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## NRDC-Vizag to manage 2 TN incubation centres

### Corp To Spread Wings To Other Nations: CMD

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**Visakhapatnam:** The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) Intellectual Property Facilitation Centre (IPFC) and Technology Innovation Support Centre-Visakhapatnam has been entrusted with the responsibility of two incubation centres coming up in Chennai. While one centre at the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) will focus on ocean energy technologies, the other one at CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute will explore leather technologies. NRDC-Vizag centre will also take care of commercialisation of technologies that will be generated at these two incubation centres.

Speaking to **TOI**, NRDC CMD, commodore Amit Rastogi (retd), said the management of incubation centres is a specialised activity and it is different from research and development. "The responsibility has been bestowed upon NRDC as we already have the necessary experience. NRDC is managing its incubation centre in Delhi and two other incubation centres at CSIR-NAL and the other one in Bhubaneswar. At NRDC headquarters, we have expanded the scope of incubation centre to make sure to

### EXPANDING TECH FOOTPRINT



- NRDC entered into an MoU with the African-Asian Rural Development Organisation
- AARDO has 52 member nations
- Rural technologies from India will be taken to AARDO nations

➤ NRDC is exploring collaborations with several other foreign nations

➤ It is likely to enter into an MoU with the Japan External Trade Organisation

➤ Technology transfer will be one of the components of the MoU

➤ Incubate exchange programme is also being considered under the JETO MoU

➤ NRDC recently signed an extension MoU with the United States Patent and Trademark Office

provide funding for startups to upscale operations and also for technology commercialisation. We have a multi-pronged approach basically in place to provide support to startup community. NRDC is also improving its footprints pan India by way of augmenting its outreach centres," said commodore Rastogi.

The NRDC CMD added that NRDC's focus is also on having the capability to provide solutions to the startups at one place, under one entity. "The NRDC's mandate is technology commercialisation and IP portfolio management. But there are other components, which can be done on a piecemeal basis. So, we are looking at establishing

a 'national technology transfer office', which will have the components of technology commercialisation, IP assistance, design clinic, etc. It will also have an international marketing office for taking Indian technologies through a hub and spoke model abroad," said Rastogi.

"NRDC has identified certain potential markets where Indian technologies can be taken to. We were recently in dialogue with Sudan, Morocco, and Tanzania. They are looking at taking the NRDC support for establishing technology demonstration centres in their respective countries. We may also sign an MoU with the Japan External Trade Organisation."