

Press Release

Dr Harsh Vardhan visit cheers Pune's scientist entrepreneurs

Union Minister for Science and Technology visits exhibits by Venture Center's scientist entrepreneurs at NCL

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Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Science and Technology, visited an exhibition of science-led startups affiliated to the Venture Center on 2 Feb 2016. The exhibition was held at the National Chemical Laboratory and featured more than 40 scientific and innovative technology startups. The Minister expressed happiness at all the technologies being developed by the startups at Venture Center. Venture Center is today India's largest science business incubator with 36 resident incubatee companies resident at its facility and many more associated with it.



Minister visiting the exhibits



Minister with young scientists entrepreneurs of Venture Center

Earlier in the day, the Minister spoke to the large NCL community exhorting scientists and engineers to increase their focus on solving the most pressing problems of society and in that context referred to the Prime Minister Modi's ambitious Start Up India Stand India action plan. He mentioned the brightest ideas will come from the young people in India and that all efforts should be made to support young people pursuing innovation and entrepreneurship.

Notes to the Editor:

About Venture Center: Entrepreneurship Development Center (Venture Center) – a CSIR initiative – is a Section 25 company hosted by the National Chemical Laboratory, Pune. Venture Center strives to nucleate and nurture technology and knowledge-based enterprises by leveraging the scientific and engineering competencies of the institutions in the Pune region in India. **The Venture Center is today India's largest science business incubator.** The Venture Center is a technology business incubator supported by the Department of Science & Technology's National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (DST-NSTEDB). Venture Center's focuses on technology enterprises offering products and services exploiting scientific expertise in the areas of materials, chemicals and biological sciences & engineering. For more information, visit <http://www.venturecenter.co.in>

About CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory: CSIR - National Chemical Laboratory (<http://www.ncl-india.org>), Pune India is a research, development and consulting organization with a focus on chemicals and materials. It has a successful record of research partnership with industry. NCL is a flagship laboratory of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR, <http://www.csir.res.in>) which is the largest network of publicly funded research institute in India.

