

MAIT SME Team visit to Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

On 2 August 2016 MAIT SME Team including Mr. Rahul Gupta, Mr. Sudhir Goel, Mr. R M S Reddy and self had a meeting with **Dr. Y Narahari**, Divisional Chairman, Electrical Sciences Division and Chairman, Computer Sciences & Automation Dept. at **Indian Institute of Science(IISc)** Campus.

The following points emerged out of the interaction:

1) According to Dr. Narahari, all these years innovation was restricted to prototypes. But for the past five years, innovations have gone beyond prototypes. The outcome of which was Society for Innovation & Development(SID) at IISc has become very active in the past 5 years. SID which draws from and provides access to the intellectual and infrastructural resources of IISc facilitates innovation. He said that few startups are operating from SID. At present 10 Departments are trying to go beyond prototyping.

2) Dr. Narahari suggested to MAIT SME Team to make a ½ a day visit to IISc facility and its various Centres of Excellence (based upon interest areas of SME Members). This will give Members an exposure and update on the present activities on innovation going on at IISc.

3) Dr. Narahari mentioned that he would introduce MAIT SME Team with Prof. Gurumoorthy, CEO, SID via email who would facilitate interaction between the MAIT SME Team and interested faculties & students on how IISc and MAIT SME members can tie up on various initiatives which would be mutually beneficial for both the parties.

4) Dr. Narahari requested MAIT to send a mail to him and Prof. Gurumoorthy containing about MAIT, its activities, its SME Members' interest areas and what kind of benefit MAIT SME Chapter is looking for from IISc.

5) Mr. Sudhir Goel proposed Dr. Narahari for considering IISc students doing internship at the premises of SME companies. On which Dr. Narahari reacted by saying that it would also be facilitated by Prof. Gurumoorthy with the company(ies) by engaging the placement officer.

6) On enquiring by Mr. Goel on who would be single point of contact for MAIT for coordination with IISc, Dr. Narahari mentioned that there would be a single point of contact for MAIT from IISc.

7) Subhajit in consultation with Mr. Goel would frame the points of discussion with Prof. Gurumoorthy which includes:

- a) Bringing the prototypes to markets.
- b) Taking IISc's help to pursue R&D/Technical projects for MAIT SME Members.
- c) Mentoring Start Ups/Entrepreneurship efforts incubated by IISc.
- d) Providing exposure through industry to IISc students through projects/summer internships.
