CII TechNXT TALK

Innovate North: Growth through Digital, Energy & Startup Power

Thu, 10 July 2025 : Hotel Vivanta, Jammu (J&K)

Programme

1100 - 1155 hrs

Inaugural Session

"Unlocking Growth: The Power of Digital Transformation"

In an age defined by rapid technological evolution, digital transformation is no longer a choice—it's a necessity. Unlocking Growth: The Power of Digital Transformation explores how businesses, industries, and governments are harnessing digital technologies to fuel innovation, streamline operations, enhance customer experiences, and drive sustainable growth. This powerful narrative delves into real-world strategies, tools, and success stories that illustrate the transformative impact of going digital. Whether you're a startup founder, a corporate leader, or a policy-maker, this journey into the digital future will inspire you to embrace change, reimagine possibilities, and lead with confidence in the era of digital disruption.

1100 – 1105 hrs	Welcome & Opening Remarks	**Mr Vinod Sood** Chairman, CII Regional Committee (NR) on Digital Transformation (DX) and Co-Founder & Managing Director Hughes Systique
1105 – 1110 hrs	Address	**Dr M A Alim** Chairman, CII Jammu and Kashmir and CEO, Packaging Design Industries
1110 – 1115 hrs	Address	**Mr Prateek Garg** Founder & Managing Director Progressive Infotech
1115 – 1120 hrs	Address	**Mr Amresh Mahajan** Vice President Technology & QHSE- Sustainability O2 Power
1120 – 1125 hrs	Address	**Mr Sudershan Kumar** Managing Director Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation Government of Jammu & Kashmir
1125 – 1130 hrs	Address	**Dr Arun Kumar Manhas** Director, Industries & Commerce Government of Jammu & Kashmir
1130 – 1150 hrs	Inaugural Address by **Chief Guest**	**Shri Satish Sharma** Hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports and ARI & Trainings Departments Government of Jammu & Kashmir
1150 – 1155 hrs	Vote of Thanks	**Dr M A Alim**
1155 hrs	**Inaugural Session Concludes**	

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Session on

Energy Access: Bridging the Global Divide

In a world driven by progress and technology, access to energy remains a fundamental divide between the developed and developing regions. This topic explores the urgent need to provide affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy to the 700 million people still living without electricity. It highlights how equitable energy access is not only a moral imperative but also a catalyst for economic growth, education, healthcare, and climate resilience. Bridging this gap calls for global cooperation, innovative financing, decentralized energy solutions, and a strong commitment to inclusivity—ensuring no one is left in the dark.

Discussion points:

- Analyzing disparities in energy availability across regions, especially in developing countries, and the social, economic, and environmental consequences of energy poverty.
- Exploring the role of off-grid and mini-grid systems, renewable energy technologies (like solar, wind, and bioenergy), and energy storage in reaching remote and underserved communities.
- Discussing innovative financing approaches, investment incentives, and the role of collaboration between governments, private sector, and development institutions to drive energy equity.
- Evaluating the importance of supportive policies, regulations, and standards that promote affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy solutions for all.
- Highlighting how access to energy improves education, healthcare, livelihoods, and gender equity, while building local skills and ownership to ensure long-term sustainability.

1200 hrs	Opening Remarks and Moderation by	**Mr Amresh Mahajan** Vice President Technology & QHSE- Sustainability O2 Power
1205 hrs	Panelists	**Mr Madhusudhan Rapole** Managing Director Oorja Energy Engineering **Mr Kailash Pati Sharma** Global Vice President Power Systems and Services Schneider Electric **Mr Kapil Dev** Managing Director New Age Markets in Electricity Pvt. Ltd
1250 hrs	Open House	
1255 hrs	Wrap up by Session Moderator	**Mr Amresh Mahajan**
1300 hrs	Session Concludes	

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Session on

Enabling Startup Ecosystems: Funding, Mentorship & Growth

India's startup revolution is redefining innovation, disruption, and entrepreneurship. This session explores how vibrant ecosystems can be created and sustained through robust funding channels, visionary mentorship, and scalable growth strategies. From empowering early-stage ventures to facilitating access to capital and expert guidance, the focus lies on building an environment where ideas thrive, risks are embraced, and startups evolve into global enterprises. Join us as we uncover pathways to nurture the next generation of changemakers and position India as a powerhouse of entrepreneurial excellence.

Discussion points:

- Exploring innovative funding avenues such as angel investment, venture capital, government grants, and crowdfunding to support early-stage and growth-stage startups.
- Understanding how strategic guidance from experienced mentors can help startups navigate challenges, refine business models, and accelerate growth.
- Discussing how government initiatives, policy reforms, and ease of doing business measures can create a thriving startup ecosystem.
- Highlighting the importance of partnerships between startups, corporates, academia, and incubators to drive innovation and knowledge-sharing.
- Addressing the need for skill development, entrepreneurial education, and cultural support to build a resilient and competitive startup landscape.

1300 hrs	Opening Remarks and Moderation by	**Mr Prateek Garg** Chairman CII Regional Committee (NR) on Startups and Founder & Managing Director Progressive Infotech
1305 hrs	***Presentation by*** *CII Centre of Excellence for Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Startups (CII CIES) on* ***Startup Initiatives***	
1310 hrs	Panelists	**Mr Vinod Sood** Co-Founder & Managing Director, Hughes Systique **Prof Jyoti Kachroo** Chief Executive Officer Agribusiness Incubation Center & Krishi Branding Center of ABI, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) – Jammu **Ms Shaweta Berry** Chief Executive Officer Mahanadaya Universal **Dr Ashwin Saxena** Founder & Chief Executive Officer CybraneX | Quantum Technology AI
1350 hrs	Open House	
1355 hrs	Wrap up by Session Moderator	**Mr Prateek Garg**
1400 hrs	Session Concludes	
1400 onwards	Networking Lunch & Conclave Concludes	

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