



Title : Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in the Global Economy: Role of Returnee Entrepreneurs

Date: January 09-11, 2025

Venue: Indian Institute of Science

Time: 9AM – 5PM

Event : International Conference

No. of Participants: 300

Event Coordinators: Dr Tamizharasi D

1. Objectives of the event:

The International Conference was organized with the following objectives:

- To explore the concept and evolution of entrepreneurial ecosystems in the global economy.
- To examine the role of returnee entrepreneurs as key agents of innovation, knowledge diffusion, and economic growth in emerging economies.
- To facilitate dialogue among academicians, researchers, policymakers, industry leaders, start-up founders, venture capitalists, and incubators.
- To promote research-driven insights and policy perspectives on entrepreneurship, innovation, and start-up ecosystems.
- To encourage academic–industry–government collaboration (Triple Helix Model) for strengthening entrepreneurial ecosystems.

2. Event Details

The International Conference on “Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in the Global Economy: Role of Returnee Entrepreneurs” was held from 9 to 11 January 2025 at the J. N. Tata Auditorium, IISc, Bengaluru. The conference was jointly organized with the objective of providing two broad platforms—a Start-up Platform and a Researchers’ Platform—to address entrepreneurship from both practice-oriented and research perspectives. The three-day conference featured inaugural and valedictory sessions, keynote addresses, plenary talks, panel discussions, and parallel paper presentation sessions. The deliberations covered diverse themes such as entrepreneurial economics, returnee and domestic entrepreneurship, start-up financing, innovation policy, technology transfer and commercialization, women entrepreneurship, social entrepreneurship, and entrepreneurial universities.

The conference witnessed active participation from national and international delegates, including faculty members, researchers, doctoral scholars, start-up founders, incubator heads, investors, and policymakers. It served as a vibrant platform for exchanging ideas, presenting research findings, and fostering academic and industry collaborations.



3. Brief Profile of the Resource Persons

The conference was graced by eminent scholars, industry leaders, and entrepreneurship practitioners of global repute.

Prof. Vivek Wadhwa, CEO of Vionix Biosciences and Adjunct Professor at Duke University and Carnegie Mellon University, participated as Guest of Honor, sharing global insights on innovation, entrepreneurship, and the role of returnee entrepreneurs.

Dr. Shama Bhat, Founder and Chairman of Bhat Bio-tech India Pvt. Ltd., and Ms. Shanti Mohan, Co-founder and CEO of Trica and CEO of LetsVenture, served as Chief Guest and Guest of Honor, offering practitioner perspectives on start-ups, funding ecosystems, and innovation leadership.

The conference was presided over by Prof. K. V. S. Hari, Director, Centre for Brain Research, IISc.

The Conference Chair, Dr. M. H. Bala Subrahmanya, Professor, Department of Management Studies, IISc, along with an eminent national and international advisory committee, guided the academic rigor of the event

4. Outcomes Attained:

- Enhanced understanding of the strategic importance of returnee entrepreneurs in strengthening entrepreneurial ecosystems in emerging economies.
- Identification of policy, institutional, and financial enablers required to attract and support returnee entrepreneurs in India.
- Strengthening of research collaborations among IISc, MSRUEAS, and international universities.
- Dissemination of high-quality research through paper presentations and proposed publications in conference proceedings and reputed journals.
- Capacity building of faculty members, researchers, and students through exposure to global best practices, interdisciplinary research, and practitioner insights.



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