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Startup Launch Acceleration Program 3.0 (SLAP 3.0)
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Gains	• Learn key aspects of science and technology-based entrepreneurship • 11 Days program with mini workshops on different aspects of entrepreneurship, talks, mentoring clinics, diagnostic and action clinics, panel discussions with startup founders, visit to startup locations, group discussions and lunch side chats with startup founders • Join the network of Venture Center – the top inventive enterprise incubator in India.
Course Coordinator	• MugdhaLele, Head, Preincubation and Learning, Venture Center
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Supported by	• Department of Biotechnology • Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad • NIDHI – Center of Excellence (NIDHI-CoE), Department of Science and Technology
For whom	• Budding/ aspiring entrepreneurs (Researchers, students, engineers, clinicians etc) • Early stage inventive enterprises and science-based startups
When	*Total duration: 11 days | 10 Jan – 22 Jan 2026| 0930 – 1730*
Where	Some sessions in exclusive offline mode, and some sessions will be held in a hybrid mode (offline at Venture Center campus and online via ZOOM platform)
Contact	**Technical:**Mugdha Lele |mugdha@venturecenter.co.in | +91-7410045652 **Registrationqueries:**NirutaKilledar |niruta.killedar@venturecenter.co.in | +91-8956226080
Cost and Registration	**Registration Fees Rs 500/- per mini-workshop** (Registration fees will be waived off for Biodesign fellows from THSTI) Registration Process: • Step 1: Interested participants need to fill in registration form at the following link. • **Register online at:** https://forms.gle/mTGJP1N8KBSh5Hr27 • Step 2: Payment details will be shared with candidates who successfully complete the verification process. Attendance only on confirmation of payment of registration fees **NOTE:** • More details at:https://www.venturecenter.co.in/socialinnovations/events/ • **REGISTRATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT DEADLINE Registration closes once 10 seats are full or 4 days prior to the workshop (whichever comes sooner)** • *Fees paid is not refundable and non-transferable under any circumstances* • 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

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Introduction

Startup Launch Acceleration Program (SLAP) 3.0 is designed specifically for early-stage innovators and startups in deep tech domains. This is a sector agnostic acceleration program of 11 days durations, which focuses on key aspects of science and technology-based entrepreneurship. The program will include the following:

- on different aspects of entrepreneurship like: Entrepreneurship Essentials; Value Proposition; Business Planning; Company Operations; Financial Planning; Intellectual Property; Raising Money; Pitching; Marketing and few essential Skills for entrepreneurs
- Mini workshops (total 09) and talks on various aspects of entrepreneurship
- Mentoring clinics (total 05), slots will be available on first-cum basis to participants signing up for workshops
- Diagnostic and Action Clinics (restricted)
- Visit to deep-tech startup locations
- Group discussions (restricted)
- Lunch side chats with deep-tech startup founders

SLAP3.0 is designed for young entrepreneurs who are initiating their entrepreneurial journeys. Some practical tips and pointers based on real-life experiences will be shared by the speakers, experts and mentors in this program. The idea is to enthuse and inspire young entrepreneurs and provide them a common launch pad to take off and accelerate their startup journeys.

Terms and Conditions for Participants

Participants attending in online mode:
- Shall arrange their own devices (preferably Laptop/ Tablet) and ensure good internet connectivity during the entire course duration.
- No sessions will be repeated if a participant is unable to join due to poor internet connectivity or any other reasons.
- *After each session a feedback link will be shared. This link has to be filled immediately at the end of each session. Filling up this link will be marked as your attendance for the concerned session.*
- *E-Certificates will be given to attendees of each mini-workshop separately on 100% attendance of the signed-up workshop sessions.*

Participants attending in offline mode at Venture Center:
- Networking over tea/coffee will be arranged at the Foyer Area @ 900, NIP, Venture Center. This will give an opportunity to interact with the speakers and other attendees who are coming in-person for the sessions.
- In case for any session you are not able to come in person to Venture Center, you are allowed to attend the session in online mode only after informing via email atleast 4 hours prior to the particular session to MsNiruta @:niruta.killedar@venturecenter.co.in
- No sessions will be repeated if a participant is unable to attend due to any reasons.
- *After each session a feedback link will be shared. This link has to be filled immediately at the end of each session. Filling up this link will be marked as your attendance for the concerned session.*
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Program Includes

