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MINUTES OF THE 2nd (2022-23) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON THURSDAY, THE 16 MARCH 2023, AT 1700 HOURS THROUGH ZOOM

The following were present:

Prof (Dr) R R Deshmukh	Chairman
Prof Baswaraj Gadgay	Co-Chairman
Dr M H Kori	Member
Dr D C Shubhangi	Member
Dr Amod Kumar	Member
Prof Nuli Namassivaya	Member
Dr Virendra V Shete	Member

Secretariat:

Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat

Shri Sanjay Setia

The following member was unable to attend:

Shri S Ramaswami	Co-opted Member
Shri B A Damahe	Co-opted Member

ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2022-23) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON THE 29 NOV 2022 THROUGH ZOOM

1.1 The minutes of the previous Board meeting stand approved as there were no comments.

ITEM-2 PROGRESS MADE ON PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1 Lectures/ Presentations by 2022 IETE Award Winners. a) The Committee Members were informed that the Chairpersons of IETE Centres and the awardees were reminded via email on 19 January 2023 to plan and organize the talk/lecture/presentation at the Centres at any recognized IETE event on the work for which they were awarded.

b) It was reported that the following awardees gave talk/presentation/lecture at IETE events since the 1st Board meeting report:-

SI No	Name of Awardee	IETE Award 2022	Topic	Date/Place
1	Dr Suchandan Pal	IETE-CEOT Award (Biennial)	A Journey: Fiber-Optics to Integrated Photonics and Optoelectronics	20 Dec 2022 at IETE Pilani Centre
2	Dr Lakshmi Sambhavi	IETE-Smt Triveni Devi Gupta Memorial Award	EW Systems : Present & Future	On 11th Dec 2022. IETE Hyderabad Centre
3	Dr Somak Bhattacharyya	IETE-Smt Manorama Rathore Memorial Award	High Frequency Applications of Metasurfaces	On 28 Oct 2022 at IETE Sub Centre Varanasi

Additionally, there will be follow-up with the remaining awardees who have not yet complied with the request.

2.2 **Call for Nominations 2023.** a) It was stated that as a result of the discussions held at the 2nd (2022-23) Governing Council meeting on Dec 24-25, 2022 in Chennai, the "Call for Nominations" was revised with the agreement of the Board of Awards, and that Governing Council members were then provided with information and approval was given.

b) **About Criteria for IETE Lifetime Achievement Award.** In accordance with the discussions held at the G C Meeting in Chennai in December 2022, the guidelines /criteria for IETE LTA Award were modified:

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This award, instituted by the IETE Governing Council, is generally open to Indian national who is of **70 years of age** and above for their work done in India with major contributions in electronics, telecommunication & allied fields. The nominee needs to be a living role model and should have demonstrated tangible and persistent contributions in the above-mentioned fields. The award consists of an engraved silver plaque, a citation and a **travel grant of maximum up to Rs.7,000/-**. The recipient is invited to deliver a lecture at the IETE Centre nearest to the location of the awardee.

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This award, instituted by the IETE Governing Council, is generally open to an individual of **65 years of age** or above for their work done in India with major contributions in electronics, telecommunication & allied fields. The nominee needs to be a living role model and should have demonstrated tangible and persistent contributions in the above-mentioned fields. The award consists of

an engraved silver plaque, a citation and a travel grant of maximum up to Rs.12,000/- or the actual air travel grant (to and fro), whichever is less. If the recipient is local, local travel expenses will be reimbursed. The nominee ought to have made substantial contributions/services to IETE and preferably be a Fellow Member and in good standing.

- (i) A few board members believed that the new criteria should be reworded to be more accommodating, as the word "ought to be" was restrictive, limiting and inappropriate.
- (ii) It was suggested that the line "The nominee ought to have made substantial contributions/services to IETE" be portrayed in a better light. They felt that the individuals who are experts in their respective fields but are not affiliated with IETE or have not made substantial contributions to the organization will be discouraged by the line's condition. In addition, members were of the opinion that in the event of a tie between two finalists, the Search Committee could always give preference to the candidate who has made significant contributions / services to IETE.
- (iii) The criteria should be revised on the website following discussions in the Governing Council.

