

EVENT REPORT

Essentials for a Startup Revolution in Universities & Institutes in India *Central University of Kerala, RST Campus, Kasaragod District, Kerala*

August 10, 2017 (02:00 PM – 03:30 PM)

The above seminar was hosted by the Department of Environmental Science, Central University of Kerala, on **August 10, 2017** from 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM in the **Main Seminar Hall, Riverside Transit Campus**, Central University of Kerala, Padannakkad, Kasaragod. The seminar was organized by Dr. Rishiram Ramanan, Assistant Professor, Central University of Kerala. The Chief Guest of the function was Dr. Ramjee Pallela, Chief Manager, IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad. He delivered a keynote address on the topic of “Essentials for a Startup Revolution in Universities & Institutes in India” to all the stakeholders of Central University of Kerala.

The programme started with a welcome address from the Head of the Department, Dr. Muthukumar Muthuchamy, followed by introduction of speaker by Dr. Rishiram Ramanan. The speaker from IKP Knowledge Park, Dr. Ramjee Pallela has over 10 years of postdoctoral, technopreneur and project management experience. IKP Knowledge Park, a research park and incubator in Hyderabad, has partnered with Government of India and other funding agencies like Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID etc. to promote innovation and startup culture in India. Dr Pallela is a technopreneur and has been involved in hand-holding researchers and academicians, especially through incubators and startups. Being a Program Manager, he is more specifically engaged in Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG) scheme of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

Dr Pallela shared his insights on the current innovation ecosystem in India, funding opportunities and his first-hand experience on resources needed to create a startup culture in Indian Universities and Institutes. Being associated by DBT, Government of India, Dr Pallela elaborated on the various grants offered to technopreneurs by DBT especially the BIG grant, the various stages involved and the handholding that can be facilitated by IKP. The programme ended with an vote of thanks and was attended by about 46 participants including faculty, staff, research scholars and students.

