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## India as Innovation Hub

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FICCI, Federation House

New Delhi

### Programme

0930-1030 hrs	<b>Registration</b>
1030-1130 hrs	<b>Inaugural Session</b>
	<p><b>Opening Remarks:</b> Mr. V K Topa, Adviser to Secretary General, FICCI</p> <p><b>Innovation for Inclusive Growth:</b> Ms. Devika Devaiah, Director, Erehwon Innovation Consulting Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p><b>Address by:</b> Mr. Bansi Phansalkar, General Manager, India Engineering Operations, GE</p> <p><b>Address by:</b> Prof Anil Gupta, IIM – Ahemdabad, Executive Vice Chair, National Innovation Foundation and Coordinator, SRISTI and Honey Bee Network</p> <p><b>Inaugural Address:</b> Dr. T Ramasami, Secretary , Department of Science &amp; Technology, Government of India</p> <p><b>Concluding Remarks:</b> Mr. V K Topa, Adviser to Secretary General, FICCI</p> <p><i>Session Moderated by Mr. V K Topa, Adviser to Secretary General, FICCI</i></p>
1130-1145hrs	<b>Tea/ Coffee Break</b>

1145-1330 hrs	<p><b>India as Innovation Hub</b></p> <p><i>There is a rapid expansion of a phenomenon called the “New Economy” or the “Innovation Economy”. At the core of the new wealth being created, there is a swift acceleration of change through innovation. India is a rising economic power and an increasingly important locus of innovation. It has the available ‘talent pool’ at relatively low cost, favorable demographic profile, with a large proportion of working people and it offers cutting edge R&amp;D facilities with high quality standards. Drawing on India’s substantial knowledge base, Indian industry has rapidly become internationally competitive in many sectors. Multinational firms increasingly find it attractive to conduct advanced research and development in India. Out of Fortune 500 companies, around 200 companies have set up R &amp; D base in India. The session will showcase various kinds of Innovation happening in India.</i></p>
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. A K Sood, Adviser &amp; Head, International Co-operation, Department of Science &amp; Technology, Government of India</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. P Anandan, Mg Director, Microsoft Research India Pvt. Ltd</li> <li>• Mr. Kunwer Sachdev, Chairman &amp; Mg Director, Sukam Power Systems Ltd</li> <li>• Dr. P B Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Delhi Technological Institute (Formerly known as DCE )</li> <li>• Mr. Sunil Tambe, Editorial Head, Reuters Market Light</li> </ul>
1330-1430hrs	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
1430- 1545 hrs	<p><b>Incubate to Innovate</b></p> <p><i>In a liberalized global trading environment, comparative advantage can be attained only through technological supremacy. It is unfortunate that despite tremendous potential, the technological achievements have been relatively insignificant in India. The missing link between technological capacity and achievements is the absence of a strong institutional mechanism — more specifically, adequate technology and business incubation centres — to nurture, promote and develop technologies.</i></p> <p><i>The session will discuss as to what is expected from our incubation systems and what needs to be done to achieve desired results.</i></p>
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Adviser, Department of Science &amp; Technology, Government of India</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. S B Sareen, Project Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India</li> <li>• Dr. A Wali, Mg Director, FITT, IIT – Delhi</li> <li>• Mr. Apoorv Sharma, General Manager, Amity Innovation Incubator</li> </ul>

1545-1600 hrs	<b>Tea/ Coffee Break</b>
1600 – 1700hrs	<p><b>Panel discussion on “Mind to Market”</b></p> <p><i>India is quickly moving up the value chain by becoming a global R&amp;D hub providing cutting-edge research and development. However, the focus on taking an idea to market needs to be stronger in India. The importance of commercializing R&amp;D has to take place in Indian organizations from the conceptual stage to avoid time delays, cost overruns and reinventing the wheel.</i></p> <p><i>The panel will discuss the current state of commercialization of Innovation and the way forward.</i></p>
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. S Radha Krishna, Director – Technology Acquisition, DRDO</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Janak Sheth, Century Pharmaceuticals Ltd.</li> <li>• Mr. T. Raghavendra Rao, Director, Sustainable Technologies &amp; Environmental Projects Pvt. Ltd</li> <li>• Prof H. M. Chawla, Professor, IIT- Delhi</li> <li>• Mr. Mahendra Pratap, President, iMFAST</li> </ul>
1700 hrs	<b>Closing</b>