



Press release

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Visit by Shri. Prithviraj Chavan, Honorable Minister of Science and Technology

Shri. Prithviraj Chavan, Honorable Minister of Science & Technology, visited NCL Innovation Park, Pune on 30 January, 2010.



Dr. S. Sivaram, Director, NCL briefed the Minister on the infrastructure & goals of NCL Innovation Park, including DST-NSTEDB recognized & funded technology incubator Venture Center.



Dr. V. Premnath, Director Venture Center highlighted the generous support of DST-NSTEDB towards the creation and operation of Venture Center. He also explained the Lab2Mkt program for technology commercialization, as well as Venture Center's database on government funding for startups.



The Minister then took a tour of Venture Center's key asset - the laboratory block – which provides a variety of scientific support services to technology innovators & scientist entrepreneurs, specifically in chemical, material & biological sciences.



At the lab block, the Minister interacted with resident companies Biopore Surgicals & AbGenics.



Venture Center's first graduate company – Tridiagonal Solutions – also got an opportunity to showcase their technology to Shri. Chavan.





The Minister then took a brief tour of the Venture Center Library, where Dr. Premnath explained how the library's collection of books & magazines related to technology innovation & commercialization complements that of the NCL library.



Prior to departing NCL Innovation Park, the Minister had lunch at the cafeteria along with several scientists from NCL and senior personnel from industry.

