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**PROMOTION OF IT SECTOR AND STARTUPS IN KARNATAKA**

**710. SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:**

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to promote IT parks and innovation hubs in Karnataka;
- (b) the details of ongoing projects supported by Central Government in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru and other cities; and
- (c) the impact of these initiatives on employment generation in the State?

**ANSWER**

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(a) to (c) Government of India has undertaken several initiatives to promote the IT/ITeS sector and startup ecosystem in Karnataka. The Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has been key to promoting IT/ITeS growth by providing quality infrastructure, high-speed connectivity, incubation, and a supportive regulatory framework.

A total of 68 STPI centres have been established across the country, including 6 centres in Karnataka at Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Manipal, Mysuru, Hubballi and Davangere. More than 1,600 STPI-registered IT/ITeS companies in Karnataka have provided employment to more than 10.5 lakh people.

The STPI centres provide incubator facility which help entrepreneurs to convert their innovative ideas into startups. The incubator facility provides opportunity of meeting with investors like Venture Capitalists (VCs), mentors from IITs/NITs/Industry and networking opportunity with IT professionals through implementation of various schemes, programmes and Centres of Entrepreneurship.

In addition, 3 domain-specific Centres of Entrepreneurship (CoEs)—Internet of Things (IoT) OpenLab CoE in STPI Bengaluru, Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) STPI at STPI Bengaluru, and Efficiency Augmentation (EA) CoE at Bengaluru —have been set up in Karnataka to promote Innovation, Research & Development, Product development and Intellectual Property creation in emerging technologies. A total of 181 startups have been supported through these CoEs.

MeitY has initiated FutureSkills PRIME program in collaboration with National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) aimed at making India a cutting-edge digital talent

nation. Under the programme, so far, more than 24.6 lakh candidates have registered on the portal, which includes more than 1.6 lakh candidates enrolled/trained from Karnataka in various courses. Details of other programs of MeitY for supporting IT sector growth, innovation hubs and startups in Karnataka are placed as **Annexure**.

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## **Annexure**

### Other programs of MeitY for supporting IT sector growth, innovation hubs and startups in Karnataka

1. TIDE 2.0 (Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs) Scheme: MeitY has initiated TIDE 2.0 Scheme in the year 2019 with an aim to promote technology-based entrepreneurship through financial and technical support to incubators. Under the scheme, support is being extended to startups through 51 selected incubators established in institutes of higher learning and premier R&D organizations across the country, including 6 incubators located in the State of Karnataka. These incubators are facilitating handholding and capacity building for approximately 2,000 technology startups. More than 1,700 startups have been supported.

Under TIDE 2.0 Scheme, following 6 incubation centres are functioning as TIDE 2.0 centre in the State of Karnataka:

- i) Nadathur S. Raghavan Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning – Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (NSRCEL, IIM Bangalore)
- ii) Society for Innovation and Development, IISc, Bengaluru
- iii) Bio Incubator at Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP), Bengaluru
- iv) KLE Centre for Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship, KLE Technological University, Dharwad
- v) Dayananda Sagar Entrepreneurship Research & Business Incubator (DERBI) Foundation, Bengaluru
- vi) IIITB Innovation Centre (International Institute of Information Technology Bengaluru - Innovation Centre)

2. SAMRIDH (Startup Accelerators of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development and Growth): MeitY has initiated SAMRIDH Programme to support high-potential technology startups and innovation hubs. The program has been implemented through MeitY Startup Hub (MSH). SAMRIDH has supported 373 startups nationwide, including 61 startups accelerated through Karnataka-based accelerators. The 61 accelerated startups have together generated 488 jobs.

Under SAMRIDH programme, following leading accelerators are in Karnataka.

- i) Atal Incubation Centre (AIC)–Nitte Incubation Centre, Udupi
- ii) Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre (BBC), Bengaluru
- iii) C-CAMP, Bengaluru
- iv) DERBI Foundation, Bengaluru
- v) NSRCEL–IIM Bangalore
- vi) Amrita Technology Business Incubator, Bengaluru
- vii) The GAIN – The Global Accelerator for Innovation Network, Bengaluru
- viii) Let's Venture, Bengaluru

3. GENESIS (Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups) Scheme: MeitY has initiated the 'Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups (GENESIS)' Scheme with the aim to strengthen the startup ecosystem in Tier-II and Tier-III cities across India over period of five years. The scheme envisages scaling up about 1,600 technology startups, to discover, nurture and grow technology startups. Under GENESIS Scheme, more than 250 startups have been supported. Following 3 incubation centres are functioning as Implementing Agencies in the State of Karnataka:

- i) Deshpande Startups, Hubballi
- ii) Sahyadri Hub for Innovations and Entrepreneurship (SHINE) Foundation, Mangaluru
- iii) Manipal Universal Technology Business Incubator, Manipal

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