

Biannual Meet-up of Social Innovators leveraging Science & Technology

-- Meet-up #1 --

- Organized by Social Innovations @ Venture Center -

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet-up of Social innovators from deep-tech domain, entrepreneurs, impact investors, scientists, students and voluntary organizations • Opportunity for aspiring social innovators to meet each other and understand a few support/funding mechanisms • Team forming for people interested in common theme • Visit and tour of Venture Center • Understand the journey of two social entrepreneurs
Facilitator	Dr. Premnath V, Director, Venture Center
Organized by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Innovations @ Venture Center
Supported by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venture Center
For whom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Innovators leveraging Science and Technology • Socially Impactful deeptech startups • Scientists and Research students working on socially impactful solutions
When	Friday 1 March 2024 Time: 1500– 1700
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event will be held in offline mode only • Venue: Venture Center, Pune
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Cost and Registration	<p>Free event but registration is mandatory: http://tinyurl.com/SIMeetup</p> <p>Registration Process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 1: Interested participants need to fill in registration form at the following link: http://tinyurl.com/SIMeetup • Step 2: Invite will be sent after screening the application. Attendance only on confirmation is received from organizers. <p>NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More details at: https://www.venturecenter.co.in/socialinnovations/events/ • The organizers reserve the right to accept or refuse or delay registrations so as to optimize the composition of the group and hence maximize learning for all participants

Introduction

Venture Center has been committed towards Social Innovations and Entrepreneurship for almost a decade. The organization actively nucleates and nurtures the innovators and/or enterprises solving socially important problems through sustainable entities to deliver solutions to the society.

Our priorities

- Tech Innovators with social and environmental Impact
- For profit entities that can scale
- Enterprises leveraging Science and Technology

Implementation of the socially impactful solutions at the ground level can be done more efficiently and effectively when the innovators and the voluntary organizations from the implementation side can come together to discuss the technology ideas and find a way to take the solutions to the next level. Social Innovators Meet will be one such platform for the entrepreneurs, impact investors, scientists, students and the voluntary organizations to come together, network and deliver the solutions to the last mile.

Focus areas at Venture Center:




- Affordable Health and Nutrition
- Assistive Technologies
- Empowering farmers
- Clean Energy
- Sustainable resource utilization, environment and circular economy
- Water, sanitation, hygiene
- Any other sectors that can leverage Venture Center's innovation ecosystem



Program Includes



- Free membership in mailing list to follow-up on program and intimation of relevant events/ funding opportunities from Venture Center

Program Schedule

Time	Session	Faculty
1500 – 1505	Welcome and introduction: Meet up of Social Innovators	Niruta Killedar
1505 – 1525	Rapid Mixer	Niruta Killedar
1525 – 1555	Social Innovations & Entrepreneurship: What, Why and How?	Premnath V
1555 – 1610	Funding Landscape in India	Mugdha Lele
1610 – 1640	Success Stories of 02 Social Entrepreneurs 1. Nayam Innovations 2. Noble Exchange Q&A	Tanuj Gigras Nuriel Pezarkar V Premnath
1640– 1700	Networking Tea/Coffee	
1700	Venture Center Tour	

Speaker	
	<p>Premnath V</p> <p>Premnath is Scientist-Polymer Science & Engineering Division at NCL and Director-Venture Center. He is a technologist and commercialization expert having previously successfully commercialized two technologies. He has a keen interest in technology development for biomedical products. He holds a B.Tech from the IIT Bombay and a Ph.D. from the MIT, USA. He has also been a Chevening Technology Enterprise Fellow with the Centre for Scientific Enterprises, London Business School and Cambridge University, UK. He brings with him considerable experience in technology development and commercialization (two successfully commercialized families of products), working with start-up companies (in Cambridge-UK and India) and engaging with large corporations on research and consulting projects as project leader.</p>
	<p>Tanuj Gigras Nayam Innovations</p> <p>Nayam innovations is a biomaterial based company working towards developing novel Intra-Ocular Lens (IOL) to provide spectacle-free vision to patients undergoing cataract surgery.</p>
	<p>Nuriel Pezarkar NobleExchange Solutions</p> <p>Noble Exchange Solutions is a provider of integrated environmental solutions with a mission to minimize environmental impact of human activity through managing waste from collection to disposal, while recovering valuable resources and creating clean and renewable energy. NEX specializes in processing of "Organic Food Waste" with cutting edge Anaerobic Digestion (AD) technology to generate bio gas rich in methane and CO₂, which will be compressed and commercialized to replace fossil fuel.</p>

Organizing team members (in alphabetical order of last names)	
	<p>Niruta Killedar</p> <p>Niruta is Senior Associate for Social Innovations at Venture Center. She is primarily responsible for assisting in the implementation of the Social Innovation Immersion Program at Venture Center. Overall she assists in driving the Social Innovations portfolio at Venture Center and coordinates events and related mentoring activities. She is a Microbiologist by training and has more than 7 years of experience in interdisciplinary areas of science. She has been passionately working in border areas for the last 15 years as a volunteer through the NGO Aseem Foundation, which adds value to the Social Innovations portfolio at Venture Center.</p>
	<p>Mugdha Lele</p> <p>Mugdha is Head – Social Innovations at Venture Center. She is a Ph.D from School of Health Sciences, University of Pune and has teaching and research experience in a State Government medical university. At Venture Center, she is responsible for driving the Social Innovations and related activities and is responsible for providing technical mentoring for incubatees at Venture Center. Mugdha has been a Fellow of the Chevening Rolls Royce Science, Innovation, Policy and Leadership Programme (CRISP) at the Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK in 2016. In 2018 she has also been part of the Aritra Accelerator Program for Leadership in the Social Sector at IIM Bangalore with Phicus Solutions and Dr. Reddy's Foundation.</p>

Organized and Hosted by	
	<p>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 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.</p> <p>For more information, visit: http://www.venturecenter.co.in/</p>
	<p>Venture Center is committed to Social innovation and entrepreneurship. We actively nucleate and nurture enterprises that focus on solving socially important problems and build sustainable entities (for profit or not-for-profit) to deliver the solutions to society. Focus areas at Venture Center include affordable health and nutrition, empowering farmers, clean energy, sustainable resource utilization, environment and circular economy, water, sanitation, hygiene and any other social sectors that can leverage Venture Center's innovation ecosystem.</p> <p>For more information: http://www.venturecenter.co.in/socialinnovations</p>