- Free membership in mailing list to follow-up on program and intimation of relevant events/ funding opportunities from Venture Center
- Access to all presentations via a restricted website
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Program Schedule

Sr. No.	Date	Day	Slot 01	Slot 02	Slot 03	Slot 04	
			0930 - 1100	1130 - 1300	1400 - 1530	1600 -1730	
1	10 Jan 2026	Sat			Topic: Venture Center Lab Tour and Brief about VC Format: LT Lead: **NirutaKilledar**	Topic: Art of story telling Format: TK 01 Lead: **SrikantSastri**	Topic: Panel Discussion Format: TK 02 Lead: **ManishaP**
2	12 Jan 2026	Mon	Topic: Visit to Startup Location Format: SV 01 Lead: **Niruta Killedar**	Topic: Patent Search and Analytics Format: GD 01 Lead: **Vidula Walimbe**	Topic: Hands-on skills workshop Format: WS 01 Lead: **Anjan Kumar**	Topic: Hands-on skills workshop Format: WS 01 Lead: **Anjan Kumar**	
3	13 Jan 2026	Tue	Topic: Diagnostic Clinic Format: DC Lead: **MugdhaLele**	Topic: Diagnostic Clinic Format: DC Lead: **MugdhaLele**	Topic: Value Proposition and Business Model Canvas Format: WS 02 Lead: **SundaraNagarajan and Premnath V**	Topic: Value Proposition and Business Model Canvas Format: WS 02 Lead: **SundaraNagarajan and Premnath V**	
4	14 Jan 2026	Wed	Topic: Financial Simulation of a Startup Format: WS 03 Lead: **Premnath V and Shruti Devasthali**	Topic: Financial Simulation of a Startup Format: WS 03 Lead: **Premnath V and Shruti Devasthali**	Topic: Crucial conversations, negotiations and handling disputes Format: WS 04 Lead: **Protima Sharma**	Topic: Crucial conversations, negotiations and handling disputes Format: WS 04 Lead: **Protima Sharma**	
5	15 Jan 2026	Thu	Topic: Intellectual Property Strategy Format: MC 01 Lead: **RichaArya, Mamatha R**	Topic: Writing winning grant proposals Format: WS 09 Lead: **Smita Kale**	Topic:Writing winning grant proposals Format: WS 09 Lead: **Smita Kale**	Topic: Grant writing and fund raise Format: MC 05 Lead: **Smita Kale, Manish Gore**	
6	16 Jan 2026	Fri	Topic: Fundamentals of Market Research Format: WS 06	Topic: Fundamentals of Market Research Format: WS 06	Topic: Prototyping and Product Development Format: MC 02	Topic: Introduction to Scientific Entrepreneurship	Topic: Ideation and coming up with solutions /

