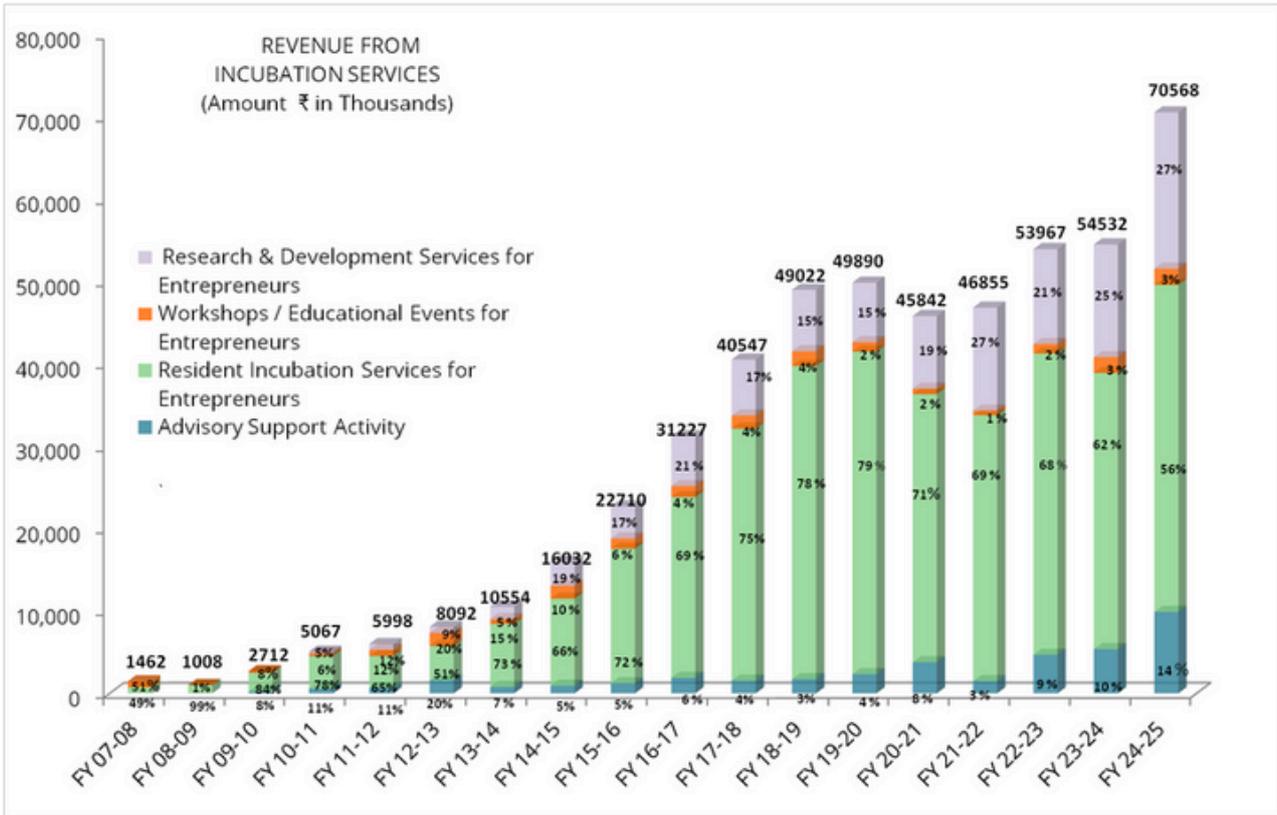
The chart below shows the breakup of the service revenue as a function of time.

Infrastructure support services accounts for the largest contribution to service revenue, followed by revenue from scientific and research services. The team promises to strive hard, attain growth and new opportunities with further scale-up planned under the Center for BioPharma Analysis (CBA) Stage 2, Setting up a Regional Technology Transfer office" (TTO) etc

We are making efforts to strengthen our advisory programs and events and thereby generate more revenues through this activity in the coming years.



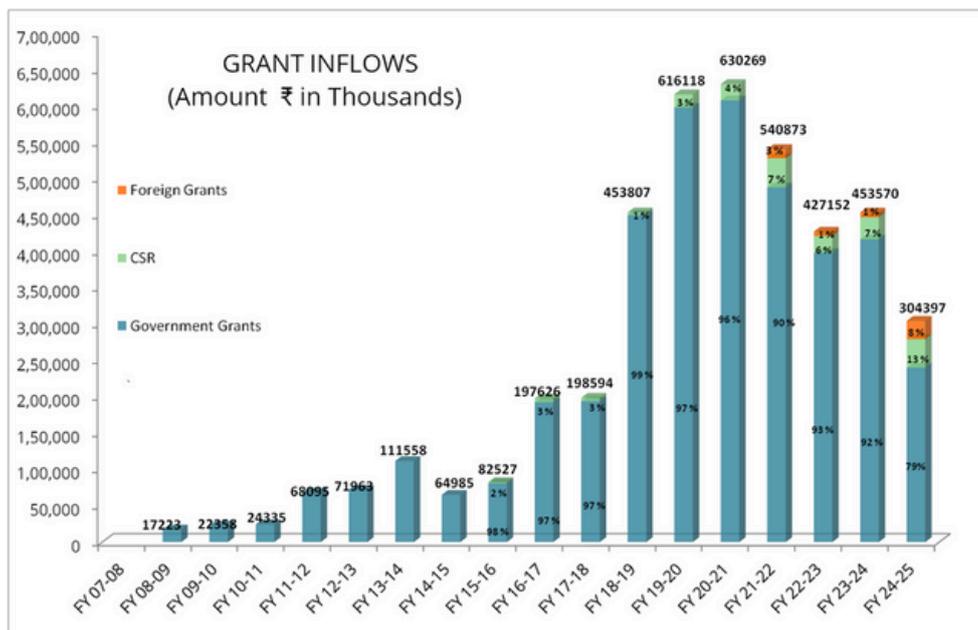
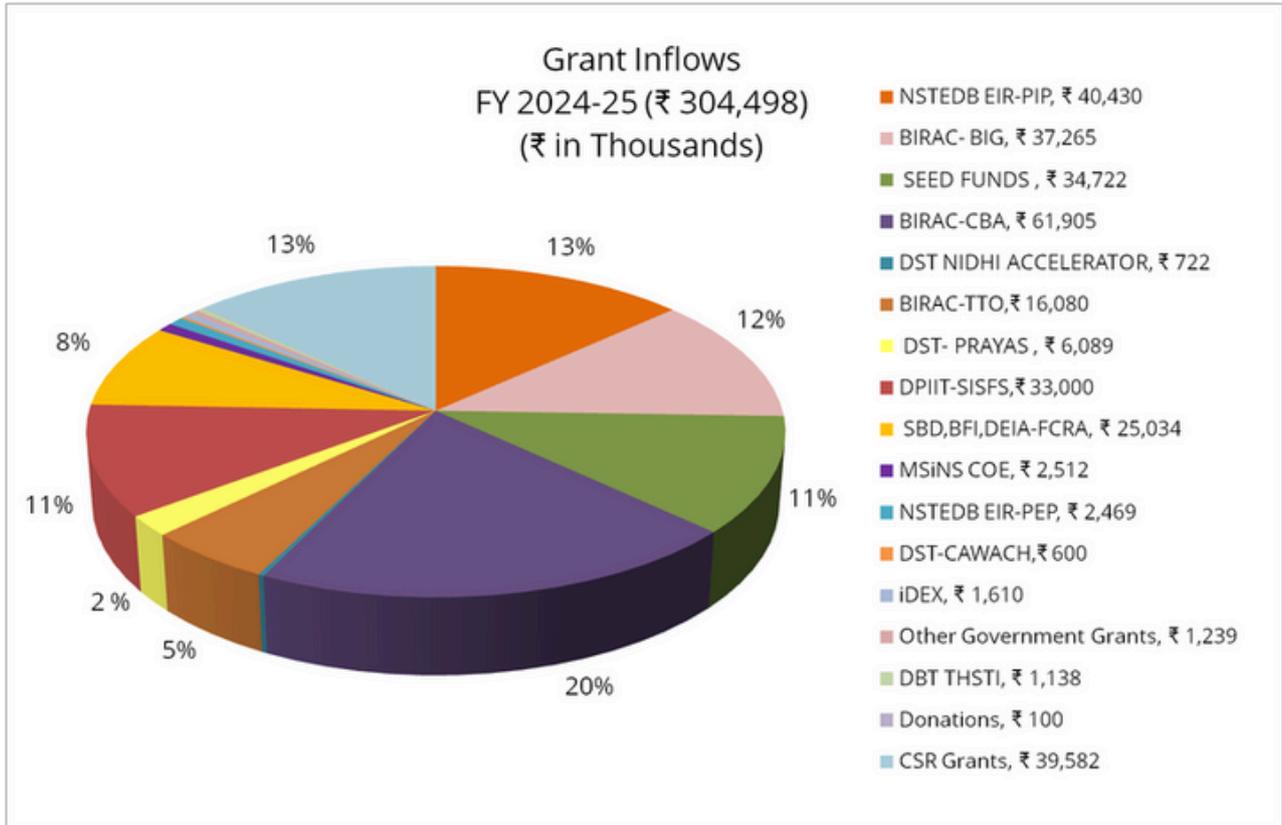
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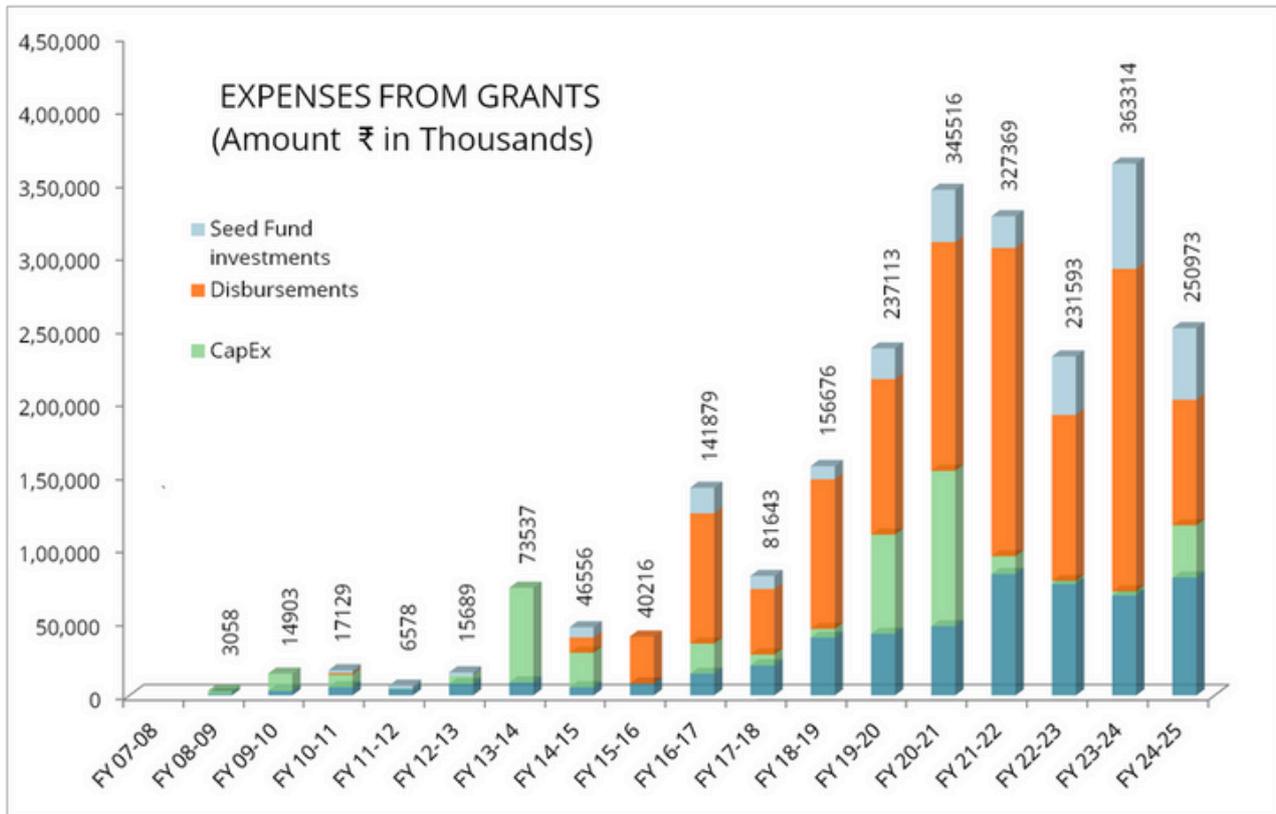
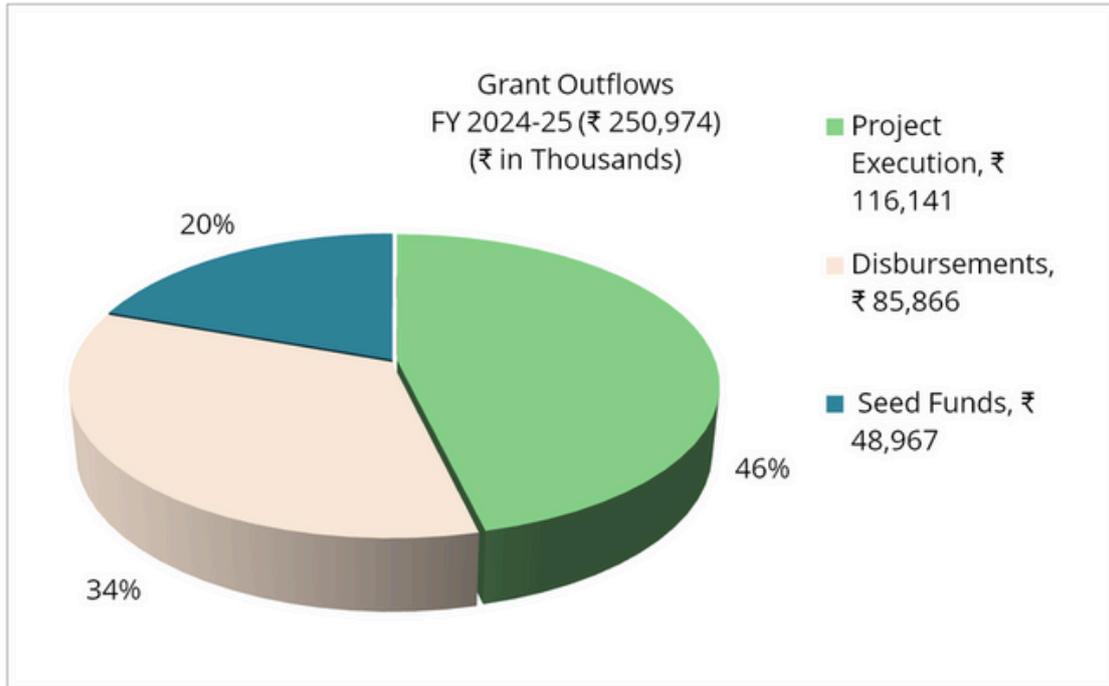




Grants

During FY 2024-25, Venture Center had funds available to the tune of ₹ 304,498 thousand via grant-in-aid programs. Some of this money was actually of a “pass through” nature and meant for the eventual beneficiary – an innovator or startup. During the same period, Venture Center showed a utilization of ₹ 250,974 thousand under grant-in-aid programs.