2.3 IETE Best Paper Awards Jury: As per the G C's approval of the 1stBoA's meeting recommendation, the jury members for the 'IETE Best Paper Awards' have been changed to accommodate two newly appointed Deputy EICs of IETE JR including EIC-TIJR; EIC-TITR; EIC-TIJE and Prof. S. C. Dutta Roy.

2.4 Honouring of Editors/ Reviewers: In accordance with the discussions and decisions made at the 2nd G C Meeting in Chennai, the Board of Awards, after due deliberation, formed a special Committee to find a way to recognize the Editors/Reviewers for their selfless intellectual contributions, as opposed to awarding certificates/best awards to a small number of them.

(i) The Special committee recommended by the BoA was as follows:

1. Chairman, BoA,
2. Co-Chairman BoA,
3. Dr M H Kori,
4. Dr Amod Kumar and
5. Prof Shiban Koul, EIC, IETE Journal of Research

(ii) It was suggested that Special Committee can co-opt more members from Governing Council, deliberate on the issue, and send their recommendations to the Board of Awards.

2.5 For the deliberation & approval of the Governing Council

ITEM 3 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS-2023

3.1 The Chairman informed the Board members about the publication of "Call for Nominations-2023" for the IETE Main & Corporate Awards has been published in the 2022 year-end and 2023 year-beginning issues of IETE Technical Review and IETE Journal of Research. This notice is also available on the official website www.iete.org. Emails are being issued to all previous year's nominees and nominators, Centres EC, ISF Colleges, Organizational Members, DRDO Labs, CSIR/CSIO Labs, IITs, NITs, Universities, and Engineering Colleges. The full-page advertisement has also appeared in recent issues of IETEJR and will appear in upcoming issue of IETE NL. A one-page advertisement has been bartered with ELCINA for publication in their magazine.

3.2 So far only one nomination has been received. The deadline for submitting nominations was May 31, 2023.

3.3 It was advised following careful consideration that additional efforts were needed to secure worthy nominations in the various award categories. The suggestions made were as follows:

- i) Write an email to the whole Governing Council requesting "Call for Nominations" publicity assistance in order to get good nominations.
- ii) Send an SMS with the link to the nominations page to all corporate members whose IETE has the phone number.
- iii) Link from Website should be sent to all corporate members, IETE Alumni, ALCCS Students.
- iv) Attempts should be made to acquire the industry database and to approach them.
- v) An exclusive brochure/poster featuring Corporate Awards should be created and disseminated.
- vi) At least 3 reminder emails to go to all the concerned requesting for nominations.

3.4 This is for the information and approval of the Governing Council

ITEM 4 SOFTWARE/ONLINE PROGRAMME FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS SUBMISSIONS

4.1 As per the recommendation of the 1st (2022-23) BoA meeting, the following individuals were appointed to a Subcommittee to investigate the automation of the IETE Awards process:

Dr M H Kori-Chairman
Shri B A Damahe-Member
Dr D C Shubhangi-Member

4.2 Dr. Kori discussed with the Board Members a software application called "Kennovate" that was obtained with the assistance of Shri B.A. Damahe. Dr. Kori described its capabilities, stating that it could achieve what IETE desired. Yet, the

matter has not been explored with the owners due to a lack of time. The details of the Software application are attached at “Annexure A”.

4.3 Dr. Kori advised that, due to the high pricing (Rs 5 Lakhs per year), IETE can also consider alternative possibilities. During the solicitation of bids for IETE Website redesign solutions required by IETE, this Awards Nominations software processing feature can be integrated to the requirement.

4.4 Members of the Board were encouraged to provide their views and alternatives independently afterwards.

4.5 The Governing Council could decide to take up the issue and discuss about the "Kennovate" software.

ITEM-5 INSTITUTION OF TWO NEW AWARDS

5.1 The two new awards that were established this year are listed below, and IETE has received seed funding from the award institutors.

(a) IETE- Vanniyakula Yasodamma and Sarasavani Award

The award has been instituted by Prof (Dr) V Gunasekhar Reddy, President of IETE to honour his mother (late) Smt Vanniyakula Yasodamma, and his wife, Smt Sarasvani. The award will be given to a person for **significant achievements/ contributions in the fields of Wireless Sensor Networks & UAVs**. The award consists of a citation, a medal and cash prize of Rs 5,000/-. The recipient will also be invited to deliver a lecture on the work that resulted in the award on a suitable occasion at the IETE Centre closest to the awardee's location.