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			Lead: **Siddhesh Gavate & Gayathry S**	Lead: **Siddhesh Gavate & Gayathry S**	Lead: **Anjan K**	Format: TK 03 Lead: **Premnath V**	inventions Format: TK 04 Lead: **M V Shankar**
7	17 Jan 2026	Sat	Topic: Visit to Startup Location Format: SV 03 Lead: **NirutaKilledar**	Topic: Tech development pathway and planning how to raise funds Format: MC 03 Lead: **Premnath V**	Topic: Tech development pathway and planning how to raise funds Format: MC 03 Lead: **Premnath V**	Topic: Need identification and problem definition Format: TK 05 Lead: **Nishant Kumar**	Topic:Step-by-step journey of a company launch Financial simulation of a new venture; Cost structure Format: TK 06 Lead: **Premnath V**
	18 Jan 2026	Sun	**Sunday Holiday**				
8	19 Jan 2026	Mon	Topic: Planning the regulatory pathway for medical devices and diagnostics Format: WS 07 Lead: **ChetnaDharmavat&AkashDhade**	Topic: Planning the regulatory pathway for medical devices and diagnostics Format: WS 07 Lead: **ChetnaDharmavat&AkashDhade**	Topic: Regulatory pathway Format: MC 04 Lead: **ChetnaDharmavat&AkashDhade**	Topic: How can startups fund their Patent Filings Format: TK Lead: Archana Joshi	
9	20 Jan 2026	Tue	Topic: Technology de-risking and validation Format: WS 08 Lead: **Hiran Vedam**	Topic: Technology de-risking and validation Format: WS 08 Lead: **Hiran Vedam**	Topic: Technology de-risking and validation Format: WS 08 Lead: **Hiran Vedam**	Topic: Group Discussion on Tech Derisking Format: GD 02 Lead: **ManishaPremnath**	
10	21 Jan 2026	Wed	Topic: Visit to Startup Location Format: SV 04 Lead: **NirutaKilledar**	Topic: Action Clinics with Venture Center Teams (as required) Format: AC Lead: **Premnath V**	Topic: Action Clinics with Venture Center Teams (as required) Format: AC Lead: **Premnath V**	Topic: Feedback, Closing remarks (30 mins) Format: AC Lead: **Premnath V**	
11	22 Jan 2026	Thu	Topic: Elevator Pitch and Pitching to Investors Format: WS 05 Lead: **Soma Chattopadhyay**	Topic: Elevator Pitch and Pitching to Investors Format: WS 05 Lead: **Soma Chattopadhyay**			

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	Talks (TK) - **Hybrid Mode**[1]		Mentoring Clinic (MC) - **Hybrid Mode**
	Workshops (WS) - **Hybrid Mode**[2] **(WS 01 : Offline mode only)**		Startup Location Visit (SV) - **In-Person Mode**
	Diagnostic Clinics and Action Clinics (DC/AC) - **In-Person Mode**		Holiday
	Group Discussions (GD) - **In-Person Mode**		
	Venture Center Lab Tour (LT) - **In-Person Mode**		

Note: Lunch-Side Chat with Deep Tech Startup Founders at Venture Center's Innovation Café | Time: 1300 – 1400 (on select days)

Details of all workshops available here: https://www.venturecenter.co.in/socialinnovations/events/

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Organizing team members (in alphabetical order of last names)

	Niruta Killedar Niruta is Assistant Manager - Pre-incubation and Learning is primarily responsible for assisting in the implementation of all the pre-incubation initiatives at Venture Center. She also 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.
	Mugdha Lele Mugdha is Head of Pre-incubation and Learning at Venture Center, Pune. She has done 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 Pre-incubation and Capacity building activities and providing technical mentoring for startups at Venture Center. She 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.

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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 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/

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	As a networked organization linking many centers of excellence, THSTI is envisioned as a collective of scientists, engineers and physicians that will effectively enhance the quality of human life through integrating a culture of shared excellence in research, education and translational knowledge with the entrepreneurial spirit to take technologies into the public sphere. In fulfilment of its vision, the THSTI will work with other constituents of the technology cluster at Faridabad such as the Regional Centre for Biotechnology Training, Education and Research (RCB) through long term partnerships. By integrating the fields of medicine, science engineering and technology into translational knowledge and making the resulting biomedical innovations accessible to public health, to improve the health of the most disadvantaged people in India and throughout the world. For more information: https://www.thsti.res.in
	In September 2016, the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB), Department of Science and Technology, Government of India decided to award Venture Center with the status of a NIDHI Center of Excellence. NIDHI is the acronym for National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations — an umbrella programme conceived by DST. This award is accompanied by a grant for 5 year duration to help Venture Center scale-up its activities and demonstrate greater success. Via NIDHI COE Venture Center has built a high density cluster of inventive enterprises in Pune with significant global connectivity, reach and footprint. For more information visit: http://nidhicoe.venturecenter.co.in/

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