Other modes of financing

During FY 2024-25, Venture Center operated the following projects under Government of India schemes:

- BIG Partner
- Social Innovation Immersion Programme
- BIRAC Seed Support Scheme
- NIDHI Seed Support Scheme
- BIRAC LEAP Fund
- NIDHI-Entrepreneur-In-Residence Programme Implementing Partner
- NIDHI-Entrepreneur-In-Residence Programme Executing Partner
- NIDHI PRAYAS Center
- DST CAWACH
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- DST CAWACH
- BIRAC Technology Transfer Office
- BIRAC Center for Biopharma Analysis
- iDEX
- DPIIT- SISFS
- BFI-BIOME
- MSinS
- THSTI
- DEIA Catalyst Program

During FY 2024-25 Venture Center also raised funding support in the form of CSR grants for its activities. Details for the same are appended in Appendix A3.

NCL continued to provide significant and substantial in-kind support to Venture Center. The NCL Innovations and the IP Group teams (Magesh Nandagopal, Dr. N.S. Tewari and Dr. V. Premnath) provided mentoring and advisory inputs for Venture Center staff.

Dr. Manisha Premnath offered pro bono services to Venture Center, and volunteered her time and expertise in running operations at Venture Center. She was appointed as an Additional Director on 15/06/2024.

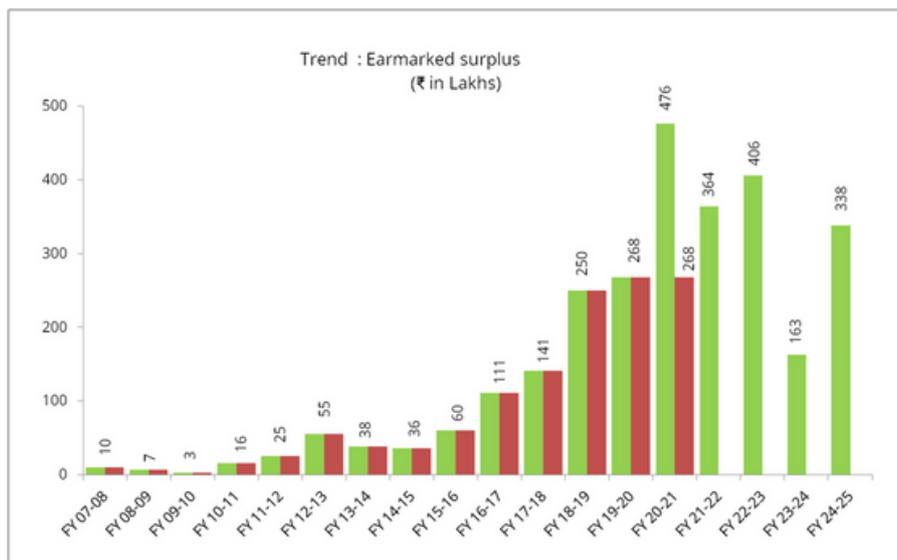
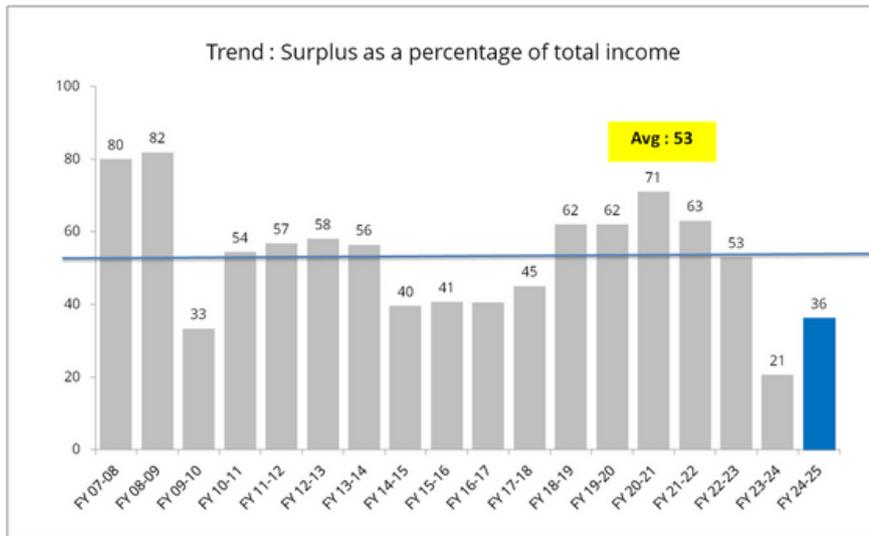
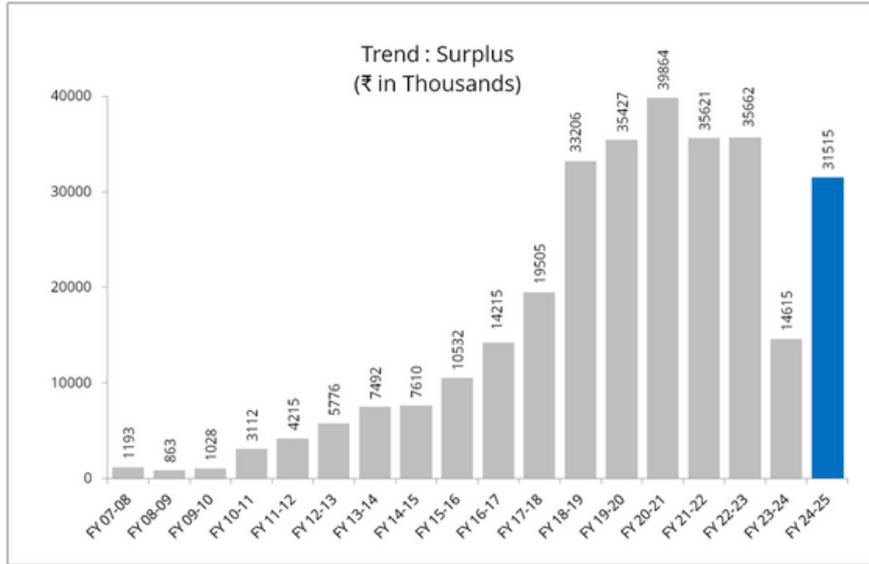
Surplus and additions to reserves

Venture Center has consistently shown a surplus every year since inception. Generating a surplus has been a key part of Venture Center's strategy of building a reserve fund that could act as buffer during emergencies or sudden decrease in in-kind or grant funding support, as well as help the organization tide over any cash flow problems.

In compliance with the Income Tax Act, 1961, Venture Center has set aside funds as earmarked surplus (directed towards expanding facilities & services for entrepreneurs) and non-earmarked surplus (directed towards creating a buffer fund that is intended to help Venture Center withstand sudden financial shocks). During FY 2024-25, Venture Center booked a surplus of ₹ 31,515 thousand. The ratio of book surplus to income was 36%.



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Status of reserves and corpus

The current status of reserves and corpus is as follows:

- Corpus created by donations ~ ₹ 12,237 thousand
- Book value or net assets ~ ₹ 313,693 thousand (Note: The asset books carry assets purchased under grant schemes at Re 1 value)

Venture Center would ideally like to ensure that its buffer funds are adequate to cover its operating expenses for a financial year to attain self-sustainability and freedom from financial shocks. We are some distance away from the targeted levels of corpus and buffer funds. We need to continue strengthening our corpus and buffer funds in the coming years, this exercise becomes even more necessary and important.

Sustainability

Sustainability is a continuous endeavor at Venture Center. However, the Venture Center team also realizes that its efforts towards sustainability should not come at the cost of Venture Center's ability to a) keep services affordable and yet high quality, b) maintain adequate, high-quality HR levels, c) provide entrepreneurs access to high-end facilities & resources, d) maintain growth in activity & serve more people and e) maintain a sharp focus on incubation as opposed to peripheral activities.

In the Venture Center context, "sustainability" means that Venture Center should not depend upon a) government grants towards recurring expenses in incubation and b) in-kind contributions for its operating expenses – both fixed recurring and variable recurring.

While Venture Center has been able to demonstrate a model of operation with healthy growth in service revenues year-on-year (a key metric of progress towards sustainability), it still has significant dependence on both in-kind contributions and grants.

Venture Center can aim to achieve sustainability by the following strategies:

- Increase revenues from services and events
- Increase revenue from projects
- Increase income from corpus and reserves (implies that the size of the corpus and reserves needs to be increased)
- Increase grants and donations towards projects from corporates
- Increase revenue from equity realization
- Reduce expenditure (especially of an overhead nature)
- Reduce investments in items not earning revenue immediately
- Spread the fixed recurring expenses (overheads) over higher levels of activity



Venture Center’s current model of financing and sustainability

Heads	GIA	In-kind	Service income	Event income	CSR	Surplus	Equity returns
Cap Ex	XXX	X			X	XX	XX
Space Key mentors		XXX					
Op Ex	XX		XXX				
Project costs	XXX				X		
Event cost	X			XXX	X		
New initiatives	XXX		X		XX		XXX
Contingency						XXX	

While all the above measures can be taken immediately (and some are already being taken), it is a conscious effort of Venture Center to a) not increase prices to increase revenue and b) not reduce expenditure and investments in assets/resources. This is so that the organization can grow and serve more people, offer affordable services and also (in the spirit of a non-profit) be home to resource centers (such as scientific instruments, library etc) that are public goods, which do not produce immediate financial returns.

The Venture Center team is also consciously making efforts to increase infrastructure space available for incubation or incubatees. With increased infrastructure space, it is expected the overheads will be spread over a much larger number of beneficiaries and consequently effective costs will decrease thus making operations fully sustainable.



Corporate Governance

Venture Center follows high standards of corporate governance and ensures compliance to laws. The Board of Directors of Venture Center view their role as trustees of the members and the society at large, and it is their endeavor to observe the best corporate governance practices which, among other things, include transparency, accountability and fairness in all dealings and pursuing a policy of appropriate disclosures and communication.

Board composition and meetings:

The Board provides leadership, strategic guidance, objective, and an independent view to the company's management while discharging its fiduciary responsibilities, thereby ensuring that the management adheres to high standards of ethics, transparency and disclosure.

As of 31st March 2025, the Board of Venture Center had nine directors: Dr. Ashish Lele, Mr. H.K. Mittal, Mr. A.T. Kusre, Dr. Satya Prakash Dash, Mr. Srikant Sastri, Mr. Sanjay Kanvinde, Dr. Vilas Sinkar, Dr. V. Premnath and Dr. Manisha Premnath. The directors have expertise in the fields of science and technology, business management, incubation, entrepreneurship, academia etc.

The annual calendar of the Board Meetings is agreed upon at the beginning of the year. The Board of the Company met three times during the financial year that ended on 31st March 2025, on the following dates:

- 15th June, 2024
- 9th September, 2024
- 4th March, 2025

The company provides the annual plans and budget, performance of the various projects, detailed presentations on the progress of the incubatees, summary of the items discussed and approved at the Incubator Facility and Services Oversight Committee meetings and the Investment Committee meetings held during the year, updates on the activities of its subsidiary/affiliated companies, audited annual financial results and such other information, to the Board. Such information is submitted either as a part of the agenda papers in advance of the meetings or by way of presentations or discussion materials during the meetings. The policies of the organization and any other major decisions are required to be approved by the Board.

The sitting fees, commission or any other form of compensation paid to the directors in FY 2024-25 is disclosed in the financials.



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The composition and category of the director's, their attendance at the Board Meetings, and at the last AGM held during FY 2024-25 are as follows:

Name of the Director	Number of Board Meetings held during FY 2024-25	Number of Board Meetings attended during FY 2024-25	Whether attended AGM held on 27th September, 2024
Ashish Lele DIN-06818040	3	2	No
Premnath Venugopalan DIN - 00895347	3	3	No
Anand Kusre DIN - 00818477	3	3	Yes
H.K.Mittal DIN- 02159322	3	3	No
Satya P Dash DIN-08091088	3	3	No
Srikant Sastri DIN-00036188	3	1	No
Sanjay Kanvinde DIN-08014073	3	3	No
Vilas Sinkar DIN-02990115	3	3	Yes
Manisha Premnath* DIN-05280048	3	2	Yes

*Appointed as additional director on 15/06/2024



General Body Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on 27th September 2024 at the registered office of the company through video-conferencing.

Management

Dr. Manisha Premnath, Chief Operations Officer, who offers her service pro bono and does not accept any compensation from the company, leads the Management Team of Venture Center.

Dr. Manisha Premnath has been appointed as an Additional Director on the Board of the Company w.e.f. 15th June, 2024. She vacates her office of Directorship on the date of ensuing Annual General Meeting. Her appointment as Director has been put before the members for their approval in ensuing Annual General Meeting.

The management team consists of Manisha Premnath, Priti Rathi, Mugdha Lele, Soma Chattopadhyay, Shruti Devasthali, Sujaya Ingale, Edna Joseph, Smita Kale, Pinky Raychaudhuri, Neha Jacob, Kishore Deshpande..... **(pls update this Pinky)**

Reporting and Information

Venture Center maintains an extensive and detailed website at www.venturecenter.co.in. Venture Center publishes (via its website) a detailed disclosure (roughly as per Credibility and Accountability Alliance norms followed by leading NGOs) and a FAQ.

Disclosure on accounting treatment

In preparation of financial statements for FY 2024-25 generally accepted accounting principles and policies were followed. The mandatory Accounting Standards announced by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India were followed in the preparation of financial statements.

Accreditation

Venture Center is the only technology business incubator in the country to have been accredited under Desirable Norms – the highest level of accreditation offered by Credibility Alliance. This accreditation provides an independent, respected and credible recognition of the high standards of accountability, transparency and governance followed by Venture Center.

Registration on Bombay Stock Exchange Social Stock Exchange

The Company is registered as Not for Profit organisation on Bombay Stock Exchange Social Stock Exchange (BSE SSE) with effect from April 1, 2024.



Acknowledgements

The Board of Directors of Venture Center acknowledges with a deep sense of appreciation the support and co-operation received from the Government of India, particularly the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) of Department of Science & Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), MEITY, iDEX

The Directors thank the host institute, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), for its generous in-kind support and the confidence reposed in the company.

The Directors place on record their appreciation of the valuable assistance received from researchers and staff from CSIR-NCL and numerous other academic and R&D organizations for their support as technical mentors/ advisors, committee members, reviewers and volunteers in various Venture Center programs.

