

## **Inauguration of STPI's 61<sup>st</sup> Centre at Kohima**

Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology inaugurated the STPI-Kohima, the 61<sup>st</sup> Centre of STPI on 17th September 2021 in august presence of Shri Mmhonlumo Kikon, Hon'ble MLA and Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, NRE, Government of Nagaland ;Shri. K.D. Vizo, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Power and Information Technology & Communications and Shri P.K. Das, Director-STPI Guwahati.

Taking forward the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to ensure holistic development of IT in the Northeast region of the nation, STPI has embarked on creating an enabling ecosystem in NER by facilitating the physical and digital infrastructure required for promoting IT/ITeS sector. With this mandate, STPI now has established a new STPI centre at Kohima which will promote IT exports and boost entrepreneurship from the region.

While inaugurating the Centre Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology stated, "Today, we are fulfilling a part of Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision in creating the technological ecosystem in North East, thereby creating opportunities for future generations of youngsters of this region. STPI is a platform where you can take those aspirations, make experiments, some would be successful some would fail, but you can stand up and get up again reskill and upskill. I have been working effectively on this two-prong strategy and STPI-Kohima is part the second prong of creating opportunities for North East people to start their micro entrepreneurship and business."

Shri Mmhonlumo Kikon, Hon'ble MLA and Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, NRE, Government of Nagaland stressed, " Coordinated effort of various IT related organisations of Govt of India along with Dept of IT, Govt. of Nagaland, will make Kohima the IT hub of Northeast."

Post inauguration of STPI-Kohima centre, Dr. Omkar Rai, DG, STPI from headquarters at New Delhi underlined, "This centre is aligned with STPI's vision of dispersing IT/ITeS industry to Tier-2/3 cities, and especially, strengthening the tech entrepreneurial ecosystem in North East to build innovative tech products, boost software exports, and create enormous employment opportunities for the local talent pool."

The establishment of STPI-Kohima centre is a joint effort of STPI, MeitY and Govt. of Nagaland. This is another step forward to facilitate and support IT/ITeS industry, tech MSMEs, startups, budding entrepreneurs, and innovators of the state. With 18,137 sq. ft. of built-up space, 2,484 sq. ft. raw incubation space and 114 plug-n-play seats, STPI-Kohima centre provides state-of-the-art incubation space, high-speed data communication facility and NOC.

STPI has been working with distinct focus for promotion of IT/ITES exports from the country by providing single window regulatory services under STP & EHTP schemes, plug & play incubation facilities for the start-up companies and young entrepreneurs as well as High Speed Data Communication services for a seamless access for offshore IT/ITES exports. STPI has been successfully delivering statutory services to the IT/ITES/ESDM industry in the most industry-friendly environment and has earned the goodwill for its liberal style of functioning. Working closely with all the stakeholders, STPI has played a key role in transforming the country as the most preferred IT destination.

A fact that is aptly proven by the stupendous growth in exports by STP units from Rs. 52 crores in 1992-93 to Rs. Rs. 4,92,074.55 crores in 2020-21. STPI has also played a phenomenal role in promoting Tier-II/Tier-III cities of the country. Out of 61 STPI centres, 53 Centres are in Tier-II and Tier-III locations with an objective of a uniform and overall development of IT/ITES exports across the country. STPI has been nurturing tech start-ups ecosystem by implementing Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS) and establishing Centre of Entrepreneurship ( CoEs) in emerging technologies pan-India.

Benefits of STPI Centre at Kohima:

- To promote the region as one of the preferred IT destinations and to attract IT/ITES/ESDM units to the State
- To promote the export of IT Software and Services from the region thus contributing to Gross National Exports
- To provide Statutory Services under Software Technology Park (STP) & Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) Scheme
- To provide state-of-the-art incubation facility, High Speed Data Communication (HSDC) and other value-added services
- To encourage Innovation, creation of IPR & Product Development
- Mentoring & Promotional support
- Offer a vibrant ecosystem for creating a maker culture among the young techno-entrepreneurs & Startups
- Stimulate to create direct and indirect employment opportunities

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