

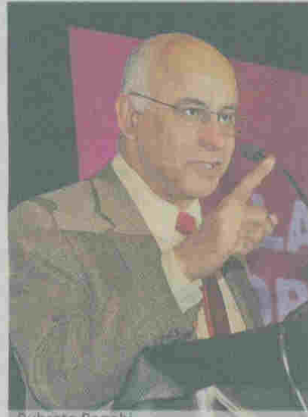
50 investors take part in TiE summit

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THE Entrepreneurial Summit, Asia's largest annual conference of the entrepreneurial ecosystem, on Friday concluded in Hyderabad with over 50 venture capital, private equity and angel funds participated in the event from different parts of the world.

The third day had inspiring talk from Bernard A Harris Jr., former astronaut - NASA followed by an 'Investor Power Panel' that discussed the potential opportunities which the investors see and what kind of firms would they invest in. Subrata Mitra of Accel Ventures, Ashish Gupta of Helion Ventures and Gopal Srinivasan of TVS Capital participated in the panel discussion. Subroto Bagchi, chairman - Mindtree spoke on 'Scaling your Business' giving real life example of some successful entrepreneurs. Bhaskar Pramanik, chairman - Microsoft India spoke on the opportunities in the SMAC space followed by a talk on 'Getting Out the Entrepreneur in You' by Ronnie Screwvala, founder and CEO - UTV Group.

The other sessions included panel session on 'Impact Investing' to discuss uncovering the Impact Investing Opportunity in India through social ventures, skill development to stress on the models for skilling India for employment and scaling skill ventures, incubator and



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accelerator networks and working with the Government. Pullela Gopichand, Saina Nehwal and VVS Laxman also participated in the last session of the day followed by Entrepreneurs Awards Ceremony and other business awards.

Murali Bukkapatnam, president - TiE Hyderabad, said, "We are elated to successfully host TES 2013 and the eminent leaders who came down to Hyderabad to motivate the delegates during TiE Summit. TiE Hyderabad will continue to bring together all stakeholders and will

further play an active part in creating an inclusive ecosystem to promote entrepreneurship."

"This 3 day mega event for entrepreneurs witnessed a participation of around 1,500 delegates and over 100 sessions which included start-ups, entrepreneurs, investors, policy makers, industry and thought leaders and acted as a catalyst to fast track ideas into action. With its highly interactive agenda, TES 2013 successfully assisted the existing and aspiring entrepreneurs in finding solutions to common challenges and gave an opportunity to learn and get motivated from leading entrepreneurs & icons", said Ananth Rao, convener - TES.

TiE also awarded startups and few unsung heroes in various streams. The winners in the BizQuest Winning Startups (Diamonds in the Rough) category include Gramener (Ram, Naveen, Anand, Ganes and Vengatesh), Thrillophilia (Chitra Daga and Abhishek Daga), Transcell (Subadra Dravida and Surya Emani) and Tommy Jams (Nikhil Kapur and Parth Saxena). The winners in the Unsung Heroes category include Nagarajan Vittal, former Chief Vigilance Commissioner - Ecosystem Enabler Award, Pullela Gopichand, former badminton player - IndiaProud Award, VVS Laxman - TeamFirst Award, and Galla Ramachandra Naidu - Rural Entrepreneur-Par Excellence Award.