The Directors thank all corporate supporters of Venture Center for their generous support and faith placed in the organization. In FY 2024-25, the following corporates supported Venture Center – Thoughtworks, ARaymond, Cummins India, Gemini Graaphics, Expanded Polymer Systems, and Indus Biotech.

The Directors are grateful to the several other well-wishers who participated in the committees and mentoring/reviewing activities organized by Venture Center. Thanks are also due to the volunteers who generously provide their time and expertise towards Venture Center's cause.

The Directors are also grateful to the Statutory Auditors, Company Secretary, Professional Advisors and the Bankers of the Company for their valued cooperation. The Board also places on record the appreciation for the untiring efforts and contributions made by the employees at all levels for their enormous personal as well as collective contribution to ensure that the cooperation continues to grow and excel.



Contributions to the host institution

Venture Center has continuously made efforts to strengthen its linkages with CSIR-NCL (the host institution) and increase the usefulness of its activities for the NCL community. Below, are some ways in which Venture Center has met the key objective of promote entrepreneurship and nurture startups:

- Conceptualizing and implementing the Lab2Mkt® program to enable spin-off creation from CSIR-NCL. This program empowers NCL scientists and researchers to bring promising technologies to the market, making it a unique and unprecedented initiative among publicly funded research institutions.
- Developing a rich and diverse technology-based innovation ecosystem, which has introduced new talent, expertise, facilities, resources (including POC and seed funding opportunities), services, networks, and events to the NCL community.
- Facilitating research and technology development collaborations with scientific startups. Currently, at least two joint patents have been filed between CSIR-NCL and Venture Center incubatees, in addition to ongoing technology development by CSIR-NCL spin-offs.
- Creating fellowships such as the Visvesvaraya Fellowship to support technology development activities led by NCL scientists.
- Supporting NCL's intellectual property and technology commercialization teams by providing IT resources, such as software development, website management, and intern support, while identifying resource persons for specialized needs.
- Developing and maintaining critical software systems for CSIR-NCL, including the IPMS, IPdB, and IPTracker, as well as the NCL Knowhow Database.
- Hosting the NCL Technology and Entrepreneurship Club (NCL_TEC) to engage students in innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Contributing to the planning, maintenance, and development of the NCL Innovation Park by raising resources to renovate and rejuvenate neglected areas of the NCL campus, while all property ownership remains with CSIR-NCL.



A1. Company Information

Company Name:

Entrepreneurship
Development Center

Date of Incorporation:

10th January 2007

Registered address

100, NCL Innovation Park, Dr. Homi
Bhabha Road, Pune- 411008,
Maharashtra, India.

Nature of company

Private Limited Company
(Non-for-profit) Company
Limited by Guarantee

Company registered under

Section 8 of the companies Act, 2013
(erstwhile Section 25 of Companies Act,
1956 (India))

Company Identification Number (CIN)

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Trademarks owned

IPFACE
NCL Innovations
Venture Center
Lab2Mkt
Exciting Science
CAMS
Cell Studio
Incubation Practice School
Mentor Pool
MH12
PRIME (word mark)
PRIME (device mark)
Protoshop (word mark)
Protoshop (device mark)
Tinkering Lab
Venture Base Camp
Candid

Board of Directors

AK Lele
HK Mittal
AT Kusre
Srikant Sastri
Satya Dash
Premnath Venugopalan
Sanjay Kanvinde
Vilas Sinkar
Rajan Srikanth
Manisha Premnath

Sub-committees of the Board

Incubator Facilities and Services
Oversight Committee
Investment Committee

Founding members and directors

Swaminathan Sivaram
Premnath Venugopalan

Signatories to the founding document

CSIR-NCL
DST-NSTEDB



Members of the Company

Vidya Gupta
Guruswamy Kumaraswamy
Ashish K Lele
Sanjay Nene
Anuya A Nisal
BLV Prasad
Vivek Ranade
Swaminathan Sivaram
Nitin S Tewari
Kadhiravan Shanmuganathan
Premnath Venugopalan

Institutional Committees and Advisory Boards

Advisory Board
Advisory Committee for
Biosafety and Bioethics

Recognitions

Recognized "Scientific and Industrial Research Organization" (SIRO) by DSIR; Regn no F.No.11/522/2011-TU-V
Recognized Incubator by DIPP for recommending innovative start-ups under Startup India Action Plan

Exemptions/ concessions

Exempt from Income Tax
Exempt from Levying GST
Concessions for Customs Duty

Professional memberships

ISBA (India)
APIN (Asia)
Pune International Centre

Accreditations

Credibility Alliance (under Desirable Norms)

Approvals and affiliations

Incubator created under the CSIR scheme titled "Scheme for setting up incubation centers in CSIR laboratories"
Approved TBI of DST-NSTEDB
BIRAC BioIncubator under BISS/BIONEST
Center of Excellence of DST-NSTEDB

Head, NCL Innovations, CSIR-NCL (who has oversight responsibilities for Venture Center and NCL Innovation Park)

Premnath Venugopalan

Head of the executive team

Manisha Premnath

Registrations

Section 12ABâ-Regn 12A(1)(ac)-AADCE4846JE20217 (valid till AY 2026-27)
Section 80 G - Regn 80G (5) AADCE4846JF20215 valid till AY 2026-27)
FCRA registration (under section 6 (1) (a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act): FCRA Reg. No. 083930543.
DARPAN Id- MH/2016/0097322
GSTN-27AADCE4846JIZE
Registered with Guide Star: GSN 1339

Auditors

C. V. Chitale & Co. Chartered Accountants,3, Gurukrupa, Sathe Colony, Near Bajirao Road Telephone Exchange, 1317, Shukrawar Peth, Pune- 411 002

Bankers

ICICI Bank
Axis Bank
State Bank of India



A2. Funding and Investment

This year has been marked by continued rapid growth and strategic investments in our deeptech portfolio. During FY 2024-25, we made 9 new investments, crossing 100 equity/CCD deals, supporting 72 startups across healthcare, clean energy, and agriculture. Five investee companies surpassed a valuation of USD 10 million, while ~40% of the portfolio is revenue-generating. Several ventures also expanded globally through international sales channels, global recognitions, and cross-border partnerships, reflecting not only the impact of funding but also the strength of the broader enabling ecosystem at Venture Center.

Portfolio snapshot (As of 31 March 2025):

489

489 Lakhs

invested across 9 startups in FY2024-25, of which three were co-investments where the total fundraising was over five times our investment.

363

363 crores

raised in cumulative follow-on funding by our portfolio startups, which is 13X the investment of Rs 28 crores by Venture Center.

5

5 startups

from the Venture Center portfolio have now crossed \$10 million USD in valuation, signalling strong investor interest in the startup's technology, team, and business model.

28

28 portfolio companies

are led by women, with 47 startups having at least one woman founder.



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The status of seed fund investments at Venture Center (As of 31st March 2025):

	Investee	Equity (%)	Fund	Date of investment
1	Shantani Proteome Analytics	7.58	TDB SSS	15th Mar 2011
2	Shashwat Oorja	25.00	TDB SSS	3rd May 2011
3	Seagull BioSolutions	14.00	TDB SSS	26th Apr 2012
4	Nayam Innovations	4.00	TDB SSS	25thMar 2015
5	Genrich Membranes	10.00	NSTEDB SSS	17th Aug 2016
6	Green Pyramid Biotech	10.00	TDB SSS	7th Sep 2016
7	Welnnovate Biosolutions	10.00	NSTEDB SSS	29th Sep 2016
8	Module Innovations	10.00	NSTEDB SSS	3rd Oct 2016
9	SynThera Biomedical	5.00	BIRAC SEED	17th Mar 2018
10	BioPrime Agrisolutions	6.42	BIRAC SEED BIRAC LEAP	24th Aug 2017 31st Dec 2019
11	DeeDee Labs	10.00	NIDHI-SSS	1st Nov 2018
12	Kozhnosys	5.00	BIRAC SEED	9th Apr 2019
13	Sensivision Health Sciences	15.27	NIDHI-SSS	4th Apr 2019
14	VidCare Innovations	5.00	BIRAC SEED	19th Aug 2019



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	Investee	Equity (%)	Fund	Date of investment
15	Blackfrog Technologies	6.67	BIRAC SEED	9th Sep 2019
16	Ouija BioSolutions	10.00	BIRAC SEED	4th Nov 2019
17	Omni BRX Biotechnologies	3.52	BIRAC LEAP	15th May 2020
18	Pragmatech Healthcare	10.00	BIRAC LEAP	12th Aug 2020
19	Revy Environmental Solutions	3.27	BIRAC LEAP	23rd Oct 2020
20	Spot Healthcare Solutions	4.55	BIRAC LEAP	14th Sep 2020
21	Padcare Labs	5.88	BIRAC LEAP	11th Dec 2020
22	Utopic	10.00	NIDHI SSS	18th Sep 2021
23	Fastsense Diagnostics	5.00	BIRAC SEED	6th Sep 2021
24	Divish Mobility	5.00	NIDHI SSS	30th June 2022
25	SH Forhealth Solutions	5.88	BIRAC SEED	4th April 2022
26	Jyosh AI	2.89	BIRAC SEED	27th Jun 2022
27	Pankhtech India	2.74	BIRAC LEAP	5th May 2022
28	IROV Technologies	2.27	NIDHI SSS	22nd Aug 2022
29	Neuranics Labs	1.29	BIRAC LEAP	22nd Sept 2022



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	Investee	Equity (%)	Fund	Date of investment
30	Wissenkraft Labs	4.11	BIRAC SEED	22nd Oct 2022
31	Intignus Biotech	5.26	BIRAC LEAP	20th Dec 2022
32	Anatomech	3.83	DST SSS	23rd Feb 2023
33	Denovo BioInnovations	6.66	BIRAC LEAP	6th Mar 2023
34	Lamark Biotech	1.58	NIDHI SSS	6-Apr-2023
35	Canectar	3.69	NIDHI SSS	9-Oct-2023
36	Regen Ortho	2.00	Accelerator	28-Mar-2023
37	Taaviicare	2.00	Accelerator	9-Jun-2023
38	Medblue Innovations	1.00	Accelerator	13-Jun-2023
39	Respirer Living Sciences	1.12	Accelerator	17-Nov-2023
40	Shuvoneel RAS System	1.15	Accelerator	28-Dec-2023
41	Fontierz	3.11	BIRAC LEAP	16-Feb-2024
42	Godaam Innovations	5.55	NIDHI SSS	20-Feb-2024
43	Ripple Healthcare	2.39	BIRAC SEED Accelerator	25-Mar-2024



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	Investee	Equity (%)	Fund	Date of investment
44	Hydrovert Energy	2.43	NIDHI SSS	27-Mar-2024
45	Stemtech Medical Devices	2.00	NIDHI SSS	30-Mar-2024
46	Aerodel Technology	3.16	NIDHI SSS	30-Mar-2024
47	Ezymind	-	SISFS	23-Nov-2023
48	Suryudey Plastic Electronics	-	SISFS	21-Dec 2023
49	Sparshmind Innovations	-	SISFS	19-Mar 2024
50	Aamikza	-	SISFS	17-Jan 2023
51	Accensible	-	SISFS	17-Jan 2023
52	Ira Medtech	-	SISFS	03-Mar 2023
53	Sorting Swans	-	SISFS	14-Mar 2023
54	Proxi Farma	-	SISFS	29-Aug-24
55	Callx Ringers	-	SISFS	19-Sep-24
56	30M Genomics	3.99	BIRAC LEAP	11-Dec-24
57	Trebirth	2.99	BIRAC SEED	24-Dec-24
58	Atreya Innovations	1.01	BIRAC LEAP	15-Jan-25



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	Investee	Equity (%)	Fund	Date of investment
59	Promecens Entosystems	-	SISFS	13-Mar-25
60	Curexel Technologies	-	SISFS	12-Mar-25

The status of investments under the Lab2Mkt/POC initiative at Venture Center

(Note: Shareholding includes NCL's technology stake in some cases.)

	Investee	Equity (%)	Fund	Date of investment
1	Genrich Technologies	10.00	Lab2Mkt Initiative	6th Sep 2014
2	Module Innovations	10.00	Lab2Mkt Initiative	6th Sep 2014
3	Abhiruchi Probiotics	15.00	Lab2Mkt Initiative	6th Sep 2014
4	Orthocrafts Innovations	15.00	Lab2Mkt & POC	6th Sep 2014
5	Nayam Innovations	4.50	POC Initiative	26th Dec 2014
6	Barefeet Analytics	10.00	Lab2Mkt Initiative	5th Mar 2015
7	Annweshan SciTech	15.00	Lab2Mkt Initiative	26th Mar 2015
8	BiolMed Innovations	15.00	Lab2Mkt & POC	28th Apr 2015
9	SynThera Biomedical	5.00	POC Initiative	29th July 2015
10	Green Pyramid Biotech	10.00	Lab2Mkt Initiative	24th Aug 2015



Appendix

The status of investments under the Lab2Mkt/POC initiative at Venture Center (contd ...)

	Investee	Equity (%)	Fund	Date of investment
11	Altreal Bio-Innovations	10.00	POC Initiative	23rd Apr 2016
12	Fluorogent Analytics	10.00	Lab2Mkt Initiative	1st Dec 2016
13	DeeDee Labs	10.00	POC Initiative	22nd Jun 2016
14	VidCare Innovations	5.00	POC Initiative	12th Oct 2017
15	Zeroplast Labs	3.00	Lab2Mkt Initiative	15th Jan 2020
16	Rechargion Energy	8.00	Lab2Mkt Initiative	22nd July 2021



A3. Corporate Social Responsibility



About CSR at Venture Center

As a non-profit technology business incubator housed within an academic institution and approved by the Central Government, Venture Center is eligible to receive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding under Section 135, Schedule 7 of the Companies Act 2013. In FY 2024-25, Venture Center continued to benefit from CSR support, with multiple corporate partners contributing to various types of projects:

Type of project	CSR partner
Grants for POC/ prototype/ deployment / pilots	Indus Biotech, Bajaj Auto, Cummins, Bharat Seats, Garware Fulflex, Pubmatic, ARaymond, Technip Energies, Expanded Polymer Systems, ARaymond, Kemin, Asian Paints, Cognizant, Kirloskar, EFL, e-Infochips, Cipla, HDFC Bank
Incubator infrastructure	IBPL, Bajaj Auto, Persistent Foundation
Equipment and software	Stanley Black & Decker, Solidworks, Ansys, Mathworks, Eppendorf, Kemin
Events/ workshops/ talks/	Intox, Persistent, Praj, Gemini Graaphics
Fellowships	Indus Biotech, Bajaj Auto



Appendix

New CSR partners onboarded in FY 2024-25

Name of partner	Project Details
	Support to five science & technology based social entrepreneurs in healthcare & sustainability
	Grant support for technology incubation and technology entrepreneurs in Venture Center's innovation ecosystem

Other CSR partners we worked with in FY 2024-25

Name of partner	Details of project
	Grant support extended to Baud Resources, Cancrie, Earth Tatva Innovation, Earthfokus Earthwise, Gudlyf, OpenwaterAI, Panthera Cleantech, Quintinno Labs, Sorting Swans, Thaal Innovations, Umanage Hydrogen for working on technologies in the energy and environment domain and generating potential social impact
	CSR Grant to run workshops at Venture Center for students from colleges in Tier 3/rural areas to introduce them to technology innovation and entrepreneurship, and also provide opportunities for them to interact with real-world entrepreneurs
	Support extended to run workshops at Venture Center for students from rural areas and under privileged backgrounds to introduce them to technology innovation & entrepreneurship, and also provide opportunities for them to interact with real-world entrepreneurs
	Grant support for technology incubation and technology entrepreneurs in Venture Center's innovation ecosystem



Visit by ANSYS CEO, Mr. Ajei Gopal



Visit by Niraj Sabnani, ADM-CSR – Bosch Global Software Technologies



Visit by a team from Kemin Industries



A4. iDEX-DIO



About the project

The Defence Innovation Organization (DIO), with the support of the Department of Defence Production (DDP), Ministry of Defence (MoD), launched the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative in 2018. Supported by co-founders HAL and BEL, along with other stakeholders such as Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and partner incubators, iDEX aims to foster innovation and technology development in the Defence and Aerospace sectors by engaging startups, individual innovators, and MSMEs. Through grants and funding, iDEX supports R&D projects with the potential for future adoption in India's defence and aerospace industries.

