

# POST EVENT REPORT: IFTSC 2022 Bengaluru

## Chapter

The IndiaFirst tech startup conclave & Awards organized by AICRA is to boost the spirit of entrepreneurship across our country and create a community of job creators by empowering young and innovative change-makers to celebrate invention and innovation. The First Season of the IFTSC held in New Delhi was a huge success, and now the saga continues in Karnataka as well.

The conclave inculcates the essence of entrepreneurship in every participant by giving them a chance to pitch their ideas, build partnerships, secure funding, and gain knowledge about the intricate details involved in the Indian STartup ecosystem.

### Day 1

The second edition of India First tech startup conclave & awards was conducted in the city of Bengaluru, Karnataka on the 8th and 9th of June 2022. The inauguration of the event commenced on the 8th of June at the Manpho convention center. The esteemed guests invited were Shri Dr.AshwathNarayan C.N, -Minister of IT/BT, Education, Skill Dev., Entrepreneurship, Govt of Karnataka as chief guest, Shri S. Somanath, Chairman ISRO, Shri Rajesh Pathak, Secretary Technology Development Board, Department of Science & Technology, Govt of India. Karnataka IT/Higher education minister, Shri Dr.AshwathNarayan along with other honorable guests inaugurated the conclave by lighting the lamp.

The chief guests addressed the audience and shared their inspiring views about improving the startup ecosystem and fostering the culture of entrepreneurship among the youngsters in India. The chief guests also inaugurated the Startup exhibition after the opening ceremony.

**Keynote 1: State Vision for Technology Start-ups, Addressing Start-up challenges and building ecosystem**

The keynote stage of India first tech startup conclave & awards then witnessed an interactive keynote session that featured various State representatives who shared about the startup ecosystem of their respective states, growth, challenges, and solutions with an interactive crowd.

The first speaker of the keynote session was Shri Kumar Vineet(IAS), Special Secretary, IT and Electronics, Govt of UP. The very engaging speaker in him helped the audience to

understand the current scenario of the Startup environment. He briefed about the current governmental schemes introduced to encourage Start-Ups in UP.

Shri Sanjay Gajghate, Joint Director, Directorate of Industries, Govt. of Chhattisgarh was the next person who came to brief about the startup vision of the Chhattisgarh government. His talk was mainly focused on the importance of building a sustainable startup ecosystem and the contributions of the Chhattisgarh state toward the mission.

Dr.SanjuktaBadhai, Evangelist, Startup Odisha, Govt. of Odisha represented the government of Odisha for sharing the vision of the state. He explained the requirement for cutting-edge ideas to transform the startup community.

A different perspective on the startup ecosystem was shared by Shri AbhijithPrasannakumar, Kerala StartupMission, Govt of Kerala. He explained the importance of promoting entrepreneurship in all states and the initiatives by the Kerala government to support new-age startups.

#### Keynote 2 & 3

Shri Nitish Gopalani, Co-Founder –of Fonada spoke about how he made it big as the founder of a well-established company. He gave the audience an insight into how it is to become that one person who dares to follow their dreams.

Shri VinodhRamakannan, CEO –SpintaDigital in his keynote session shared about the need of understanding the concepts right from the basics and how to approach concepts practically.

#### Discussion session: Funding and investment opportunities

The India First Tech Startup conclave & Awards hosted a discussion session on Startup funding and investment opportunities. The discussion had distinguished panelists that include SudhakaranSrambikal, CEO and Co-Founder, QuGatesTechnologies as moderator, Cdr. Navneet Kaushik, Scientist-F, Technology Development Board, DST, Govt. of India, VikaramRamasubramanian, Partner, Inflection Point Ventures (IPV), Deepak Agrawal, Principal, Dexter Capital Advisors, Dinesh Goel, Partner, SianaCapital, Siddhartha Anand, Vice President at Karnataka Digital Economy Mission.

The panelists shared their views and perspectives on the opportunities a young entrepreneur will get in terms of funding and the ways we can secure investments for a startup.

#### Day 2

Day 2 of India first tech startup conclave & awards started with a keynote session by the organizers The All India Council for robotics and automation. AICRA shared about its startup mission and the initiatives behind the curtain to foster a startup ecosystem. Shri. Rajkumar Sharma ( President AICRA ) delivered the presentation right after the day 2 welcome note.

MoU has been signed between AICRA and a couple of organizations to establish Center of excellence and skills center in Karnataka.

The keynote session covered the below-given points

- Startup Project
- Startup Journey: Ideation to Monetization
- Industry 4.0 Opportunities and Roll-out in India

Keynote 2–

Mr. Rashmi Ranjan Sahu, Senior Mission Associate, Startup Odisha, Govt. Of Odisha entered the stage to deliver his keynote. He mainly focused on how to pursue entrepreneurship most effectively and also shared about the startup ecosystem in Odisha.

Keynote 3 –

Mr. Abhishek Tiwari, Senior Consultant, Department of IT & Electronics, Govt. of UP delivered his keynote and mainly focused on the importance of developing plans for the growth and development of the startup ecosystem.

Keynote 4 -

Shri Kishor Jagirdar, President, Vision Karnataka Foundation took over the stage to share the working nature and plans of Vision Karnataka.

Discussion Session 2 -Technology Innovations and their integration across Industries

The event had a very interactive discussion on Technology Innovations and their integration across Industries. The panelists shared the importance of cutting-edge technologies and how they can transform the business sector. The discussion had Alexander Henn, Chief Executive Officer, Squared Circle Ecom(KPO) as moderator and Laxmi Nageswari, Global Lead-AI Solutions, Boston Limited, Gautam Karmakar, Chief Business Officer, SugarBox Networks, Vinodh Ramakannan, CEO, Spinta Digital, Nitish Gopalani, Co-Founder, Fonada, Nanjunda Palecanda P, Founder, Nija Venture Impacts Pvt Ltd, Sudhakaran Srmbikal, CEO and Co-Founder, QuGates Technologies as members.

Keynote 5.

After a gala networking lunch, the event returned to a keynote session by Shri Hulas Pathak, CEO -Incubator, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya. He briefed about the vision and mission of Krishi Vishwavidyalaya and their contributions to the agriculture sector.

Later, Startup entrepreneurs Shri Mitul Shah, COO –of Mobex, Shri Rakesh R, Co-Founder – DeepSense Digital, and Shri Naveen Srinivas Kondappa, CEO, RGK Silicon Sciences Pvt. Ltd. showed up on the stage with their respective keynotes. All three of them shared the vision, mission, core concept, and innovative services of their startups.

The last and most important session of the event was the startup presentation. AICRA invited a set of young entrepreneurs who are redefining their fields of work with cutting-edge ideas which help in transforming our community and creating a secure future for our nation.

Representatives from different tech startups came and give a presentation about their startups.

#### Winding-up

India's first tech startup conclave & awards provided an innovation-filled experience to all the attendees. Mr. Rajkumar Sharma ( President, AICRA) concluded the event by briefing the two days of the event. He told the event will return to Bengaluru again and thanked each and every one for making IFTSCA Bengaluru Chapter, a great success.

Yet, A networking High Tea was essential, and there it was...!!!