(b) IETE - Suruchi-Suresh Dutta Roy Memorial Award (Biennial)

The award has been instituted by Prof S C Dutta Roy, Distinguished Fellow IETE, in memory of his late parents, Smt Suruchi and Shri Suresh Dutta Roy. This award will be given to **the best researcher in Circuits and Systems over the past 10 years**. The award consists of a medal and citation and will be given every two years. The recipient will also be invited to deliver a lecture on the work that resulted in the award on a suitable occasion at the IETE Centre closest to the awardee's location.

5.2 It was informed that Prof S C Dutta Roy has suggested following 4 members jury panel for his award for consideration:-

1. The Chairman of Board of Awards
2. Any 02 established researchers in the subject area to be chosen by EIC IETEJR
3. Prof S C Dutta Roy or his representative

5.3 Prof. S. C. Dutta Roy's proposed composition was explored in depth. Members indicated, after appropriate reflection, though the committee has complete faith and confidence with Prof S C Datta Roy's integrity, capability & intentions, the process of the Award Initiator deciding the Jury Panel (instead of IETE Awards Committee deciding the Jury Panel, as per the present practice) sets a wrong precedent and may be misused in the future for new awards and policy exception here may lead to complications later. The Board proposed consulting the G C for their views and opinions on the topic.

5.4 For the Second Award (IETE- Vanniyakula Yasodamma and Sarasavani Award), IETE must adhere to the general standards, i.e., specialists from the subject area, as determined by the Board of Awards, must be contacted and taken their assent.

5.5 This is for the deliberation of the Governing Council.

ITEM-6 UNDER ANY OTHER MATTER

6.1 The Board was informed that at the last meeting, the following extra items were discussed and the following actions were taken:

a) Updating of Jury Panels:

-It was informed that the addition of new members to a panel is contingent on the inaction of any existing member. Currently, each award has required jury members. However, BoA could recommend the addition of additional names to the existing list.

Recommendation: The Chairman said that all members (Board and GC Members) may suggest expert names according to the award criteria for consideration by BoA and inclusion on the jury list as necessary.

b) Nominations from the Corporate/Industry Sector.

-It was reported that IETE is contacting Organization Members in an effort to strengthen its relationship with them and solicit nominations. The exhibitors of both MAPCON 2022 and the BES-Expo recently held in Pragati Maidan Delhi have also been contacted.

Recommendation: The Board proposed soliciting the assistance of Shri Sunil, the Honorable Treasurer, in contacting the proper individuals for Corporate Awards.

c) Larger and more effective ads and publicity.

-It was stated that IETE Awards open nominations received more attention at the MAPCON Conference in Bangalore and the BES EXPO in New Delhi. The Call for Nominations is being sent via email to the addresses collected at these two events.

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Recommendation: It was suggested that, similar to ELCINA, IETE should seek out more magazines/ methods to increase the visibility of the IETE Awards.

d) Names of the individuals from industry sectors as jury.

- It was informed that Shri Damahe, has offered his assistance in this endeavor.

Recommendation: It was suggested that any other members of the Governing Council may also suggest names.

e) Announce additional Award categories for improved industry connections.

- The Board said that more industry connections should be looked into and more people should know about the IETE Awards. And they may propose any proposal that might be looked at by the IETE G C.

6.2 This is for approval of Governing Council.

Gp Capt Sonpal Singh (Retd)
Secretary General

Ref: IETE/J-216/2nd (2022-23)/BoA

Date: 28 March 2023

Distribution:

Chairman and Members of Board of Awards.

President, IETE & Members of Governing Council for kind information.

"ANNEXURE 'A,'"



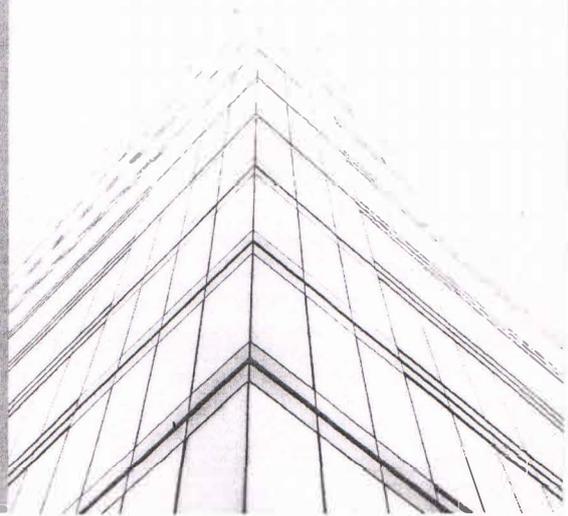
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Driving Innovation through Technology

