Workshop on

Technology De-risking and Validation for Early-Stage Ventures

- Organized by Social Innovations @ Venture Center -

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	Strategy planning for de-risking technology based ventures		
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Supported by	Biotechnology Industry Research and Assistance Council (BIRAC)Venture Center		
For whom	 Budding / aspiring entrepreneurs (Researchers, students, engineers, clinicians etc) Early-stage inventive enterprises and science-based startups 		
When	Friday 6 Dec 2024 Time: 1400 – 1730		
Where	 Workshop will be held in hybrid mode Online via ZOOM platform Venue @ Venture Center: Lecture Theatre, 900, NCL Innovation Park 		
Contact	Technical: Niruta Killedar niruta.killedar@venturecenter.co.in +91-8956226080 Registration & Payment: Vineet Joshi Vineet.joshi@venturecenter.co.in +91-9156465141		
Registration	Registration Fees Rs 500/- (Registration fees will be waived off for Biodesign fellows from THSTI) Registration Process: • Step 1: Interested participants need to fill in registration form at the following link. • Register online at: https://tinyurl.com/SLAP2024 • Step 2: Payment details will be shared with candidates who successfully complete the verification process. Attendance only on confirmation of payment of registration fees NOTE: • More details at: https://www.venturecenter.co.in/socialinnovations/events/		
	 More details at: https://www.venturecenter.co.in/socialinnovations/events/ REGISTRATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT DEADLINE Registration closes once 10 seats are full or 4 days prior to the workshop (whichever comes sooner) Fees paid is not refundable and non-transferable under any circumstances The organizers reserve the right to accept or refuse or delay registrations so as to optimize the composition of the group and hence maximize learning for all participants 		



Introduction

Building a start-up based on a new technology is characterized by different types of uncertainties at different stages of the entrepreneurial journey. Understanding these uncertainties and evolving strategies to effectively address them will reduce the risk of the start-up. It will also accelerate the journey of the start-up towards the market.

During this workshop, participants will work towards systematically identifying the potential risks in their venture as they move from initial technology and product development towards the market. The course methodology focuses on brief conceptual sessions combined with extensive class discussion time and a number of group exercises for participants to work through and internalize the learning.

Terms and Conditions for Participants

- Participants shall arrange their own devices (preferably Laptop/ Tablet) to work on the workshop assignments.
- Participants to arrange for their travel and accommodation
- Attendance is mandatory for all sessions once registration is confirmed.
- No sessions will be repeated if a participant is unable to attend due to any reasons.

Program Includes

- Free membership in mailing list to follow-up on program and intimation of relevant events/ funding opportunities from Venture Center
- Certificates will be given to only those candidates who have 100% attendance for all the sessions in the workshop.



Program Schedule

Time	Session	Faculty
0900 – 0915	Registration : 900, Foyer area	
0915 – 0930	Welcome and Introduction to the workshop	Mugdha Lele
0930 – 1100	Stage setting: Characterizing risks associated with early-stage	Hiran Vedam
	startups	
	Exercise 01 - Risk Assessment	
1100 – 1130	Networking Tea/Coffee: 900, Foyer Area	
1130 – 1300	Early-stage de-risking of technology-based startups	Hiran Vedam
1300 – 1400	Lunch	Hiran Vedam
1400 – 1530	Discussion of Tech de-risking case studies related to different	Hiran Vedam
	domains	Premnath V
1530 – 1545	Networking Tea/Coffee: 900, Foyer Area	







Workshop faculty

Dr. Hiran Vedam Co-Founder of Ashwatta, India



Hiran is the co-founder of Ashwatta, a venture studio building high-impact climate tech startups in India. Prior to this, she was a business fellow with the Breakthrough Energy Fellows Program. As part of the program, she supported the progression of early-stage industrytransforming climate solutions of the BE innovator fellows towards global markets. Specifically, she supported them with their technology de-risking, piloting and demonstration, supply chain mapping, IP strategy and startup financing.

Earlier in her career, she was the managing director - Asia for Nanoholdings LLC investing in early-stage advanced material-based solutions for energy efficiency, environmental sustainability and water. She has considerable experience in different areas of the lab-to-market journey in the US, Canada, UK, Singapore and India. She was the chief editor of "AIM Prime Playbook: A Practical Guide to science-based entrepreneurship". Hiran has a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University, MBA from INSEAD, M.S. from Washington University and a B.Tech from IIT-M.



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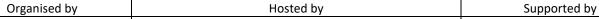
Premnath is Scientist-Polymer Science & Engineering Division at NCL and Director-Venture Center. He is a technologist and commercialization expert having previously successfully commercialized two technologies. He has a keen interest in technology development for biomedical products. He holds a B.Tech from the IIT Bombay and a Ph.D. from the MIT, USA. He has also been a Chevening Technology Enterprise Fellow with the Centre for Scientific Enterprises, London Business School and Cambridge University, UK. He brings with him considerable experience in technology development and commercialization (two successfully commercialized families of products), working with start-up companies (in Cambridge-UK and India) and engaging with large corporations on research and consulting projects as project leader.

In-house team (in alphabetical order of last names)

Mugdha Lele



Mugdha is currently Head — Social Innovations at Venture Center, Pune. She has done Ph.D from School of Health Sciences, University of Pune and has teaching and research experience in a State Government medical university. At Venture Center, she is responsible for driving the Social Innovations activities and providing technical mentoring for startups at Venture Center. She has been a Fellow of the Chevening Rolls Royce Science, Innovation, Policy and Leadership Programme (CRISP) at the Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK in 2016. In 2018 she has also been part of the Aritra Accelerator Program for Leadership in the Social Sector at IIM Bangalore with Phicus Solutions and Dr. Reddy's Foundation. She serves as the nominee director on the boards of Synthera Biomedical Pvt Ltd (a dental biomaterials startup), Pragmatech Healthcare Solutions Pvt Ltd (a medical diagnostics startup) and Spot Healthcare Solutions Pvt Ltd (a medtech startup).











Niruta Killedar

Niruta is primarily responsible for assisting in the implementation of the Social Innovation Immersion Program at Venture Center. Overall she assists in driving the Social Innovations portfolio at Venture Center and coordinates events and related mentoring activities. She is a Microbiologist by training and has more than 7 years of experience in interdisciplinary areas of science. She has been passionately working in border areas for the last 15 years as a volunteer through the NGO Aseem Foundation, which adds value to the Social Innovations portfolio at Venture Center.

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