

Below is a compilation of resources, events & news of interest, courtesy of Venture Center. Please forward to other entrepreneurs and invite them to join our mailing list. *[This one's a bit heavy on news related to Venture Center because we have much to share!]*

2nd ISBA Innovation and Entrepreneurship Awards

We encourage innovators & entrepreneurs to nominate themselves for the awards offered by the Indian STEP and Business Incubator Association (ISBA). Details & nomination forms are available at www.isba.in/isba2010/awards. The deadline for submission of nominations is 23 November 2009. For further information, please contact awards2010@isba.in. Note that winners can leverage the award while applying for government funding, so do give it a serious thought.

Venture Center has revised the prices (**in favor of entrepreneurs!**) for many of the business support services (office rentals, hot desk rentals, meeting/training rooms, etc.). Information on all services, including photos, terms & pricing, is available at: http://www.venturecenter.co.in/service_offerings.php

Venture Center and NCL Innovations hosted a one-day event on Friday, Nov 13 to showcase NCL's competencies in polymer sciences; specifically - super-absorbing polymers, silicones, membranes & microspheres/microcapsules (<http://www.venturecenter.co.in/nclshowcase.php>). We had over 70 participants, ~ 40 of whom were technology entrepreneurs; and 13 of whom expressed initial interest in pursuing commercialization of these technologies. We also provided handouts which included articles on IP, technology valuation, venture capital term sheets, negotiation, product marketing, etc.

Venture Center's funding database (<http://www.venturecenter.co.in/funding/funding.php>) was featured as the cover story in the November edition of DARE magazine. It is also the most visited page on our website (<http://www.venturecenter.co.in/pdfs/Dare-Govt-Funding-for-Technology-Startups.pdf>). We look forward to assisting a variety of innovator-entrepreneurs to raise funds for their ventures.

Biopore Surgicals (<http://www.biopore.in>) - one of our incubatees - was featured in Pune & Mumbai editions of DNA (<http://www.venturecenter.co.in/pdfs/DNA-12112009.pdf>). Biopore makes ocular & maxillo-facial implants using polymer technology developed at NCL. Dr Agrawal, who founded Biopore, spoke at the NCL showcase and got quite a reception from the audience, given his success in commercialization of NCL technology via a new venture.

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