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Connect. Cooperate. Collaborate.

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ABOUT BHUBANESWAR CITY KNOWLEDGE INNOVATION CLUSTER FOUNDATION

Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster (BCKIC) Foundation, is an initiative by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India. BCKIC Foundation seamlessly connects academic, industrial, corporate, and start-up ecosystems to create a Hub & Spoke Model, actively facilitating innovation, knowledge creation, and implementation of technologies for socio-economic benefits.

Our major thematic areas include - Biosciences, Polymer-based interventions, Quantum engineered advanced materials, Wetland management, Waste to Value, Food, and nutrition.



Connect

Connect with multiple stakeholders. Industries, research institutes, incubators/accelerators, and governments to build and strengthen an inclusive regional science and technology ecosystem.



Co-operate

Creating solutions through close cooperation, leveraging expertise from partner organizations that are reliable, effective, and sustainable for the current and future problems of the region.



Collaborate

Collaborations for nurturing and driving translational research and innovation in Bhubaneswar that boosts economic and employment growth by creating a market for reliability and replicability across the state.

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REGIONAL ECOSYSTEM BUILDING

BCKIC signs MoU with Science & Technology Department, Government of Odisha

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Launch of the Royal Society of Chemistry Bhubaneswar Chapter

BCKIC Foundation hosted the distinguished delegates from Royal Society of Chemistry and UK Science and Innovation Network for an elaborate round table discussion focusing on engagement with premier institutions in the region to strengthen the dialogue and action in chemical science, advance materials with added emphasis towards career progression, exchange programs and interdisciplinary collaborative research opportunities. Representatives from NISER, ICT, IIT-Bhubaneswar, CSIR-IMMT, Rama Devi Women's University, Utkal University and KIIT discussed various opportunities of strengthening cutting edge research in the city through cross-country dialogues and collaborations.



REGIONAL ECOSYSTEM BUILDING

Sameekshya: Multi-Product Clusters for Transformation

BCKIC Foundation in collaboration with Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project, Phase-II, Government of Odisha, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and in association with Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS), KIIT-TBI, Bhubaneswar, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati organized an inception workshop on Sameekshya: Achieving transformation through multi-product cluster initiatives, with an objective of enhancing the livelihood opportunities of forest dwellers by effective utilization of Non Timber Forest Products (NTFPs).

The program was inaugurated in presence of Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, FE & CC Department, Government of Odisha, Dr. (Mrs.) Meeta Biswal, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) (Projects) and Project Director, OFSDS, Shri Debidutta Biswal, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and Head of Forest Force (HoFF), Shri S.S. Khora, Dy. Project Director (CME&S), OFSDS and Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar, Chairman, BCKIC Foundation.

The workshop focused on empowering the ecosystem enablers and facilitating the exchange of ideas and opportunities for various multi-product clusters to promote convergence and market linkages. It provided an opportunity for the stakeholders to interact with enablers and collaborators to understand the leverage points vis-a-vis the field realities in terms of marketing, supply chain, etc., and the overall ecosystem for income generating activities and sustainable livelihood promotion.



BUILDING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM THROUGH A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

The launch of Manthan Platform



As part of India's 75th anniversary of independence – Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Dr. Ajay Sood, the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, inaugurated Manthan - India's Platform for Research and Innovation, which provides a unique opportunity to showcase India's technology revolution to the national and global communities. The launch of the platform was attended by Dr. Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary, Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Dr. Sapna Poti, Strategic Alliances, Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Mr. Ashish kumar Chauhan, MD & CEO, National Stock Exchange of India Limited, Mr. Anantharaman Sreenivasan, CEO, NSEIT. As part of the Manthan initiative, industrial and scientific research and development ecosystems will collaborate at scale to achieve India's sustainability goals in line with the National Missions and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) charter.

Read more here: <https://manthan.gov.in/>

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