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INTRODUCTION



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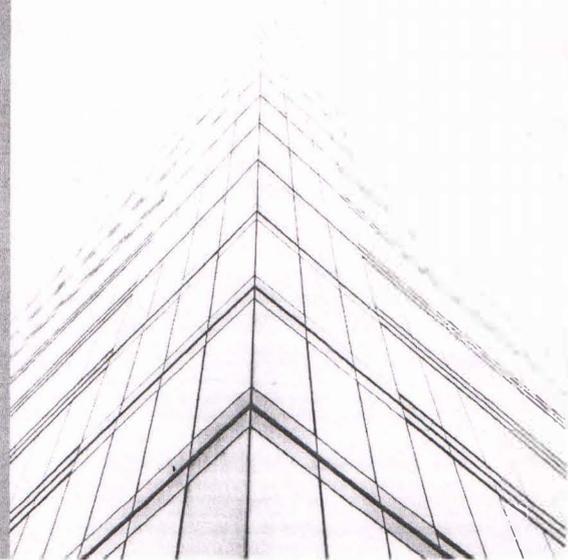
WHAT'S KENNOVATE

Kennovate is a **collaborative digital platform** that **automates operations** while **driving stakeholder engagement** for business associations.

It enables **end to end management** of all functions at both a **central** and **individual level**.

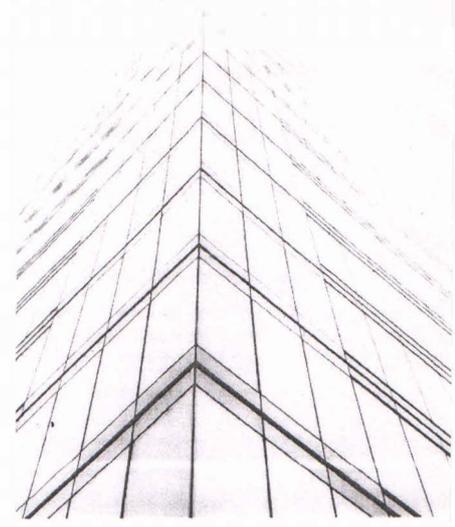


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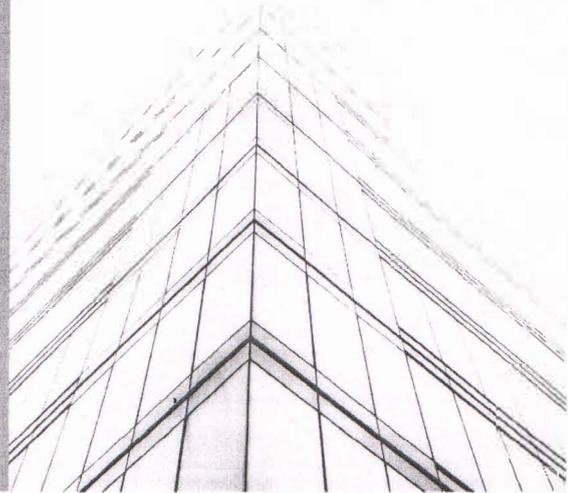
POSSIBLE CHALLENGES FACED

- ① Lack of Visibility Across the Ecosystem
- ② Challenges in Managing Membership Status
- ③ Inability to Track Impact & Feedback
- ④ No Structure to Leverage Partners Effectively
- ⑤ Lack of Engagement Across the Community
- ⑥ Difficulty in Coordinating Awards and Grants Across Categories
- ⑦ No Process to Evaluate & Curate Applications for Awards and Innovation
- ⑧ Limited Use of Automation
- ⑨ Inefficient Coordination with the Referee Committee

