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REPORT



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A Brief

Research and Innovation Circle of Hyderabad (RICH), the nodal agency for the Hyderabad Science and Technology Cluster, an initiative spearheaded by the Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India. Established in 2017 by the Government of Telangana, the organisation focuses its work across three primary verticals: Food and Agriculture, Life Sciences, and Sustainability. Through its various initiatives, RICH aims to solve complex local and national challenges by fostering collaborative networks among diverse stakeholders in the research and innovation space and empower innovators to transform scientific research into impactful solutions that generate wealth and employment and create social good.

In July 2023, RICH conducted the month-long awareness and hands-on workshop series for students, aspiring entrepreneurs, researchers, startups, MSMES, SMES/Industry professionals on commercialisation of Medical Devices and In-vitro Diagnostics (IVDs) of category A, B, C, and D. With this initiative, RICH reaffirms its commitment to driving the growth and transformation of the Life Sciences sector in Telangana.





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Programme Overview



The month-long series focussed on creating awareness along with in-depth support to understand the various stages involved in scaling a proof-of-concept validated idea to a marketable product. The series was divided into 4 tracks related to intellectual property, regulatory, industry immersion and Clinical Exposure, followed by a highlight event of Medical Devices and IVDs startup showcase. The series was launched with over 40 participants present in hybrid format on 3rd July 2023.







Intellectual Property

Track-1 of the series on intellectual property (IP) was aimed to bring awareness on intellectual property (IP) to students, aspiring entrepreneurs, researchers, startups, MSMES, SMES/Industry professionals on commercialisation of Medical Devices and In-vitro Diagnostics (IVDs) of category A, B, C, and D. The session provided insights into the types of IP provisions applicable to medical devices or IVDs, the process of prior art search and market research, steps for filing a patent in India and abroad, and its applicable provisions. Thus, broadly on ideation research, patent due diligence, and patent navigation in the pre-patent stage and beyond. The session was conducted by experts from HealthTech and MedTech intellect patent space, Dr. Puneeta Arora and Ms. Sukriti Goyal, co-founders of AvidInvent. The two hours online session on 7th July 2023 was attended by around 30 participants.



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Regulatory

Track-2 of the series on Regulatory was purposed to bring process clarity on regulatory compliances in Indian market as adhering to right regulatory compliance is imperative for commercialising medical device or an IVD product. The track was led by Dr. Priyankana Mukherjee, Chief Manager and Head BioNEST at IKP Knowledge Park, Bangalore, representing IKP Global Regulatory Forum (IGRF). The track was designed only for medical devices and IVDs start-ups and was delivered in two parts. The first part was on 3rd July 2023 where overview of regulatory requirements was briefed and start-ups were encouraged to fill the evaluation questionnaire to be part of second part. The second part was a full day hands-on workshop on 21st July 2023 attended by around 20 shortlisted start-ups.







Regulatory

In the second part of the track, Deputy Drugs Controller of India, Dr. A. Ramkishan from Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), South Zonal Office - Hyderabad, under Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, and Ms. Sarala Devi, Assistant Drugs Controller of India, CDSCO Hyderabad along with Dr. P.V. Appaji, Director General Emeritus Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) briefed about the support available for medical devices start-ups and on MDR 2017 requirements for medical devices and IVDs. The CDSCO team along with Mr. Kamal Prasad - Founder & Director of PathnSitu Biotechnologies interacted with start-ups to address their specific queries. Additionally, as part of the workshop, Mr. Kamal Prasad along with Dr. Priyankana Mukherjee highlighted the details of one of the key document Device Master File (DMF) required for submission of regulatory application.







Industry Immersion

Track-3 of the series was aimed to foster direct interaction between the participants and industry expert to bridge the gap between theoretical and the real-world challenges faced in the manufacturing of medical devices and IVDs. The immersion session provided a platform for knowledge sharing, networking, collaboration between industry experts and students, entrepreneurs, researchers, startups, MSMES, SMES/Industry professionals to gain a deeper understanding of the industry and its commercialisation journey. The session was on 14th July 2023 and around 30 participants joined. Dr Rajiv Chhibber, Vice President of Sahajanand Medical Technologies, Dr. Kuldeep Raizada, Founder & Chairman of Akriti Ophthalmic, Dr. Rachana Tripathi and Dr. Shesheer Kumar, Co-founders of Huwel Life Sciences and Mr. Kamal Prasad, Director of PathnSitu Biotechnologies and their team were instrumental in bringing the impactful industry experience and expertise. This great opportunity led to the learning of latest trends in the MedTech sector and get an industry perspective on commercialising medical device or IVD innovation, thus, enabling immense understanding of manufacturing processes and the necessary compliances.

