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National award for NCL technology business incubator

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Pune: City-based technology business incubator Venture Center at the National Chemical Laboratory (NCL) has bagged the National Award for Technology Business Incubation for this year.

Also known as the Entrepreneurship Development Center, it has been conferred the award by the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board, Department of Science and Technology.

The centre will receive the award recognising its contribution towards promoting and nurturing scientific entrepreneurship on May 11, Technology Day. tnn

"The award has been given on various parameters such as our contribution to policy changes, help in funding of the incubatees and the quality of the incubatees. The NCL incubator has not received the award earlier and is a great honour. We have total of 40 startups of which 35 are in the science and technology space," said Soma Chattopadhyay, manager at the Venture Center at NCL.

The incubator houses startups in technology space, which offer products and services in the areas of materials, chemicals and biological sciences and engineering. Today Venture Center is today home to 35 scientific ventures. NCL has shared that most of these are inventive enterprises driven by scientists and engineers. Women entrepreneurs have founded more than 30% of the startups incubated at Venture Center.

National Chemical Laboratory , Pune, which was established in 1950, is a constituent laboratory of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).