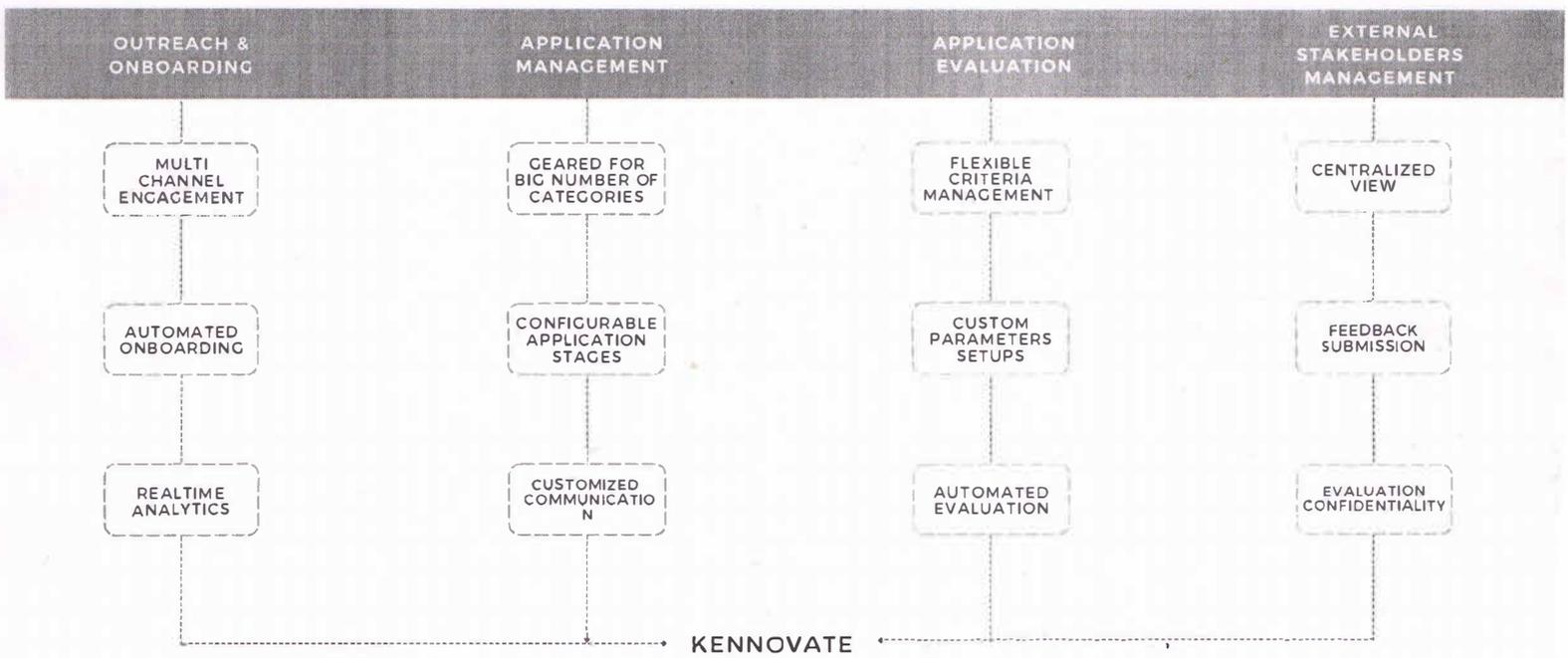




THE SOLUTION



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KENNOVATE

MENTORSHIP

- Identify and Onboard Mentors within your Ecosystem
- Create & Run Multiple Mentorship Program
- Rate + Evaluate Mentors
- Measure Impact + Value on Mentees

NETWORK

- Connect & Engage Stakeholders through Groups, Discussion Forums & more
- Create Online/Offline Events
- Launch Challenges, Programs and Competitions for All or Specific Members

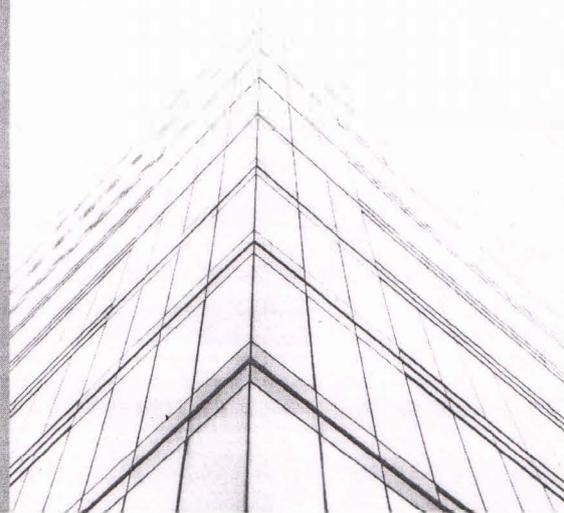
EDUCATE

- Launch Programs targeted towards All or Specific Members
- Create/Share Upskilling Courses for Members and Ecosystem Partners
- Provide Access to Resources such as Industry Reports, Grants, Articles & more