The participants got an opportunity to visit some of the leading industries in Telangana's Medical Devices Park in Sultanpur. The participants visited and understood the process of stent and other allied products manufacturing in Asia's biggest state-of-the-art stent manufacturing facility, Sahajanand Medical Technologies (SMT). They also witnessed the manufacturing of eye wears for the famed Telangana's Kanti Velugu initiative at Akriti Opthalmic Pvt. Ltd. The participants were able to understand the end-to-end manufacturing of PCR testing kits from the cutting-edge made in India COVID-19 RT-PCR testing kit manufacturer, Huwel Life Sciences. Additionally, the participants got a virtual tour of cancer diagnostics products manufacturer, PathnSitu biotechnologies.





Programme - Track-3 Industry Immersion







Clinical Exposure

Track-4 of the series was all about clinicians, who are one of the key stakeholders of medical devices and IVDs commercialisation journey. The session was on 26th July 2023 and around 30 start-ups joined for the full day event. The first half of the day provided expert insights to the start-ups on clinical ideation and necessity of clinical validation by Dr Venkat Ramana Sudigali FRCR MBA, CEO, Excell Hospital, Hyderabad and on clinical validation studies processes by Venkat Pola, co-founder, Medclinica. The start-ups also understood the process of hospital procurement from Dr. Nagasuri Balaji Pavan Sai Ram from AIG Hospital and Mr. Kamal Prasad from PathnSitu Biotechnologies.







Start-up Showcase

The second half of the day was the highlight session, the start-up showcase. Around 20 start-ups were part of the showcase which was graced by several clinicians and industry experts opening several collaboration opportunities for the startups.



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industry immersion, and
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a novel medical device to market is a long, complex, and daunting one. Risks and uncertainties are part of the commercialisation journey, and this magnifies for MedTech innovations. Clarity of process and collaboration with key stakeholders paves the way to success. This series wishes to cultivate and nurture an impactful MedTech innovation culture and ecosystem," says Rashmi Pimpale, CEO of RICH. The series is structured to bring in experts from the HealthTech and MedTech intellectual property space and the start-up AvidInvent, who can throw light on ideation and research, patent due diligence.

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The series was divided into four tracks: intellectual property, regulatory, industry immersion, and clinical exposure. Each track was led by experts in the field, providing participants with in-depth knowledge and practical insights into the various stages involved in scaling a proof-ofconcept validated idea to a marketable product.

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the guidance of experts from AvidInvent, who are in the HealthTech and MedTech intellectual patent spaces. The regulatory track covered the key stages in bringing a medical device or IVD to market, including regulatory compliance, market authorisation, and post-market surveillance. Officials from Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) under the Directorate General of Health & Services, Ministry of Health &

Family Welfare, Government of India, along with ICICI Knowledge Park's (IKP) Global Regulatory Forum (IGRF) provided participants with a detailed understanding of the regulatory process for entering the Indian market.

The industry immersion track gave participants the opportunity to visit leading medical device and IVD companies in Telangana, such as Sahajanand Medical Technologies (SMT), Akriti Opthalmic, Huwel Life Sciences, and Pathn-Situ Biotechnologies, and learn about their manufacturing processes and compliance requirements. Finally, the clinical exposure track provided participants with the opportunity to observe clinical trials and gain insights into the clinical validation process

clinical validation process.

The series concluded with a start-up showcase, which also provided networking opportunities for hospitals and start-ups to come together and forge new collaborations.

"The ABCs of Medical Devices and IVDs Commercialisation Journey" reflects RICH's continued commitment to driving the growth and transformation of the life sciences sector in Telangana.

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Testimonials

Mohamed Jameer Basha J Caldor Health Technologies

Great work. Helped in clarifying lots of doubts. Paved the way for many potentially collaborative links. Would love to be a part of upcoming events. Thanks for providing the platform.

Arshad M Koya Coexin Technologies Healthcare

Appreciate the organisers for conducting such useful sessions.

Dr. Roshan Naik Diagopreutic

The sessions were very helpful.

Ravi Chivukula HeARTHealth Technologies

Thanks to RICH, Dr. Sushmitha Sundar, and Mr. Aravind Kumar for organizing the "ABCs of Medical Devices and IVDs Commercialisation Journey" and getting the stakeholders at one location for the startup showcase. Having been around for a while as a serial entrepreneur, I am confident to say that this is the first of it's kind I attended.

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