

Training Programme on Innovations & Entrepreneurship held at IASST

A training programme on innovation and entrepreneurship was organised at Institute of Advanced Study in Science & Technology (IASST), Guwahati on 25th and 26th February 2020 which was attended by scientists and researchers of IASST, IIT-Guwahati and other nearby institutes, start-ups and innovators from different places in and around Guwahati.

The training was provided on various aspects like Ideation, Prototyping, Business Plan, Idea on Grant writing and Funding opportunities, Startup landscape, and way forward, and IP & Regulatory compliances. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. N C Talukdar, Director, IASST.

The two-day training program was sponsored by BIRAC, under **BIRAC** Regional Techno-Entrepreneurship Promotion Centre (**BRTC**) Training Workshop series IV, and conducted by BRTC KIIT-TBI, Bhubaneswar.

The program started with a talk by Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar, CEO- KIIT TBI, on the initiatives taken by BIRAC- BRTC for the innovators and start-ups of NER. Mukesh Malik, Partner Ah! Ventures, presented an interactive training session on Ideation, Value proposition, Team Building, and Business model. In the post-lunch session, Dr. Namrata Misra, Head - Bioinnovation, KIIT-TBI, presented the essential elements for writing good proposals for getting grants under the BIRAC-BIG program.

On 26th February, Dr. Ravindra Ghooi, Director Scientia Clinical Services, gave a comprehensive presentation about Regulatory Compliances in the field of drugs and medical devices. Dr. V.K. Rai from Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) talked about multiple opportunities opening for innovators and start-ups in the Defence Sector. The final session was a comprehensive presentation on Intellectual Property Rights by Dr. P. Karthigeyan, CTTC-MSME IPFC. The event ended with the vote of thanks, delivered by Dr. Rajiv Kangabam, Manager –BRTC, KIIT-Technology Business Incubator.



Fig.1: Participants in the BRTC training workshop at IASST Guwahati on 25th and 26th February, 2020