RECOGNIZE

- Identify contributors through impact analysis
- Give recognition across sections and categories of contributors
- Set goals for community members, track them and reward for meeting them

HOW IT WORKS



STRENGTHEN YOUR ECOSYSTEM

BY ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY



MANAGEMENT



PROFESSIONALS



PARTNERS



CORPORATES



MENTORS



STARTUPS

ACROSS THE LIFECYCLE

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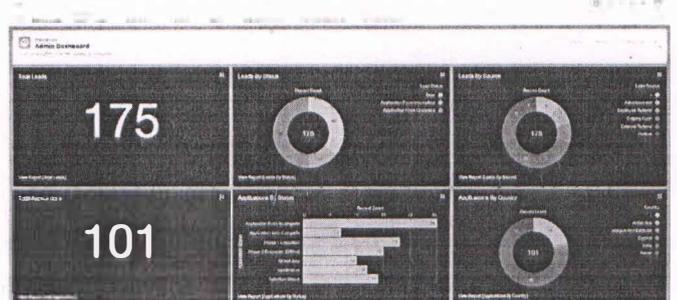
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ENGAGE



Communicate with all stakeholders across your community. Provide access to resources & services.

NURTURE



Connect startups with the right mentors, departments & services based on their individual needs.



MEASURE

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EVALUATE



Leverage the smart evaluation system through the custom parameter setups and automated computation of the applications to establish a transparent and robust process

AWARD EVALUATION MATRIX

Q Search

New Matrix for a Category

Researcher's Institution

Full-time

Part-time

Qualifications

Education

Other

Young Engineer of the Year Award

Life Time Achievement Award

Researcher of the Year Award



Add a criteria

Add existing evaluation sheet

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CATEGORY	CRITERIA NAME	EVALUATION OBJECT	EVALUATION TYPE	EVALUATION UNIT	WEIGHT	EVALUATION POINT	SCORE	MARK	MARK
1	10th	Grants	10th	Completed FY	1.0	Single	+	+	1000000
2	12th	Paper Public.	12th	Completed FY	1.0	Single	+	+	1000000

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Faculty Participation and Achievements Type

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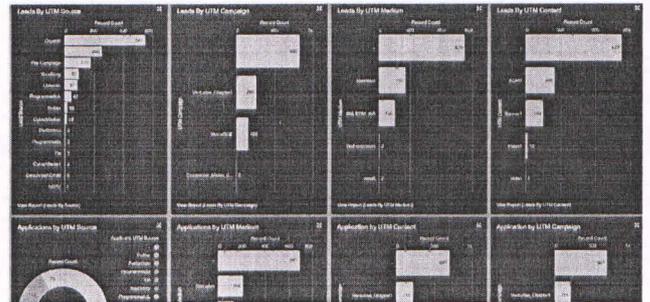
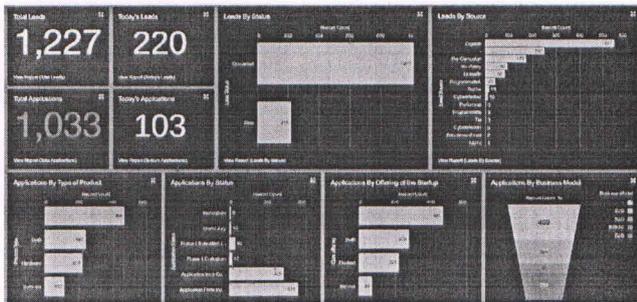
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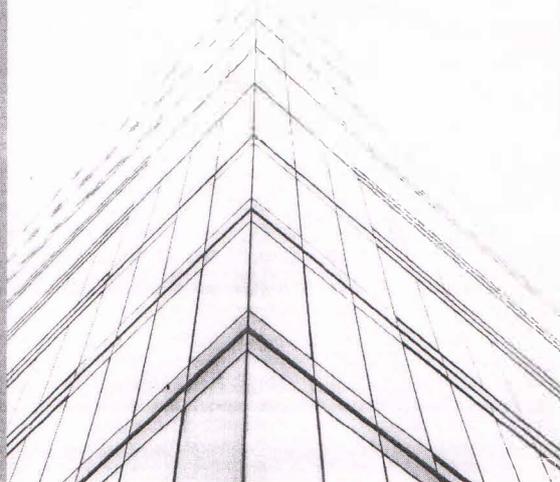
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**THE
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NETWORK**



OUR NETWORK

TURBO START

Kennovate, being an incubatee of Turbostart - a fund/accelerator, has a strong appreciation for **entrepreneurship**. With the support of TS, we are always ahead of the curve. Our network also enables us to supplement the platform with access to entrepreneurial opportunities for students.