Project status and key updates in FY 24-25

01. Advisory, Mentoring, and Investor Connects:

Mentors from Venture Center and industry experts in technology and product development were invited to guide the grantees. This included both one-on-one and group sessions, for all iDEX grantees associated with us. We also organized pitching clinics with investors to help these startups gain access to investment.

02. Roadshows and Outreach

We conducted 2 iDEX-DIO roadshows to create awareness about all iDEX DISC/Prime and other related schemes.

03. Project Closure Activities

Adisan Systems LLP has completed the project, with Optrel India's project expected to close soon.

04. Screening, Evaluation, and Selection of Proposals

As a partner incubator for the iDEX program, for each challenge that is announced, we helped iDEX with timely screening and evaluation of proposals for final evaluation under the Open Challenge category. We successfully completed evaluation of 78 proposals during the FY 24-25.

iDEX startups at Venture Center

Adisan Systems LLP	Matisoft Cyber Security Labs	Apricitas Technologies
Instron Technologies LLP	Suryudey Plastics Electronics	LVL Alpha
Optrel India Pvt Ltd	Technotreon Intellectual Ventures	



A5. LEAP Global Accelerator



About the project

Leap Global is a 6 month equity-free, cohort-based, accelerator program of Venture Center, supported by DST NIDHI and Blockchain for Impact, aimed at empowering deep tech startups with the tools, networks, and expertise they need to scale globally and make an international impact. Designed for deep tech startups in the healthcare, environment and sustainability sectors, the accelerator focuses on enabling these startups to break through domestic barriers and unlock global opportunities.

Project status and key updates in FY 24-25

- The call for applications was opened in December 2024, attracting 187 applications from startups working in the healthcare, environment, and sustainability sectors. Following a rigorous selection process, the following 15 startups were chosen to form the final cohort.
- Expert talks were organized to provide the cohort with a global perspective.
- Over 10 global mentors were onboarded to guide the cohort through their growth journey.

Leap Global Accelerator Cohort	
Healthcare	Sustainability
• Serigen Mediproducts	• Go Vidyouth
• Sensivision Health Technologies	• Gudlyf Mobility
• Nemocare	• Respirer Living Sciences
• Ahammune Biosciences	• Suryudey Plastic Electronics
• Jeevtronics	• Craste
• Seagull Biosolutions	• LivNSense GreenOps
• Aerobiosys	• Gatix Drive
• STEM Medical Devices	



A6. Investor Readiness Program



About the project

The Investor Readiness Program (IRP) is an unparalleled opportunity for healthcare start-ups looking to scale their operations and impact. The equity-free (and also fee free) 24-week accelerator, generously supported by KotakAlt under its CSR program, is designed to connect, mentor, and prepare start-ups with a working prototype to initiate an INR 1 to 8 Cr fundraise. The high touch program offers a customized approach tailored to meet the unique needs of each participating start up.

Program Components		
• Weekly Investor Mentoring	• Strategic Mentoring	• Masterclasses & Seminars
• Pitch & Video Deck Design	• Pitching Practice	• External Services
• Access to funding opportunities	• Connects with advisors, KOLs, investors	

Project status and key updates in FY 24-25

01 Call for Applications

The call for applications was launched in April 2024, drawing 164 applications from healthcare startups with a focus on therapeutics, medical devices, rehabilitation, and diagnostics. Following a rigorous evaluation process, 11 startups were selected to form the final cohort for Wave 2 of the program.

02 Mentorship & Expert Support

The cohort was supported by 10+ global investor mentors from leading investment firms, alongside 10 technical mentors and domain experts. This ensured startups received guidance not only on investment readiness but also on strengthening their technical and business strategies.

03 Demo Day & Next Wave

The Demo Day for Wave 2 was held in November 2024, with active participation from leading investment firms, providing startups with a platform to showcase their progress and engage directly with investors. Building on this momentum, the call for applications for Wave 3 of the program was opened in January 2025.



A7. Ansys Center of Excellence



About the project

The Ansys Center of Excellence at Venture Center was established in collaboration with Ansys Software to enable startups to leverage advanced simulation technologies for product design and development. Under this partnership, Ansys provides a pool of simulation software licenses, while Venture Center offers the necessary computing infrastructure and technical support.

Through this Center, startups gain access to multiphysics simulation tools and high-performance computing resources that help them address complex engineering challenges efficiently and cost-effectively. The initiative also strengthens Venture Center's capability to mentor startups in product ideation, design validation, and performance optimization, contributing to faster innovation and reduced time-to-market for deep-tech startups.

Impact Summary – FY 2024–25

- Number of startups benefitted: 3
- Domains supported: Medical devices and Hydrogen energy systems
- Average development time reduction: 40–70%
- Prototype-to-validation time reduced: from 9–12 months to as low as 3 months
- Accuracy achieved in simulation vs real-world testing: Up to 98% correlation
- Regulatory readiness improvement: 30–40% faster
- Cost savings: Simulations worth ₹20–25 lakh completed at a fraction of market cost



Feedback from ForschMedX

Our product, TrachEase, is an invasive medical device with several clinical restrictions on direct experimentation. We used Ansys' Lung Digital Twin simulations to evaluate 10 design concepts and narrow them down to 2 highly feasible options, greatly reducing our need for early prototyping and clinical trials, and helping us achieve results in just 3 months instead of 9–12, with 98% correlation to real-world data.



A8. Center for Biopharma Analysis



About the project

The Center for BioPharma Analysis (CBA), an initiative of Venture Center supported by the National BioPharma Mission, BIRAC (Government of India), is a well-equipped facility designed for cGLP workflow studies and biopharma characterization. It serves as a one-stop destination for high-quality in vitro characterization of biopharmaceuticals, offering open access to GLP-compliant infrastructure, advanced instrumentation, and advisory support to researchers and technology developers.

Project status and key updates in FY 24-25

NABL Accreditation

Venture Center's Center for Biopharma Analysis was granted NABL accreditation in accordance with ISO 17025:2017 for testing and calibration laboratories, becoming one of the few in India accredited for biomolecule characterization.



New Launches

Launch of three new bioassay services:

- ADCC Assay
- C1q Binding Assay
- CDC Assay

New Equipment

- moisture analyzer,
- fibre analyzer,
- capillary electrophoresis system,
- advanced microplate reader,
- qPCR and many more

Launch of the Food, Feed and Nutrition Lab

Generously supported by Kemin Industries, this open-access facility is equipped to offer a broad spectrum of analytical services to the food and feed industries.





A9. BIRAC Regional Bioinnovation Center



About the project

BIRAC Regional Bioinnovation Center (BRBC) is a joint initiative of BIRAC and Venture Center that leverages the expertise and resources of both the Venture Center team and BIRAC. The primary objective is strengthening and creating networks, services, information and resources to support and promote life sciences and medical technology start-ups across the country, thereby filling up some key innovation ecosystem gaps for these enterprises.

Project status and key updates in FY 24-25

01. Mentoring activities for BIG, SBIRI, BIPP and PACE and other programs

We conducted 5 BIG awareness talks and mentored 62 applicants under BIG Call 24, with a significant number progressing to the next round of technical evaluation. In addition, we provided mentoring support to over 50 potential applicants for SBIRI, BIPP, and PACE programs, strengthening the pipeline of innovators applying to these national funding schemes. We also organized an M-Clinic on “Tips to write successful proposals for grant funding”

02 Pre-Incubation and Ignition Support

During the year, we onboarded 50 new Ignition members, further expanding our pre-incubation community. To strengthen engagement, we launched the “R U Aware” Talk Series for Ignition and Kickstart members, designed to build awareness on key aspects of science entrepreneurship. Additionally, we organized a Masterclass on the “Funding Landscape for Startups”, providing participants with practical insights into fundraising opportunities and strategies.

03 Outreach and Ecosystem Engagement

We organized a range of outreach initiatives through NCL-TEC events, including startup and company visits, and knowledge sessions on topics such as the effective use of GenAI tools and citation management software. A Wadhvani Liftoff Awareness Session (Roadshow) was also conducted, resulting in three associated startups enrolling in the program. In addition, we hosted the Pune Startup Meetup on Indo-US Partnerships for Healthcare and Innovation, featuring Dr. Anurag Mairal (Stanford Biodesign), and successfully conducted the kick-off meeting for “Clinicians in the Innovation & Entrepreneurship World” to foster collaboration between healthcare professionals and innovators. In addition, we organized a city camp in collaboration with IIT Patna, while the BRBC team represented Venture Center at several external events, broadening our outreach.



A10. Regulatory Information Facilitation Center



About the project

The Regulatory Information and Facilitation Center (RIFC) is a joint initiative of Venture Center and BIRAC, established under the BIRAC Regional Bioinnovation Center. It supports bio-entrepreneurs in planning, navigating, and obtaining regulatory approvals by offering information in an accessible format, connecting them with experts and regulators, sharing practical insights from peers, delivering services, and conducting targeted events.

Key updates in FY 24-25

Service Metric	Number
New Services Added:	
RIFC-09-INT -ISO 13485 Internal Audit	
US FDA Services:	
RIFC-US-01- ADV -- General Advisory	7
RIFC-US-02- PAT -- Planning Regulatory Pathway	
RIFC-US-03- STD -- Standards Interpretation	
RIFC-US-04- DOP -- Document Preparation	
RIFC-US-05- DOR -- Document Review	
RIFC-US-06- RMP -- Risk Management	
Clients served	22
Products/services advised on	41
Companies advised on ISO 13485 QMS	8
Internal Auditors trained	13
Clients served for MedTech Cleanroom	4

At a glance

Facility Accreditation

Received ISO 13485 re-certification for our Medtech Cleanroom Facility that supports our entrepreneurs with packaging and manufacturing of medical devices and diagnostics.



Regulatory Milestones

Assisted two Venture Center supported startups, ForHealth and Kozhnosys, in receiving their test licences.



Whitepapers Published

-  15 Jan 2025
Classification of Medical Devices in the US.
-  28 Mar 2025
HIPAA For Medtech: A Guide to HIPAA Compliance and Implementation



Client Engagement

- Reach-outs / Enquiries: **180+** potential clients engaged.
- Mentoring / Introductory Meetings: **100+** sessions conducted, including RCLinic mentoring and meetings with prospective clients.
- Service Sign-ups: **17** job requests and sign-offs (including repeat clients availing different services).



Session with Regulatory Expert

Conducted a session with Maria Kammerer, an expert in CE Marking, marketing, and regulatory affairs, to provide selected MedTech startups with guidance on EU compliance, quality management systems, and regulatory strategies for IVDs and diagnostics.



A11. Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship



About the project

Venture Center has been committed towards social innovations and entrepreneurship for almost a decade. We actively nucleate and nurture innovators and/or enterprises solving socially important problems through sustainable entities to deliver solutions to the society. In FY 2024-25, we undertook the following activities:

01. Inter-Institutional School of Diagnostic Innovation in Biodesign: A fellowship program for building next generation pool of diagnostics innovators and entrepreneurs

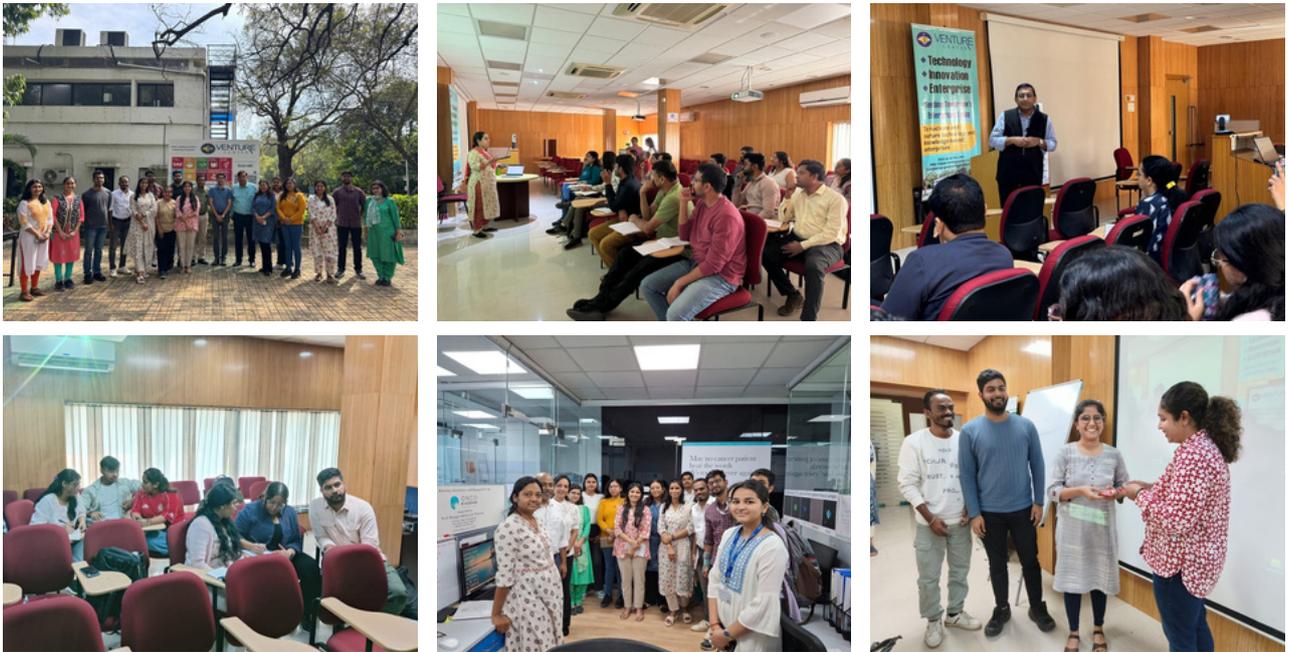
The School of Innovation in Biodesign (SiB) is hosted at the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI). The thrust of this program is on in-vitro diagnostics and promoting entrepreneurship. This program is being executed through multiple partners, including Venture Center.

