

INCUBATION CENTRE INAUGURATED

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The Women Startup Programme 2018 that commenced at IIM-Visakhapatnam, early this year, in association with IIM-Bangalore, has progressed into its final stage, incubation.

The Centre, where the ideas of a total of 26 participants from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana will be incubated for a year, was inaugurated on Monday at IIM Visakhapatnam's campus in Andhra University.

Over 50 per cent of the participants are from Visakhapatnam. The incubation centre was inaugurated by chief guest Prasad Dahapute, managing director, The Varhad Group and member, Board of Governors, IIM-Visakhapatnam, in the presence of K. Rama Mohana Rao, principal, College of Arts and Commerce, Andhra University. Bharathraj represented IIM Bangalore.

Mr Dahapute inaugurated the incubation launch event and congratulated the women for making it to the final phase of the programme.

He said that IIM Visakhapatnam, apart from hand-holding and extending knowledge support, will also help the aspiring entrepreneurs in finding investment opportunities.

Relating his own experiences as an entrepreneur and investor, Mr Dahapute highlighted the contributory role of incubation in an idea converting from its seed stage to that of innovation.

IIM-Visakhapatnam is an institution of national importance and the incubatees would stand to gain a lot from that association. Prof. Rao assured that AU is always ready to extend all the support required.