T.C

Technology is at the forefront of what we do at Kennovate. **T2C** - our Technology Center of Excellence - houses our engineering talent. To support our growth, we are actively recruiting and training 50+ of the brightest young minds across languages and applications.

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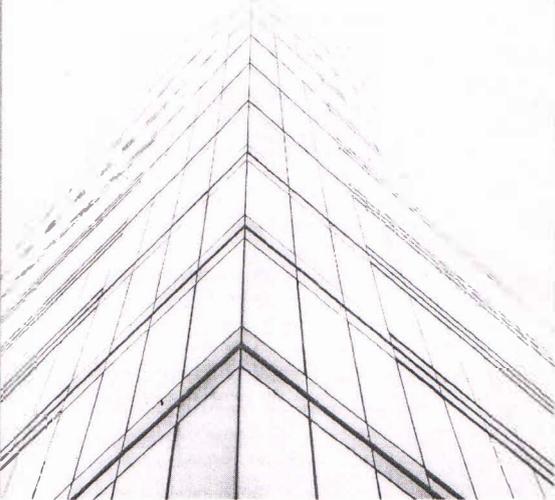
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YOU**



Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is made on this 23rd day of December, 2022 ("Effective Date"), by and between:

Ken42 EdTech Private Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, having Corporate Identity Number (CIN) U74999KA2020PTC133961 and its registered office at 102, Haudin House, 5, Haudin Road, Bengaluru – 560 042, Karnataka, India, duly represented by its CEO, Mr. Kada Raju Ganesh (hereinafter referred to as "**Ken42**"), which expression shall, unless excluded by or repugnant to the meaning or context thereof, mean and include its representatives, successors and permitted assigns, of the **First Part**;

AND

<<>>, a non-profit organization registered under the Companies Act, 1956 , having its principal office at <<>>, (hereinafter referred to as the "**Subscriber**", which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and permitted assigns) of the **Other Part**.

WHEREAS:

Ken42 operates in the EdTech sector and offers an integrated digital platform to educational institutions to deliver better outcomes for students, sharp insights for administrators, and an improved teaching experience for faculty, thereby encompassing the complete student lifecycle management through a single interface (hereinafter referred to as the "**Platform**" or the "**Ken42 Platform**").

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The Subscriber has expressed its interest to subscribe to and deploy the Platform for a specific startup competition. In this regard, the Parties have agreed to enter into this MoU to lay down the principal terms of the proposed subscription of the Platform to be offered by Ken42 to the Subscriber. Furthermore, this MoU is solely to aid further discussions between the Parties and to facilitate the Subscriber to issue a Purchase Order for its internal documentation purposes, if any.

Subscription & Fees:

Implementation	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● White Labeling of the Platform ● Report Configuration ● Process Understanding + Optimization ● Unlimited Award Applications & Storage ● Outreach Campaign Planning ● Data Exporting ● Customer Success Support Team through the Project Duration
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Platform	<p>Includes:</p> <p><i>General Setup</i></p>
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Payment Terms

Scope	Amount	Payment Terms
Platform Fee	● INR 5,00,000 + GST*	50% to be billed upon Sign Off 50% to be billed upon Go Live

**This costing is solely for the duration of this specific project.*

Other terms and timelines:

Complete implementation of all features will be completed as per timelines mutually discussed and agreed between the Subscriber and Ken42.

Contract termination: 90 days prior intimation is required from either **Ken42 Edtech Private Limited** or the Subscriber in case either Party wishes to discontinue the Subscription.

Governing Law:

This MoU will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles and the courts in Bangalore shall have the exclusive jurisdiction in relation to any disputes or matters arising in relation to this MoU.

For <<>>

Date:

For **Ken42 Edtech Private Limited**

Date: