Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology inauguratedSTPI's 62nd Centre at Meerut

Uttar Pradesh's 5th STPI Centre at Meerut to create entrepreneurship opportunities, attract global investment and bring job opportunities for the youth

Meerut, 28th December 2021: Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology inaugurated the STPI-Meerut, the 62nd Centre of STPI on 28th December 2021 in the august presence of Shri Rajendra Agrawal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha); Shri SomendraTomar, Hon'ble MLA; Shri Satyaprakash Agrawal, Hon'ble MLA; Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI and Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, MeitY at ITP-03, Near NH-58 Bypass, Vedvyas Puri Yojna, Meerut.

STPI-Meerut centre will play a catalytic role in empowering the tech start-ups & MSMEs of the region to boost software exports and create employment opportunities while attracting FDI and realising the vision of Digital Uttar Pradesh.

Under the jurisdictional directorate of STPI-Noida, the Meerut centre is the 54thcentre of STPI in Tier-2/3 cities. STPI-Meerut will play a significant role in expanding the IT footprint of Uttar Pradesh and empowering the budding tech entrepreneurs and innovators of Tier-2/3 cities to translate their unique ideas into innovative products. In FY 2020-21, STPI-registered units contributed Rs. 4,96,313 crore to IT/ITeS exports in which Uttar Pradesh contributed Rs. 22,671 crore.

With a total built-up area of 25,074 sq. ft., the state-of-the-art Incubation facility at STPI-Meerut provides Plug-n-Play space of 3,704 sq. ft. with 133 seats and raw incubation space of 2,021 sq. ft. while warranting high-speed data communication facilities. The facility will also offer a vibrant ecosystem for creating a maker culture among the young techno-entrepreneurs and startups while empowering them to develop innovative software products to address the challenges of India and the world at large. It will help in boosting the IT exports from the region and generating direct and indirect employment opportunities for the youth of the region.

"The transformation happened in UP during last five years is immense. Various companies investing in technology urged to invest in UP, and this is a significant shift. Digital India has played a key role in empowering students to become innovative & entrepreneurial. The road to Digital India will be road through Digital Uttar Pradesh," accentuated Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology as a chief guest.

"Nandini Kushwaha, a 9th class student & daughter of a farmer from Bundelkhand, Uttar Pradesh and winner for creating AI solution in a national level competition is a glaring example of how Digital India has played a transformational role in empowering students from Tier-2/3 cities to become innovative & entrepreneurial. I have personally intervened and arranged a scholarship for her higher education in technology and eventually fulfil her wish to become a scientist," accentuated Hon'ble minister.

"STPI-Meerut will play a catalytic role in making UP a digital hub in next five years by attracting investors and transforming the state into a leader in technology entrepreneurship," he further added.

"Meerut Expressway has abridged the distance between Delhi & Meerut; moreover, the establishment of STPI-Meerut centre will provide state-of-the-art infrastructure and encourage entrepreneurs to start investing in this city while creating immense opportunities for the local youth to get employed," said Shri Rajendra Agrawal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) on this occasion.

STPI has also played a phenomenal role in promoting Tier-II/Tier-III cities of the country. Out of 62 STPI centres, 54 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.

Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI said, "A latest report suggests that large companies want to shift their operation from Tier-1 cities to Tier-2/3 cities for cost-effective production. STPI has embarked on dispersing IT industry to these cities and also implementing NGIS program to nurture tech entrepreneurs & startups in Tier-2/3 cities to develop innovative products in emerging technologies by providing seed funding."

"Establishment of STPI-Meerut centre is a notable milestone towards empowering industry, startups, and entrepreneurs to leverage the facility and contribute towards the growth of this city," underlined Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, MeitY.

Benefits of STPI Centre and Incubation Facility:

- 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 a 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 to start-ups