Role of Venture Center as a training partner

The first cohort of fellows has completed the first year and three of the fellows out of five were selected for the second year. As one of the training partners of the SiB program, the Venture Center team mentored the fellows for their next fund raise, prototyping, IP and regulatory activities.

For the second cohort, Venture Center was part of publicizing the SiB call, screening applications, and selecting the fellows. A total of 12 fellows were shortlisted and selected. Venture Center, as a training partner of the SiB program, was mainly responsible for training SiB fellows on different aspects of entrepreneurship. Considering this, Venture Center organized an intensive training program - the Startup Launch Accelerator Program (SLAP) - for all the fellows at Venture Center.

SLAP combined hands-on workshops, startup visits, mentoring clinics, and a targeted talk series, and included informal "lunch-side" interactions with founders from diverse deep-tech sectors to expose fellows to real-world startup journeys. Post the program, Venture Center's team maintains close engagement with the fellows, offering continuous mentorship and guidance as they explore next-level funding opportunities and are further working on de-risking their technology ideas.



02. Venture Center's Collaboration with Blockchain for Impact

About the program:

BFI-BIOME brings together leading researchers, technologists, and innovators to identify, collaborate on, and accelerate solutions to pressing biomedical challenges. Through fellowships, workshops, and knowledge-sharing forums, the network fosters cross-disciplinary collaboration, builds capacity, and advances scalable approaches to improve healthcare access in India.

Program updates and status in FY2024-25:

Venture Center, in collaboration with BFI-BIOME, announced a call for applications for the Fellowship and Kickstarter programs focused on advancing healthcare innovation in India. The call received an encouraging response, with 137 applications for the Fellowship and 52 for the Kickstarter program. Outreach efforts included extensive promotion through Venture Center's social media channels, national newspapers, and email campaigns, as well as through ecosystem partners to ensure wide visibility across the innovation network.

BFI Biome Fellowship:

Following eligibility checks and screening by Venture Center's internal committee, the final selection committee meeting was held online on 21 May 2024, resulting in the selection of five BFI-BIOME Fellows. The fellows were onboarded on 15 June 2024 for a five-month fellowship, each receiving a monthly stipend of ₹40,000. The fellows successfully completed their program on 14 November 2024.



BFI Biome Fellows – Cohort 2

- Divyakshi Kaushik
- Snahlata Singh
- Vasudha N
- Karan Mehta
- Bala Yeshwanth R Vummidi

BFI Biome Kickstarter:

Three startups were selected for the Kickstarter program and issued award letters; agreements were executed with all three companies. Venture Center provided ongoing project monitoring, mentoring, and implementation support throughout the award period.

BFI Biome Kickstarter Initiative – Cohort 2

- Mehul Baldwa
- Harshesh Gokani
- Jilma Peruvangat

BFI Biome Workshops

A key component of the program was the organization of healthtech and healthcare-focused thematic events aimed at strengthening the ecosystem through knowledge exchange, problem identification, and fostering collaborations among innovators, clinicians, and industry stakeholders.

Considering these objectives, one workshop was conducted on AI in Healthcare on 11 November 2024. The workshop consisted of a key note talk by Dr. Anand Deshpande, Panel discussions and lightning Pitches by startups working in the domain. Around 120 participants attended the event.

Another workshop was a Venture Base Camp (VBC) titled “ISO 13485: 2016 Quality Management System Introduction & Internal Auditor Training Course”. It was held from November 25 to 27, 2024, and was organized in collaboration with the Regulatory Information Facilitation Center. Participation was capped at 15 attendees, with BFI Fellows and Kickstarter startup teams being offered the opportunity to attend with waiver for registration fees. Certification for Internal Auditor was completed in collaboration with BSI Group India Pvt Ltd, Pune.





A12. TechEx Technology Transfer Hub



About the project

TechEx.in, is a Technology Transfer Hub operated by Venture Center and supported by the National Biopharma Mission. It supports technology commercialization journeys by facilitating technology developers and technology commercialization entities find each other, forge partnerships and advance the technology closer to the market in a win-win partnership.

Project status and key updates in FY 24-25

01. Overview of IP services rendered in FY 2024-25

Service	Number
Patents filed	52
Trademarks filed	52
Industrial Designs filed	6
Copyright Filed	9
IP Due diligence reports	30
Patentability Assessment	19
Freedom-to-Operate	9
Miscellaneous (Patent Landscape, State of Art Search, Infringement etc.)	7
New Invention Disclosures Received	92
Response to office actions	32
Others (Renewal, post dating, submissions to IPO, advice etc)	35

**The data in the above table is for the period 19th March 2024 to 18th March 2025*



02: Technology Licensing

Under our technology licensing support activities, TechEx.In facilitated key agreements and transactions to enable knowledge transfer and commercialization of innovative technologies.

Title of technology	Role of TechEx
Technology for Continuous Production of Pharma Grade Lactose and Lactulose USP	Drafted knowhow transfer term sheet (semi exclusive)
White spot syndrome	Drafted technical services agreement term sheet
A Two-way needle hub for auto-aspiration of blood and injecting drug and a method thereof	Conducted patent and know how assignment between 2 entities

03. New Service Launch: TechEx.in launched a new Business Development (BD) Support Service to help startups and small and medium industries identify and secure new growth opportunities. Offered as a paid service, it provides end-to-end support – from preparing professional marketing collaterals to lead generation, meeting facilitation, and customer sign-ups.

04. Technology Matchmaking Events: TechEx.in Matchmakers are theme-based initiatives designed to connect technology providers with technology seekers. These sessions aim to curate and align industry needs with innovative technology solutions, fostering meaningful collaborations, knowledge exchange, and practical problem-solving for industry challenges. In FY 2024-25, we organized the following two matchmakers:

Title of technology	Applications Received	Technologies Presented	Expressions of Interest Received
Process Innovations in Pharmaceuticals <i>20 March 2025</i>	32	7	5
Click here to know more			
Veterinary Diagnostics Technologies - Supported by our CSR partner Kemin Industries <i>11 December 2024</i>	15	4	3
Click here to know more			



05. Strategic partners: The following twenty new strategic partners were signed up for sourcing technologies and executing tech transfer activities. As of 31 March 2025, we had a total of 64 strategic partners (academic institutes, incubators, and R&D partners) from Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.

New Strategic Partner MoUs signed in FY 2024-25

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| • Dr. D.Y. Patil Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research, Pimpri | • Navrachana Innovation Foundation |
| • Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai | • IIT Ropar Technology and Innovation Foundation for the Agriculture & Water Technology Development iHub (AWaDH) |
| • Shantilal Shah Engineering College, Bhavnagar | • SRM Institute of Science and Technology |
| • Gyanmanjiri Innovative University, Bhavnagar | • Research Innovation and Scientific Entrepreneurship (RISE) Foundation IISER Kolkata |
| • Parul Innovation and Entrepreneurship Research center | • Smt Mathurabai Bhausaheb Thorat (SMBT), Sevabhavi Trust |
| • Parul University | • ITM Vocational University (ITMVU) |
| • Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar (IIPH) | • Gujarat Biotechnology University (GBU) |
| • Anant National University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat | • Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) |
| • Gujarat Technological University | • DES' Dr. P.C. Shejwalkar Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (DSCEI) |
| • Gujarat Technological University innovation Council | • Tata Memorial Centre (11 Centers) |



06. TechEx Events: During the year, TechEx.In conducted multiple editions of its flagship 'Mini Workshop on How to Build a Startup', engaging with students and faculty from various colleges. The workshops introduced participants to the fundamentals of science-based entrepreneurship through hands-on sessions covering idea-to-market journeys, founder experiences, and government support schemes.

Some of these workshops were organized in partnership with CSR collaborators such as Expanded Polymer Systems and Gemini Graphics, as well as under initiatives like the Innovation Catalyst Program. Through these efforts, Venture Center reached diverse audiences – including pharmacy, engineering, and nursing colleges – building early awareness of entrepreneurship and inspiring the next generation of innovators.

We also organized faculty workshops on 'How to take your Ideas from academia to market' under the Innovation Catalyst Program along with miscellaneous events.



A13. Early Translation Accelerator



About the project

The Early Translation Accelerator (ETA) programme, supported by the BIRAC-DBT, aims to translate the lab validated technologies in various academic and research institutions across India to pilot scale validated technologies catalyzing its licensing and commercialization by industry.

The ETA programme at Venture Center is focused on development and scale-up of industrial biotechnology based products for use in the Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) segments.

Role of Venture Center: help defining technical scope for the project, budgeting, bringing in project funds and industrial collaborators, providing dedicated project management and TTO services.

Project status and key updates in FY 24-25

- Successfully scouted technologies from institutions across India, receiving 44 submissions following a call for scientists and inventors from academia and research institutions.
- An ETA Advisory Committee was established to guide the team in screening technologies, while a BIRAC-approved ETA Expert Committee was formed for the selection of technologies and budget recommendations.
- The following six technologies have been selected by the Expert Committee to proceed under the ETA Programme, with a recommended budget for each ETA project.
- Additionally, industry meetings were conducted to identify potential partners for the licensing and commercialization of these technologies.
- Letters of Interest have been received from potential industry partners for all six technologies.

	ETA Project Title
1	Process for Microbial Production of Cetearyl Alcohol
2	Process for production of Fructooligosaccharides (FOS) using a non-GMO strain
3	Production of Shikonin Derivatives From Adventitious Root Culture
4	Chlorophyllin Based Formulation for Improving Gut Health
5	Novel Enzyme and Process for Biosynthesis of D-Allulose
6	Biomanufacturing of XOS/ Xylobiose for prebiotic application



A14. NIDHI EIR Program Implementation Partner



About the project

The Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIR) program under DST's NIDHI umbrella aims to inspire the best talents in science and technology to turn entrepreneurs by minimizing the risk involved in pursuing start-ups and partially setting off the opportunity costs of high paying jobs. The program is being implemented as per DST guidelines through Venture Center as the Program Implementation Partner (PIP) and nodal agency.

Role of the PIP in overall management and implementation of the program:

- Invite proposals from qualifying incubators and organize an evaluation process for execution
- partner TBIs via a Program Management Committee (PMC).
- Timely disbursement of funds to executing TBI partners
- Timely submission of progress reports and other documents to NSTEDB
- Designed a website (www.nidhi-eir.in) for program announcement in the public domain and a restricted site for program monitoring. Each of the execution partner NIDHI-TBIs have individual logins to the program management website and can update the data online. As the implementation partner, Venture Center validates and approves the updated information.

Key updates and achievements in FY2024-25

As the NIDHI-EIR National Program Implementation Partner, Venture Center supported the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), an autonomous body under DST, in conducting a third-party assessment of the NIDHI-EIR program. Commissioned by DST's TTI (NEB) Division, the review aimed to evaluate the progress and impact of this and other DST programs over the past five years, identify challenges, and recommend measures to enhance their effectiveness and reach.

The exercise involved data collection from over 40 Program Execution Partners (PEPs), which are Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) located in 33 cities across 15 states in India. Venture Center contributed by sharing details of projects, activities, and progress reports, and by working closely with the assessment team to define assessment parameters and identify indicators for data collection. The team also helped design the data collection template, coordinated follow-ups with stakeholders to ensure high response rates, and organized a consultation workshop that enabled stakeholders to share experiences, challenges, and suggestions. Some highlights from the report are shared on the next page.



Program Fact File



42

program execution partner TBIs funded across 25 states and 25 cities

13000+

applications received from across the country

1170+

EIRs supported under five rounds from 25 states across India. Over 70% EIRs were under 30 years of age

Program Impact



5700+

new jobs created by the NIDHI EIR fellows

650+

IPs created in total, of which there are 381 patents, 381 trademarks and 60 copyrights

68%

EIRs have taken their ideas ahead by forming private limited companies /limited liability partnerships

₹27.32 Cr.

fellowship support extended by DST under the NIDHI EIR program

₹271.23 Cr.

funding has been raised by the EIRs, which is 9 times the funding support received from DST.



A15. NIDHI EIR Program Execution Partner



About the project

The Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIR) program is one of the programs introduced under DST’s NIDHI umbrella to inspire the best talents in science and technology to turn entrepreneurs by reducing risks and offsetting opportunity costs. It provides a subsistence grant to early-stage, product-focused entrepreneurs, along with opportunities to build networks and gain critical feedback to advance their ventures.

As a DST-approved execution partner, Venture Center supports the entrepreneurs by providing extensive mentoring and networking opportunities.

Project status and key updates in FY 24-25

01 Round 5 of the NIDHI EIR Program

Venture Center continued supporting the following fellows onboarded in Round 5, and ensured successful project completion for all 10 EIR Fellows.

NIDHI EIR Fellows

- Akshay Royal
- Shweta Chawla
- Arsh Chavan
- Abhishek Danane
- Laxmi Behere
- Saeed Ahmad
- Arpana Kumari
- Shunottara Jogdand
- Arghya Banerjee
- Vishwajeet Bhagyawant

02 Launch of a special compendium

The compendium titled ‘Spotlight on Innovation’ was launched at the DST Startup Utsav 2024 in Delhi. The book shines a spotlight on 50 selected NIDHI EIR startups, showcasing their journeys and innovations and showcased the impact and outreach of the EIR program.





A16. NIDHI PRAYAS



About the project

The National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) is an umbrella programme conceived and developed by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, for nurturing ideas and innovations (knowledge-based and technology-driven) into successful start-ups. Under this initiative, DST has launched NIDHI- Promoting and Accelerating Young and Aspiring Innovators & Startups (NIDHI-PRAYAS) program. The program caters to idea-stage entrepreneurs with a physical product offering, who require support for prototyping. As a PRAYAS implementation partner, Venture Center supports innovators with physical infrastructure, technical guidance, business mentorship etc.

Project status and key updates in FY 24-25

01 Round 5 of the NIDHI PRAYAS Program

Venture Center continued supporting the following fellows onboarded in Round 5, and ensured successful project completion for all 10 PRAYAS Grantees.

NIDHI PRAYAS Grantees

- Karan Mehta
- Gandhali Bapat
- Subhendu Satpathy
- Prasann Jain
- Alampalam Subramanian
- Meenatchi U
- Harshin Lalpet
- Rupesh Santosh Pawar
- Divesh Kumar Awasthi
- Rutik Padamwar
- Saurabh Markandeya

02 Launch of the NIDHI PRAYAS Impact Report

Venture Center released the NIDHI PRAYAS Impact Report, highlighting its journey and achievements as a Program Partner. The report was formally launched by Dr. S. Sivaram, Padma Shri awardee and Founder Chairperson of Venture Center, marking an important milestone in showcasing the program’s outcomes and contributions to India’s innovation ecosystem.





