

Ten Indian startups to reel off innovations before PM Narendra Modi in US

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SAN FRANCISCO: Ten Indian startups will showcase their most outstanding innovations at the Silicon Valley at a programme to be presided over by PM Narendra Modi during his US visit on September 27.

"An event that I am enthusiastic about is the 'India-US Start-up Konnect'," Modi said last week about the event where Indian start-ups will also forge partnerships with the vibrant American start-up industry.

He had said India is emerging as a hub of startups in a wide range of areas and "we aspire to take this further. We want the world to see our innovation capabilities in the start-up sector".

The delegation, supported by the Indian Department of Science and Technology and defence major Lockheed Martin Corporation, and Indo-US Science and Technology Forum, has been sponsored under the DST-Lockheed Martin India Innovation Growth Programme (IIGP), which aims to connect Indian innovators to the global marketplace.

"IIGP is a unique bilateral programme that identifies core competencies of institutions both in India and the US and brings them together for supporting commercialisation of Indian innovations in the US market," Rajiv Sharma, Executive Director at Indo-US Science and Technology Forum, said.

"Through the India Innovation Growth Programme, we challenge innovators to bring forth ideas and innovations that will shape the future of industries across the country," John D Evans, Vice-President, International Engineering and Technology, Lockheed Martin Corporation, said.

Modi will undertake a seven-day trip to Ireland and the US on September 23.