

# These NRDC scientists drive innovation ecosystem

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**Visakhapatnam:** It has been a common occurrence for visitors to National Research Development Corporation's intellectual property facilitation centre in Visakhapatnam to find three women scientists diligently working on a range of technologies to make the national institute a bridge between the industry and research and development institutions.

Staying behind the scenes, these young scientific officers — Dr Bhavya Manjeera Patruni,



Dr Bhavya  
Manjeera  
Patruni



Kamminana  
Preethi  
Niharika



Sri Sudha

Kamminana Preethi Niharika, and Sri Sudha — have been playing a pivotal role in the technology transfer and intellectual property rights' ecosystem of NRDC's Vizag centre. The Vizag centre recently

transferred India's first saline water-based lantern technology under PM's Ujala Mission, apart from patenting and transferring several oceanic and defence technologies, including the Dhanush gun, autonomous underwater profiling drifter, and marine oil spill bioremediation.

Dr Bhavya, who has a patent to her name for developing a technology in mineral processing plants, said she has worked and transferred over 40 technologies devel-

oped by NIOT and CSIR in the last six years.

Preethi, who has been with NRDC since Feb 2020, takes care of implementation of government schemes, policy and advocacy, stakeholder engagement, and IPR management.

Sri Sudha, another scientist who has been working with NRDC since 2017, has diverse work experience across various areas like intellectual property management, marketing intelligence, and technology transfer. She is involved in IP assistance, innovation evaluation, and productisation.