A17. DEIA Catalyst Program



About the project

Launched in April 2024, the Catalyst Program is a pioneering initiative dedicated to fostering inclusion, accessibility, and equitable opportunities within micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in India. It aimed to enable MSMEs adopt inclusive business practices, thereby strengthening innovation, employee engagement, and organizational growth. Led by Venture Center as the Implementation Lead and PeopleWiz Consulting LLP as the Knowledge Partner, the 12-month program combined awareness sessions, in-person boot camps, policy development support, and national dialogue forums in a hybrid format.

Venture Center contributed its extensive experience in nurturing early-stage science and technology startups and helped with fostering the integration of DEIA practices within entrepreneurial ventures. PeopleWiz Consulting, with its expertise in organization design and people strategy, provided critical insights into embedding DEIA principles into core business operations.

Project status and key updates in FY 24–25:

01. Outreach and Selection

A comprehensive outreach campaign, featuring a dedicated website, social media content, roadshows, and a virtual “Ask Me Anything” session, attracted 95 MSME applications. Following interviews to assess organizational readiness, 65 MSMEs were selected. A pre-program survey further helped tailor the program content to their DEIA awareness and priorities.

02. Program Launch

The DEIA Catalyst Program was officially launched on 22 April 2024. The event introduced program partners, teams, and cohort members, and provided an overview of focus areas, methodologies, key dates, and the COLAB portal. An interactive Q&A session set an enthusiastic tone for the program.

03. Cohort Showcase

On 22 May 2024 in Mumbai, the cohort showcased how DEIA principles were being strategically embedded within their organizational practices and culture. The presentations reflected tangible efforts and innovative approaches tailored to MSME business contexts, underscoring the real-world impact of inclusive practices.



04. Bootcamps and Roadmap Development

Bootcamps were conducted across four zones, engaging 60 DEIA ambassadors in person. Sessions addressed questionnaire responses, provided recommendations, explored COLAB resources, and trained participants on using the DEIA roadmap template.

Post-bootcamp, 52 ambassadors developed organizational DEIA roadmaps. These were reviewed in virtual check-in sessions, which tracked progress, identified strengths and areas for growth, and provided tailored guidance to align efforts with DEIA objectives.

05. Innovation Challenge

The DEIA Innovation Challenge recognized outstanding cohort initiatives that applied DEIA principles to create new products, processes, or business outcomes. Top innovators were celebrated for their impactful approaches to inclusive business practices.

06. Knowledge Resource – Better Together

The program launched Better Together, a practical and evolving guidebook for MSMEs to embrace DEIA principles. Drawing on insights and experiences from the 65 participating cohort members, the guidebook includes actionable strategies, tools, and case studies tailored to the unique needs of young organizations, extending the reach of the program to the wider MSME community.

07. Conclave and Program Closure

The DEIA Catalyst Conclave, held on 15 April 2025 at Venture Center, Pune, brought together the cohort, ecosystem partners, and thought leaders. This milestone event marked the culmination of the program, offering a platform for reflection, celebration, and renewed commitment to inclusive business transformation in the Indian MSME landscape.





Program Fact File



65

cohort participants selected from 95 applications across the country

8

zonal bootcamps featuring in-person interactions with 60 DEIA ambassadors of the organizations.

53

virtual checkins into the progress of cohort members based on their maturity levels and track their roadmap goals.

36

final audits were carried out to assess outcomes and ensure consistent reporting of progress.

Program Impact



45%

more women recruited, and 3% more women Leaders / Managers

39%

Increase in infrastructure, covering physical, and workplace-access measures

39%

increase in Leadership Advocacy and 27% increase in Policies and Processes

81%

increase in reporting & tracking, enabling MSMEs to systematically monitor DEIA indicators and inform future actions.



A18. Outreach and community engagement

Events are central to our role as a leading technology business incubator, helping us spread knowledge, build awareness, and engage our community. Over the year, we hosted a wide range of activities—from investor meets to workshops for younger audiences. We also partnered with other organisations to host events on our campus, enhancing visibility while contributing to revenues. Signature initiatives such as the Startup 101 series, Only-One-theme-based talks, and analytical workshops further enriched the ecosystem.

Most of the talks organized by Venture Center are free. The total revenue earned from our events was used to offset the costs of organization and publicity. In FY 2024-25, we organized over 170 events with a cumulative total of 6000+ participants. We organize different types of events under four broad themes:

01

Technical, Scientific, Prototyping, and Analytical

These include workshops organized on themes such as 3D printing, mass spectrometry, gas chromatography, 3D modelling and more.

02

Entrepreneurship, Mentoring, Investment, Networking

These include Meet the Investor talks, and events on grant writing, fundraising, pitching, branding, regulatory pathway, startup financials and more

03

Tech Mgmt and de risking (IP, TT, Regulations)

These include IP an tech transfer clinics, talks organized under the One Them Only series, workshops on How to Build a Startup and more.

04

Awareness, Roadshows, Business development

These include awareness talks on BIRAC BIG and other funding schemes, iDEX and Global Bio roadshow and more.



Overview of events organized in FY 2024-25

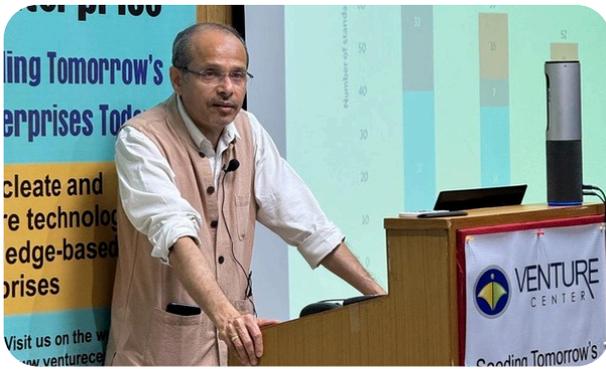
Category of event	Number	Beneficiaries
Technical, Scientific, Prototyping and Analytical	30	818
Entrepreneurship, Mentoring, Investment, Networking	25	901
Tech Mgmt and derisking (IP,TT,Regulations)	45	1315
Awareness, Roadshows, Business development	11	452
Other miscellaneous external and internal events	61	4185

Glimpses of some of the events organized in FY 2024-25





Notable events organized in FY 2024-25



14.06.2024
Clean Hydrogen: Challenges and Opportunities for Innovation in India



11.11.2024
AI in Healthcare Workshop: Perspective Talk , Panel Discussion, Startup Mixer



11.10.2024 | Dr. Mark Prausnitz
Translation of Biomedical Microtechnologies from the Lab to Clinic



02.12.2024 | Dr. Kannan Rangaramanujam
Development and Translation of Cell-Targeted Systemic Nanomedicines



14.02.2025 | Dr. David Green
Making medical technology & healthcare service delivery affordable to all & profitable



07.02.2025 | Dr. Vijay Kelkar
Investing in science and technology | An economists view



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In FY24-25, we also had the privilege of hosting many domestic and international visitors, including investors, industry stalwarts, domain area experts, international delegations, and ambassadors. These distinguished guests significantly enriched our ecosystem by providing invaluable insights, mentorship, and global perspectives, thus broadening opportunities for our startups and inspiring our growth strategies.

Selected glimpses of visitors to our campus:



Dr Naveen Vasishta
DST India



Mr. Pierrick Fillon-Ashida
EU delegation to India



**Franco-Indian Campus
for Life Sciences & Health**



Andrew Willard and Kapil Koul
Mathworks



Ms. Anita Kelly
Consul General of Ireland



H&M Foundation

We also actively participated in key national and international events that helped expand networks, drive knowledge exchange, and reinforce Venture Center's role in nurturing innovation.





A19. Incubatees at Venture Center

Incubatee Snapshot



Entrepreneur quality and inclusiveness

39%

startups have women as the lead founder and 50% companies have at least 1 women founder

29%

of all founders of incubatee companies (RI, AI) are women

25%

of our start-up incubatees are women enterprises

42%

of the founders of our resident and associate incubatee companies have a degree in science

57%

of the founders of our resident and associate incubatee companies have an engineering degree

77%

of the founders of our resident and associate incubatee companies have a PhD / MTech/MBA/ equivalent degrees

23%

of the founders of our resident and associate incubatees have BE/M.Sc/other degrees



Incubatee Companies

Resident Incubatee – Startups

- | | | |
|--|---|----------------------------------|
| • Seagull biosolution | • Padcare labs | • Agregators Enterprises (eFeed) |
| • Sattvaponics Solutions | • Intignus Bio | • GPS Renewables |
| • Exocan Healthcare Technologies | • Proxi Farma | • Atreya Innovations |
| • Heelium Sports | • Cygenica | • Wissenkraft Labs |
| • NobleExchange Environment Solutions Pune LLP | • NobleExchange Environment Solutions Pvt. Ltd. | • Lambdapoint Innovation |
| • Barefeet Analytics | • Mylab Discovery Solutions | • LaMark Biotech |
| • Pratiti Technologies | • GPC Lifesciences | • SNRAS Systems |
| • Innovation Biologicals | • Aantomech | • Divish Mobility |
| • Green Pyramid | • Sparshmind Innovation | • HBS Lifesciences |
| • Pune Hydrogen Valley | • Denovo | • Cellom Biologicals |
| • Ominar Innovations | • Rechargion Energy | • Banofi Leathers |
| • Vidcare Technologies | • Pune Hydrogen Valley | • HKR Biotech |
| • Kozhnosys | • Ominar Innovations | • 30M Genomics |
| • ABEL Biosolutions | • Hydrovert Energy | • Trebirth |
| • Helios IOT | • Promecens Entosystems | • Nayam Innovations |
| • Fastsense Diagnostics | | |



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Resident Incubatee - Ecosystem Partner

- Bmek
- Gnanlex Hermeneutics

Resident Incubatee - Soft Landing Company

- Tarana Wireless India
- Renu Med Tech
- Sprih Labs

Resident Incubatee - NIDHI EIR Fellows

- Prasanna Joshi
Sorting swans
- Shunottara Jogdand
- Saeed Ahmad

Resident Incubatee - NIDHI PRAYAS Grantees

- Hrimtron Energy Systems
- Life Bound Technologies
- Naayom Tech
- Mokkalotto Electronics
- Divesh Awasthi
- Harshin Lalpet
- Krishnan A.S.
- Rupesh Pawar
- Dreamfly Innovations
- SWEAFSoul Ventures

Resident Incubatees - BFI Biome Fellows

- BioMarkIQ Scientific
- Curexel Technologies
- Inger Therapeutics
- CArenX
- Adiuvo Diagnostics



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Resident Incubatees – CSR Grantees

• SH forHealth Solutions	• Tekra Solutions	• Orthocrafts Innovations
• Sense it out	• Cancrie	• Serigen Mediproducts
• Joshipsv Consulting Services	• Gorgonian Tech	• Suryudey Plastic Electronics
• Witchcraft Innovations	• Minimines Cleantech	• Hydrocawach
• (Re4billion.AI)	• Dharaksha Ecosolutions	• Maini Renewables
• Bariflo Labs	• Ekosight Technologies	• Papyrus Diagnostics
• Taaviicare	• Quintinno Labs	• ForschMedX
• Ripple Health	• Umanage Hydrogen	• EarthTatva
• Baud Resources	• Utopic	• Biodimension

Resident Incubatee – Exits

• Zerocircle Alternatives	• Godaam Innovations	• Dee Dee Labs
• Canectar	• AeroDel	• Femicura Healthtech
• Urjanovac	• Stemtech	• Respirer Living Sciences
• Apeiro Energy	• Sarvosadhi Biotech	• CallX Ringers
• Fontierz	• Purple Matter	• Mistry Ronak Yogesh
• Glovatrix	• Synthera Biomedicals	• Abhishek Danane
• Arpana Kumari (Robofly Technology)	• Vishwajeet Bhagyawant	• Advinogen Innovations
• Shweta Chawla	• Jyosh AI Solutions	• Luxusfur
• Akshay Royal	• Ampviv Healthcare	• Arghya Banerjee



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Associate Incubatees (25)

- Ezymind
- Pacify Medical
- Aarna Therapaeutics
- Jeevtronics
- Fontierz
- GudLyf Mobility
- Tiny Prism
- Glovatrix
- Skiom
- Agua14 Ventures
- Godaam Innovations
- NaisBrain
- Inochi Care
- AeroDel
- Aur Innovations
- Med Blue
- Stemtech
- Agrisavant
- FisHealth14 AI Ventures
- Manastik
- ECLS Bharat
- Govidyuth Mobility
- Morpho Innovations
- Resolve Biotech
- Integrated Rehabtech Systems



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Pre-incubatees (69)

• Abhay Kulkarni	• Shweta Mishra	• Usha Shukla
• Atharva Patki	• Arsh Shrikant Chavan	• Christina Sunny
• Sharmila Banu	• Jayanti kumari	• Abhijeet Kumar
• Vivek Saraf	• Devhuti Chetan Palan	• Pallavi Luharuka
• Prerana Tomke	• Kumar Nishchaya	• Amit Baran Dey
• Noor Fatma	• Aditya Dagadkar	• Soham Srivastava
• Samidha Jambhekar	• Nilesh Pundlik Gawali	• Vinayak Dodawad
• Phanindra Gopala Krishna	• Yash Surendra Raut	• Ujjwal Rao
• Revanth Kaza	• Krishnan A S	• Aditya Barve
• Maheswari Srinivasan	• Sunil Punjabi	• Soundharya Mira
• Prathamesh Nikam	• Guruprasad	• Mahendra Bagul
• M Dhanalakshmi	• Somnath Khandekar	• Shail Khandekar
• Premsingh Samuel	• Muralidhara	• Shreeja Pillai
• Dr. Subhalakshmi	• Madhura Vipra	• Utkarsh Sinha
• B S Savita	• Abhay Bhamaikar	• Gautam Banerjee
• Uday Agarwal	• Neha Gupta	• Jaydip Shelke
• Dev Hamal Shah	• Sanju S	• Shaunak Deobhankar
• Vinnay Upadhyay	• Kavitha S. J	• Unnikrishnan K
• Shruti Damodar Shedge	• W Sujata	• Pratik Meher
• Monosha Priyadarshini	• Neha Nimbhorkar	• Sudha Karbari
• Mehak Arora	• Sayansh Jindal	• Dr. Ruwise E A
• Sivasanthosh	• Bosco Ruptake	• Adhiraj Shinde
• Tanay Nakhale	• Amol Chougule	• Vinay vasu thammineni



A20. Incubatee Highlights



Funding, approvals, and certifications

- **Zerocircle Alternatives** secured ₹20 crore (\$2.3 million) in a funding round led by Nithin Kamath's Rainmatter by Zerodha.
- **Denovo Bioinnovations** raised ₹1.96 Crore in its latest funding round led by Campus Angels Network.
- **BioPrime Agri Solutions** raised USD 6 Mn Series A round led by Belgium's impact fund Edaphon
- **CyGenica** secured a funding of USD 450,000 from Golden Sparrow in collaboration with SOSV and other partners
- **OneCell Diagnostics** raised \$16 million in an oversubscribed Series A funding round led by Celesta Capital
- **Ahammune Biosciences** raised a sum of \$5 million in funding in a Series A round led by pi Ventures
- **Serigen Mediproducts** raised Rs 10 crore from IAN Alpha Fund & Colossa Ventures, along with existing and new angel investors.
- **Medprime Technologies** raised pre-Series A funding from Ashish Kacholia.
- **OrthoHeal** raised \$3.5 million in a hybrid funding round led by Angel Investors and India Exim Bank.
- **Pragmatech Healthcare** received ISO 13485 Quality Management System certification.
- **Pacify Medical Technologies** received CDSCO approval for their dermo-epidermal suspension spray device for burn wounds.



Media mentions and visibility

- **Sensivision Health Technologies** was featured in YourStory for its development of a therapeutic cooling device.
- **Kozhnosys** was featured in the Hindustan Times
- An article on commercial viability of sodium-ion battery for electric aviation authored by Dr.Vilas Shelke, founder of **Rechargion** was published in the Evreporter
- A feature on **Sprih Innovations** was published in Inc42
- **CaneBot** was also featured in the December issue of EFY (Electronics For You)
- **Respirer Living Sciences** was featured in the Chandigarh edition of the Indian Express. Founder of Respirer Living Sciences, Ronak Sutaria was invited as a speaker for Google's Air Quality conference.
- Ganesh Jangir, founder of **Newndra Inovations** was invited as a speaker for FICCI Army event.
- **Zerocircle's** efforts to replace plastics was featured in the New Indian Express.
- **Orthocrafts Innovations** was featured in Hindustan Times.



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- **Proximal Soilsense** was featured in the Hindustan Times
- **SHforhealth** and their robotic physiotherapy device was featured in the Hindustan Times



Awards and honors

- Four startups from the Venture Center family – **PadCare**, **Craste**, **Zerocircle** and **Bioprime™** were invited to Rashtrapati Bhavan on the occasion of the 76th Republic Day!
- **Periwinkle Technologies** bagged the prestigious Zayed Sustainability Prize, the UAE's pioneering global award in sustainability.
- Kirti Datar of **CaneBot** received the Startuppreneur Award by the CII Centre of Excellence for Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Startups (CIES) under the Women-led startup category.
- Vasudha N, founder of **Curexel Technologies** received the Ramaiah Evolute Star Startup Award. Curexel Technologies also bagged the "Budding Innovator" and "Winner's Choice" organized by Medical Healthcare Innovations.
- Manasi Khasnis, founder of **BioMarkIQ Scientific Technologies** made it to the top 6 finalists at TiE Global Women pitch competition
- **Intignus Bio** was recognized by Forbes India list of companies with global potential
- **Revy Environmental Solutions** (Sustainability, Water and Sanitation Category), **BacAlt Biosciences** (sustainability/ waste to value category) and **Caldor Health Technologies** (Healthcare category) won awards at the National Bio Entrepreneurship Competition (NBEC). **Utopic Tech** also bagged an award from Syngene International Limited at NBEC 2024
- Mahesh Londhe of **Milletts Now** was awarded "Entrepreneur of the Year" by the Pune Management Association.
- **UrjanovaC**, **AgriVijay**, and **Apeiro Energy** were among the top 5 winners of AVINYA'25— India's premier energy startup competition.



Facility/Infra/product development:

- **KBCols Sciences** opened a new manufacturing facility at Bhosari, Pune
- **Minimines Cleantech** Solutions became Karnataka's first R4-certified Lithium-Ion battery recycler, offering a complete end-to-end solution for battery recycling
- Students at Deep Griha Academy, Pune, have employed soil testing kits developed by **Proximal Soilsens** to assist local farmers in enhancing soil health and increasing crop yields, aiming to make a positive societal impact
- **Canectar Foods** inaugurated its juice extraction machine-CaneBot (Patented Food-Robotics Solution offering Fresh & Hygienic Sugarcane Juice) at Infosys
- **Denovo BiInnovations** inaugurated its ~3,800 sq ft new facility for in-house R&D, advanced prototyping, precision assembly, and limited-scale manufacturing of medical devices.
- **Apeiro Energy** successfully commissioned their first 10 kW wind solar hybrid microgrid "iWind Hygrid". This 10 kW iWind Hygrid and powers a community of 30 households, a temple and a community space



A21. Staff Awards

Long Service Award

It celebrates and commemorates the long-term commitment and loyalty of Venture Center employees who have achieved significant milestone years of service.



Edna Joseph

15 years: For providing steadfast leadership to the Analytical Services activities at Venture Center, and also setting high standards at Venture Center for discipline, commitment and continuous learning.



Anuradha Purandare

15 years: For consistently operating key workflows at Venture Center relating to agreements, invoicing and receivables that are key to the organization's survival and growth



Shruti Devasthali

10 years: For providing reliable and knowledgeable leadership to the funding and investment activities at Venture Center while ensuring attention to details and gaining appreciation of funding partners and investment committees.



Mugdha Lele

10 years: For providing leadership for the social innovation, earliest stage learning/ mentoring and other innovation management programs at Venture Center while setting standards for taking on new challenges.



Long Service Award (cont...)



Anjan Kumar N

5 years: For helping build and nurture the digital and physical prototyping facilities at Venture Center to what it is today while also being a valued leader for community building efforts at Venture Center.



Pradnya Aradhye

5 years: For taking initiative and ownership, and also showing commitment and leadership for technology marketing and tech transfer programs at Venture Center (in her second innings at Venture Center).



Vidula Walimbe

5 years: For her efforts in demonstrating how Venture Center can create value for innovation and research organizations through IP analytics and IP management support documents and systems (in this second innings at Venture Center following up her first innings with IPFACE and supporting IP Group at NCL).



Thanks a Zillion Award

This award recognizes unconditional help and support by the colleagues at the time of need. This award is for the most helpful member of the team as voted by the VC staff.

Most voted for:

For kindness and friendliness at Venture Center, and also spreading the spirit of helpfulness in the campus!



Anjan Kumar N



Rohit Joshi



Basavraj Koli



Meghana Bhandari



Sadhna Singh

Special Mention:

For their helpful nature and willingness to reach out (with generosity) to colleagues when they need any assistance or inputs.



Manasi Lele



Neha Jacob



Priti Rathi



Above & Beyond Call of Duty

This award is to appreciate those employees who contribute for the organization beyond the normal requirements of their duty.



Soma Chattopadhyay

For her persistent, committed and extraordinary efforts towards conceptualization, pitching, winning support for, building a mentor pool and executing Accelerators, and taking extra efforts to ensure success of cohort members.

Rising Star

This award is to appreciate new employees who have brought new energies, talents and initiatives to Venture Center



Misaal Bedi

For her exemplary efficiency and dedication in managing accelerator programs, Misaal has demonstrated outstanding commitment through her detailed and thoughtful execution of two major initiatives – the Kotak IRP and Leap Global Accelerator. Her efforts have been instrumental in strengthening startup support frameworks, facilitating meaningful stakeholder engagement, and driving impactful outcomes for incubatees.



Kirti Dubey

Kirti has played a pivotal role in streamlining and effectively managing the trademark service and IPTMC process, bringing clarity and momentum to critical IP services. She has consistently taken on challenges with a proactive spirit, significantly contributing to Venture Center's goals. Her enthusiastic involvement in TechEx and IP-related activities has set a high bar for ownership.



Manish Gore

He has played a key role in expanding our network by actively engaging with stakeholders at various events and creating a welcoming environment for partners & entrepreneurs alike. His efforts have directly contributed to bringing several promising bio-incubatees into our portfolio, strengthening the innovation pipeline and advancing our mission.



Vedang Pawar

For his dedication and hard work in executing challenging TechEx events and academic workshops. His efforts were key to the success of a complex tech showcase, and his dependable, team-first attitude has made him a valuable support across initiatives.



Aishwarya Varpe

For strengthening RIFC's presence and credibility. She has contributed meaningfully through well-researched whitepapers and helped increase RIFC's online presence.



Pragati Salunkhe

For her sincere and diligent efforts in managing QA responsibilities. She played a key role in supporting NABL and NGCMA audits, quickly mastering processes and ensuring thorough documentation and compliance throughout.



Siddhi Bodke

For her curiosity, openness to learning, and consistent diligence in managing the BIG process.



Manasi Lele

For bringing creativity, enthusiasm, and fresh energy to the design team. Her thoughtful design elements have added color and character to the campus, enhancing its visual identity and vibrancy.



Project Leadership Excellence Award (COO Commendation)

To recognize Project Leaders who led their projects well ensuring stakeholder satisfaction and relationships, meeting deliverables and timelines, efficiency, minimizing errors and complaints, independence and working well with other team members



Neha Jacob



Protima Sharma



Shyne Kochuveed

For conceptualizing, running and bringing to a closure the DEIA Catalyst project with great success and appreciation despite headwinds and uncertainties.

Director's Commendation Award

This award is to appreciate employees or teams who have made key outstanding contributions during the year and/or have been outstanding role models for organizational values.



Shruti Devasthali



Namrata Salwe

For excellence in executing the NIDHI-EIR-PIP program in the role of National Program Implementation Partner, receiving good feedback in CAG audits and third party program reviews, and providing reliable and timely support to the DST for the reviews and as well as for the design of the next phase of the program.



Director's Commendation Award

This award is to appreciate employees or teams who have made key outstanding contributions during the year and/or have been outstanding role models for organizational values.



Chetna Dharmavat



Akash Dhade



Aishwarya Varpe

For designing and creating high-quality guidance notes and being recognized for medtech regulatory services by startups, startup mentors and industry bodies.



Edna Joseph



Akhila Kottapenta



Smita Kale



Sujaya Ingale



Sneha Asai



Shakuntala Bai



Pragati Salunkhe



**Arvindkumar
Chaurasiya**



Heramb Kulkarni

For successfully securing the first NABL accreditation in accordance with ISO 17025:2017 for testing and calibration laboratories.



Director's Commendation Award (cont...)



KD Deshpande



Shahrukh Manjra



Shiv Tripathi

For designing and creating high-quality guidance notes and being recognized for medtech regulatory services by startups, startup mentors and industry bodies.



Manasi Lele



Lipika Biswas



Vaishnavi Pote



Pinky Raychaudhuri



Meghana Bhandari

For their team efforts in designing creatives, campus deployments, communications and social media campaigns supporting Venture Center's image and ethos building efforts amongst its stakeholders.



Director's Commendation Award (cont...)



Pradnya Aradhye

For her efforts leading up to Venture Center winning its first global consulting project (TTO Capacity Building project under FLCTD of UNIDO-BEE-GEF) and then taking a lead in its execution.



Rohit Joshi



Neha Jacob



Vineet Joshi



Sadhna Singh

For helping make the campus vibrant and energetic with multiple events and community building efforts.

Chairperson's Commendation Award

To recognize outstanding and consistent contributions by the Key Management Personnel at Venture Center in shaping the organization and strategizing for impact/revenues/risks/ cost performance.



Priti Rathi

For year-on-year consistent and reliable efforts in managing finance and compliance of Venture Center and setting high standards amongst incubators in India.



A22. Organogram

Venture Center Horizontals (Practices)

Incubation & Mentoring

Bio-incubation & Regulatory affairs

Social Innovations

Funding, Investment & CSR

Innovation Management (IP, TT, Regulatory)

Scientific initiatives & prototyping support

Analytical services (VC Analytix, CAMS, CBA)

Venture Center Horizontals (Enabling Groups)

Incubator operation & strategic initiatives

Marketing, visibility & events

Finance & compliance

Engineering, IT & maintenance



A23. Additional Disclosures

The following are additional disclosures to comply with CREDALL norms. Distribution of staff according to salary levels and gender breakup is disclosed below (Based on gross pay including benefits as of 31st March 2025; Fellowship under various programs/ projects is not included in the table; Some of Venture Center's staff work pro bono as volunteers):

Slab of gross monthly salary (in Rs.) plus benefits paid to staff & consultants	Male Staff & consultants	Female Staff & consultants	Total Staff & consultants
10001- 25000	1	2	3
25001- 50000	2	17	19
>50,000	13	31	44
Total	16	50	66

Venture Center discloses the total cost of international travel by all personnel (including volunteers) as provided below (Note: Data for last 3 financial years):

Name and designation	Destination and year	Purpose	Expense incurred by EDC (Rs)	Sponsored by
Mugdha Lele - Head Social Innovations	Stockholm, Sweden, October 2024	Impact Pioneers' 24 Leadership Program	Nil	Swedish Institute
Soma Chattopadhyay - Head Incubation & Mentoring	Stockholm, Sweden, October 2024	Impact Pioneers' 24 Leadership Program	Nil	Swedish Institute



Director's Report

The Directors have the pleasure in presenting the Eighteenth Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

Performance Highlights:

Impact, efficiency, growth and sustainability is a continuous journey for Venture Center and we monitor our progress vis-a-vis the set goals at regular intervals.

Overall, the Company has performed well in FY 2024-25 in times of building & maintaining the innovation ecosystem, serving & empowering innovators & entrepreneurs, helping upskill various stakeholders in the innovation ecosystem & help forge win-win partnerships in technology commercialisation.

Venture Center continued its efforts all through FY 2024-25 despite considerable uncertainties & delays in funding from government grant programs. Venture Center continued its efforts to create new revenue streams in scientific & advisory services. Venture Center also expanded its reach to many more grant programs including foreign grants and new CSR partners.

Measuring Venture Center's Impact:

Venture Center is an organization with socio-environment-economic objectives and its success shall eventually be gauged by the impact it can have on the society, environment and economy. In that sense, it is a triple-bottom line company!

We present here some insights that our Annual Impact Survey has generated as of 31 st March 2025 (Please note: Incubatee companies referred to in the data below includes current resident and associate incubatees only; graduated incubates are not included).

Economical and financial outcomes

Venture Center incubatees have attracted and mobilized risk capital and funding towards their inventive ideas

- In FY 2024-25, total investment mobilized by Venture Center resident and associate incubatee (supported through each year) are:

- Total: ~Rs 272 Cr

- Of this amount, 78% was through equity investments, 21% through various competitive grants and 1% through national and international awards.

- Total investment mobilized by Venture Center incubatees (resident and associate incubatees supported through each year) over the last nine financial years are: 1109 Cr.

- Venture Center incubatees most of whom are product companies and several in regulated markets take time to build revenues but indications are strong: In FY 2024-25 Venture Center incubatees (current RI & AI) reported total revenue: ~ Rs 1304 Cr



Innovation intensity and advancement

Technology and IP:

In FY 2024-25, Venture Center's current incubatees(AI & RI):

- Resident and AIP launched 35 products, 15 services & 5 technology platforms
- IP filed: 50; Trademarks: 60; Design Registration: 8

Jobs and gainful employment

Venture Center's incubatee companies have created several jobs and various employment opportunities over the years.

- In the FY 2024-25 incubatee companies (current and graduate residents) had 228 founders and 2608 direct employees
- Incubatee companies (RI & AI) supported in FY 2024-25 created 2961 indirect jobs
- On average, each Venture Center incubatee (RI & AI supported in FY 2024-25) supported 23 direct jobs
- 42% of the employees have a PhD / MTech/MBA/ equivalent degrees
- The companies employed 314 students/interns
- 26% of the persons employed by the startups were women.
- The companies worked with 245 consultants
- The companies engaged with 354 experts and mentors nationally and internationally.

Entrepreneur quality and inclusiveness

Majority of our entrepreneurs are highly trained professionals, and have undergraduate training in the sciences and engineering!

- Majority of the entrepreneurs that Venture Center attracts and hosts are highly-trained professionals! For start-up incubatees (current AI & RI) supported in FY 2024-25
 - ~77% of the founders of our incubatee companies (RI, AI) have a PhD / MTech/MBA equivalent degrees. 23% of founders have BE/M.Sc/others
 - Majority of the founders of start-up companies that Venture Center attracts and hosts have undergraduate training in the sciences and engineering!
 - 42% of the founders of our incubatee companies (RI, AI) have a science degree and 57% have an engineering degree
- Women entrepreneurs are a significant share of founders of Venture Center's incubatee companies!
 - ~29% of all founders of incubatee companies (RI, AI) are women.
 - ~25% of our start-up incubatees are women enterprises

The Venture Center team has worked hard to create and strengthen a rich technology ecosystem which is well resourced as well as vibrant with interesting and useful events. New infrastructure, facilities and resources were created for the entrepreneurs and new services were launched during FY 2024-25. Service quality & efficiency was tracked and maintained at a high level.



Appendix

In FY 2024-25, Venture Center added new programmes & partnerships and funded projects. Examples include - 'Make in India- Make for the World' 'Leap Global' under the scheme NIDHI Accelerator, Maharashtra State Innovation Society (MSInS) grant for the establishment of the Center of Excellence (CoE) for Clean Energy and Green Hydrogen Innovations (ETA) and Blockchain for Impact (BFI-Biome) .

Financial performance

On the financial front, the revenue from services grew marginally despite a systemic weakness in the entrepreneurship ecosystem as both public & private funding saw a slow down. The consistent efforts of the Venture Center team in raising funds, cost optimisation and resource utilisation ensured that the Company posted a surplus of ₹31,515 thousands.

The strategic investment by Venture Center in the last few years in creating/refurbishing new revenue bearing spaces and facilities, introduction of new services supported efficient cost management.

The surplus is essential for the incubator to strengthen its reserves (to help sustain the company during periods where grant support is weak) as well as build develop new resources and services for entrepreneurs.

The highlights of the performance of the Company from its incubation services at a glance are:

Receipts from rendering incubation services	2024-25 (Amount ₹ Thousands)	2023-24 (Amount ₹ Thousands)	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Resident Incubation Services for Entrepreneurs	39,718	33,547	18
Advisory Support Services for Entrepreneurs	9,789	5,285	85
Scientific Support Services for Entrepreneurs	18,984	13,698	38
Income from technology licensed to Entrepreneurs	102	83	23
Workshops/Educational Events for Entrepreneurs	1,974	1,919	3



DETAILS OF SUBSIDIARY /ASSOCIATE

The Company does not have any subsidiary/associate companies in India.

STATE OF AFFAIRS

The Company operates efficiently and at full capacity. During the year under report the Company has achieved total turnover of ₹ 70,568 thousands which is increased by 29 % as compared to F.Y. 2023-24.

MATERIAL CHANGES AFTER CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR

CHANGE IN NATURE OF BUSINESS

During the financial year 2024-25 there was no change in the nature of business of the Company.

There are no significant changes between closure of the financial year ended on 31st March, 2025 and the date of this report in respect of company's financial position, profitability, turnover, new business activity, suspension of any business activity, foreign collaborations, joint ventures etc.

We remain committed to the health and safety of our employees and their families, as well as, business continuity to safeguard the interests of our start-ups, incubate, partners, customers and other stakeholders.

DIRECTORS AND KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL (KMP)

As per the Articles of Association of the Company, except the first directors all other directors shall retire by rotation. Hence, Dr.Ashish Lele, Prof. Anand Kusre, Mr. Harkesh Mittal, Dr. Satya Dash, Mr. Srikant Sastri, Mr. Sanjay Kanvinde and Dr. Vilas Sinkar shall retire by rotation.

Dr. Manisha Premnath was appointed as an additional director on the Board of the Company on 15th June, 2024. Further she has been appointed as a Director in Annual General Meeting held on 27th September 2024.

None of the directors have remunerative roles in the company.

NUMBER OF BOARD MEETINGS

3 (Three) Board meetings held during the year under report as on:

- 15th June, 2024
- 9th September, 2024
- 4th March, 2025

REGISTRATION ON BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE SOCIAL STOCK EXCHANGE

The Company was registered as Not for Profit organisation on Bombay Stock Exchange Social Stock Exchange (BSE SSE) with effect from 1st April, 2024 till 31st March, 2025.

PARTICULARS OF LOANS, GUARANTEES OR INVESTMENTS UNDER SECTION 186

The Company has not given any loan, guarantee or made any investment as defined under Section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013.



PARTICULARS OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS UNDER SECTION 188(1)

Particulars of related party transactions are detailed in Form AOC-2 as Annexure-A.

TRANSFER TO RESERVES

No amount was transferred to reserves.

MAINTENANCE OF COST RECORDS

Provisions of Section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 regarding maintenance of cost records are not applicable to the Company. Hence there is no disclosure under this head.

AUDITORS

Pursuant to the provisions of section 139 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder, the current auditors of the Company, M/s. C.V. Chitale & Co. Chartered Accountants (registration number: FRN 126338W) were appointed as Statutory Auditor of the Company for the period of 5 years till the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2029. The statutory audit report does not contain any qualification, reservation or adverse remark or disclaimer made by the statutory auditor.

DETAILS OF FRAUD COMMITTED, IF ANY, U/S SECTION 143(12)

None of the employees or officers of the Company was involved in any fraud as mentioned under sub-section 12 of section 143 during the year under report.

DEPOSITS

The Company has not accepted any deposits from the public.

STATEMENT ON RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Company's fortune is linked with general economic conditions prevailing in the market. Management has taken appropriate measures for identification of risk elements related to the Industry, in which the Company is engaged, and is always trying to reduce the impact of such risks.

REPORT ON CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

As the Company does not fall under the criteria prescribed under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, disclosure under this head is not required.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

The financial results of the Company for the year ended 31st March, 2024 have been disclosed as per Schedule III to the Companies Act 2013.



CONSERVATION OF ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION & FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS

The Company has taken the appropriate steps to comply with the legal provisions relating to conservation of energy. There was no import of technology and hence nothing is to report.

The details regarding foreign exchange earnings or outgo are as follows:

a) Foreign Earning: ₹ 19,165.62 Thousand

b) Foreign Outgo : ₹ 5,777.20 Thousand

ORDERS PASSED BY REGULATORS / COURTS/ TRIBUNALS

There are no orders passed by regulators, court or tribunals under any law like income tax, sales tax, service tax, labour law affecting company's business operations to be furnished during FY2024-25.

DETAILS OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS

The Company has adequate internal financial controls and those are operating effectively.

HUMAN RESOURCE

This year, Venture Center continued to strengthen its organizational capabilities with a sharper focus on supporting both our employees and the startups we serve. One of the key initiatives was the launch of a centralized Careers Page on our website to showcase job opportunities across incubated startups. The platform has quickly gained traction and is helping young ventures reach a much larger pool of talent than they could have on their own, while reinforcing Venture Center's role as an ecosystem builder.

Within the organization, our workforce remained steady and engaged. Over the year, we recorded a net growth in headcount, with around 18% of employees joining afresh, resulting in an average team size of just over 70 people. This reflects our ability to attract new talent in line with evolving needs.

Another important milestone was Venture Center's commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA). We became a cohort member of the DEIA Catalyst Program for MSMEs in India and formally adopted an Equal Opportunity Policy. By signing the DEIA charter, we have underlined our belief that diverse perspectives and inclusive environments fuel innovation and collaboration.

Employee well-being also remained a priority. A new mental health module was introduced within our Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) training framework, equipping employees to better understand and manage mental health challenges at the workplace. This addition reflects our belief that care for employees goes hand in hand with performance and innovation. Through these initiatives, Venture Center is not only strengthening its own organizational culture but also amplifying its impact across the startup ecosystem – by enabling access to talent, fostering inclusion, and supporting holistic employee well-being



DISCLOSURE UNDER THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT WORKPLACE (PREVENTION, PROHIBITION AND REDRESSAL) ACT, 2013

The Company has in place a Policy for prevention of Sexual Harassment at the workplace in line with the requirements of The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

Local Committee (ICC) has been set up to redress complaints received regarding sexual harassment. All employees (permanent, contractual, temporary, trainees) are covered under this policy.

Further details of complaints received are as follows:

a	Number of complaints of Sexual Harassment received in the Year	NIL
b	Number of Complaints disposed of during the year	N.A.
c	Number of cases pending for more than ninety days	N.A.

MATERNITY BENEFIT

The Company has complied with the provisions relating to Maternity Benefit Act 1961 during the Financial Year 2024-2025.

DETAILS OF APPLICATION IF ANY UNDER INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY CODE, 2016

There are no applications filed / pending by or against the Company under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

DETAILS OF DIFFERENCE IN VALUATION FOR BORROWINGS

There was no one time settlement or Loan availed from any Bank or Financial Institution during the year under report. Hence disclosure of difference between amount of the valuation done during the said two transaction is not required.

DETAILS OF SECRETARIAL STANDARD

The Company has adopted and is complying with applicable secretarial standards.

EXTRACT OF ANNUAL RETURN

Pursuant to section 134(3)(a) and section 92(3) of the Companies Act, 2013, a copy of the annual return is placed on the website of the Company and can be accessed at www.venturecenter.co.in.



DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to the requirement under 134 (3) (c) & 134 (5) of the Companies Act, 2013, with respect to Director's Responsibility Statement, it is hereby confirmed that:

- 1.in the preparation of annual accounts, the applicable accounting standards have been followed with proper explanation relating to material departures
- 2.that the Directors had selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of profit(Surplus) of the company for that period;
- 3.the directors had taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of this Act for safeguarding the assets of the company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;
- 4.the directors had prepared the annual accounts on a going concern basis;
- 5.the directors have laid down internal financial controls to be followed by the Company and that such internal financial controls are adequate and were operating effectively;
- 6.the directors had devised proper systems to ensure compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and that such systems were adequate and operating effectively.

**On Behalf of the Board of Directors
Entrepreneurship Development Center**

Dr. Ashish Lele
Chairman
(DIN- 06818040)

Dr.PremnathVenugopalan
Director
(DIN- 00895347)

Place: Pune
Date: 12th September, 2025



ANNEXURE-A

Form No. AOC-2

(Pursuant to clause (h) of sub-section (3) of section 134 of the Act and Rule 8(2) of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014)

Disclosure of particulars of contracts/arrangements entered into by the Company with related parties referred to in sub-section (1) of section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 including certain arm's length transactions under third proviso thereto. (Transactions with Subsidiary Company after 5th June, 2015 are not related party transactions in accordance with Notification No (F No 1/1/2014 - CL.V) dated 5th June 2015).

1.Details of contracts or arrangements or transactions at arm's length basis:

Sr. No	Particulars	Remarks
(a)	Name(s) of the related party and nature of relationship	Serigen Mediproducts Private Limited (previously BiolMed Innovations Private Limited) (Dr. V Premnath, Director of EDC, is a Director on the Board Serigen Mediproducts Private Limited & Dr. Ashish Lele, Chairman of EDC holds more than 2% Shareholding in Serigen Mediproducts Private Limited)
(b)	Nature of contracts/ arrangements/ transactions	Utilization of incubation services of EDC by Serigen Mediproducts Private Limited (Listed services available to all)
(c)	Duration of the contracts / arrangements/ transactions	2023-24 2024-25
(d)	Salient terms of the contracts or arrangements or transactions including the value, if any	Upto Rs. 10,00,000
(e)	Justification for entering into such contracts or arrangements or transactions	Serigen Mediproducts Private Limited is an incubatee company of Entrepreneurship Development Center and is availing incubation services as per Board approved and published terms available to all incubatees.
(f)	Date(s) of approval by the Board	26/08/2023
(g)	Amount paid as advances, if any	No advances paid

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2.Details of contracts or arrangements or transactions at arm's length basis:

Sr. No	Particulars	Remarks
(a)	Name(s) of the related party and nature of relationship	Orthocrafts Innovations Private Limited(Dr. V Premnath, Director of EDC & Dr. Ashish Lele, Chairman of EDC hold more than 2% Shareholding in Orthocrafts Innovations Private Limited)
(b)	Nature of contracts/ arrangements/ transactions	Utilization of incubation services of EDC by Orthocrafts Innovations Pvt Ltd (Listed services available to all; arms-length transaction)
(c)	Duration of the contracts / arrangements/ transactions	2023-24 2024-25
(d)	Salient terms of the contracts or arrangements or transactions including the value, if any	Upto Rs. 8,00,000/-
(e)	Justification for entering into such contracts or arrangements or transactions	Orthocrafts Innovations Private Limited is an incubatee company of Entrepreneurship Development Center and is availing incubation services at published terms available to all incubatees.
(f)	Date(s) of approval by the Board	26/08/2023
(g)	Amount paid as advances, if any	No advances paid

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3.Details of contracts or arrangements or transactions at arm's length basis:

Sr. No	Particulars	Remarks
(a)	Name(s) of the related party and nature of relationship	Dr. Premnath Venugopalan, Director
(b)	Nature of contracts/ arrangements/ transactions	Income from rendering incubation services to Dr Premnath Venugopalan (Listed services; arms-length transaction)
(c)	Duration of the contracts / arrangements/ transactions	FY 2023-24
(d)	Salient terms of the contracts or arrangements or transactions including the value, if any	Rs. 32,900/-
(e)	Justification for entering into such contracts or arrangements or transactions	Dr Premnath Venugopalan, Director of the Entrepreneurship Development Center is availing incubation services from the Company.
(f)	Date(s) of approval by the Board	09/09/2024
(g)	Amount paid as advances, if any	No advances paid

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