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IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad

IKP Knowledge Park located in Hyderabad, completed its 10 years of eventful existence yesterday. A two day Conference on “Moment is now: Productization to improve healthcare access and reach” was organized by IKP Knowledge Park as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Conference was formally inaugurated by Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Dr K Rosaiah on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. After the inaugural session, five technical sessions were conducted that spanned over two days of the conference. The Conference deliberated on how productization suited to local needs of India can improve healthcare access and reach in a Country where majority of people do not have access to adequate healthcare.

To commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IKP Knowledge Park, a special evening program was organized. In the evening program, Sri Jayawant Naidu enthralled the audience by his innovative and mesmerizing music. IKP Knowledge Park stands for innovations and Sri Naidu’s music which was based on innovative hybridization of different kinds of strings in his instrument was a proper tribute to ten years of fruitful endeavor of the Park. This was followed by reminiscence by various personalities like, Mrs. Sheela Bhide, Dr Bala S Manian, Mr N Vaghul, Mr R Rajamani, Mr BP Acharya and Suneet Maheshwari and others, who remembered how a barren land was transformed into a beautiful Knowledge Park. Ms Sheela Bhide one of the core members of IKP founding committee shared various incidents and ups and downs during her momentous endeavor to set up Knowledge Park. She along with other speakers shared how Government of Andhra Pradesh was prompt in setting aside land for the Knowledge Park. Mr Vaghul, former Chairman of ICICI bank Pvt Ltd and Present chairman IKP Knowledge Park expressed his immense satisfaction in seeing his dreams coming true. Mr Rajamani also narrated his experience with much awe and inspired IKP team to carry forward the baton. Mr Acharya cautioned that now the IKP Knowledge Park faces tough competition from International players like Alexandria Lab Space and that Park should devise new winning strategies. He also declared his intention to lend any possible support to IKP Knowledge Park in their future endeavors. People who were founding members also acknowledged the role of dynamic leadership of Ms Deepanwita Chattopadhyay, MD and CEO IKP Knowledge Park who put the Park on international map.

The atmosphere was quite nostalgic and down the memory lane. It was only appropriate for Dr Anil Gupta, Executive Vice Chairman, National Innovation Foundation (NIF), Ahmedabad, to deliver his speech on grass root innovations and honeybee networking and how this could take IKP Knowledge Park forward. He showcased the work done by NIF in collating the vast knowledge and innovations our civilization has accumulated over the unique and continuous history spanning thousands of years. “The time has come that we recognize the illiterate farmers, house wives and villagers who have contributed immensely by innovating in various fields of knowledge” he told. Honeybee networking was formed years back by Prof Gupta to undertake this mammoth task. He also told how

Intellectual property rights can help promote innovations further. This was the key message and on this auspicious day he announced that IKP Knowledge Park and National Innovation Foundation, Hyderabad will be collaborating by setting up GIAN (Grass Root Innovation Augmentation Network) cell at IKP Knowledge Park.



Mr Jaywanth Naidu with his team playing innovative music and enthralled audience on the occasion of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad