

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Discourses on accelerating startups across the country:**

### **SRM University-AP held the first steering committee meeting**

On Saturday, February 11, 2023, delegates from across India and other countries participated in the First steering committee meeting held at SRM University-AP to accelerate startups in the country. The Chairperson of the committee, Prof. Manoj K Arora, Vice Chancellor of SRM AP, spearheaded the discussion in designing a blueprint to stir up the startup ecosystem of the university and Andhra Pradesh. The meeting was hosted by Mr Udayan Bakshi, CEO of Hatchlab Research Centre and Associate Director of the Directorate of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, SRM AP.

Shri Anil Tentu, CEO of AP Innovation Society, also graced the occasion with his brilliant insights into technology transfer. He also shared his thoughts on implementing COEs in cutting-edge technologies across the state to make Andhra Pradesh the leader in startups in the country.

Notable industry leaders who participated in the meeting were Shri Purushottam Kaushik, Head, Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution, World Economic Forum India; Dr Dinesh Dua, Chairman CII North India Committee on LifeSciences; Shri. Sameer Babbar, Principal Mentor SVB Group Melbourne; Prof. Yatindra Nath Singh, Chairman CEMMC, IIT Kanpur; Prof. Deepak Pandit, Chair Profession- Innovation and Entrepreneurship, BML Munjal University; Shri Sanjiv Bhavnani, Founder of Mentorpreneur & Infotecniques; Shri. Rakesh Sharma, Advisor TERI; and Prof. V K Nangia, Policy maker and Professor of excellence for many institutes. Deans, professors, and researchers from SRM AP also participated in the meeting, bringing the best practices and methods to accelerate the startups in the country.