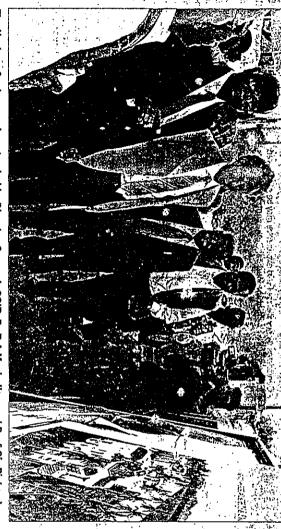
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Friend at the NCL Innovation Park. Others are also seen The Venture Centre was inaugurated by Director General, CSIR, Dr R A Mashelkar and Prof Sir Richard

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eral, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research yesterday hoped that if scientists changed their mind PASHAN: Dr Raghunath set, India could retain its Intellectual Quotient and ntellectual Property. Mashelkar, director-gen-

(NCL) Venture Centre. terday inaugurated the National Chemical Laboratory's endish Professor of Physics at Cambridge University, yes-Dr Mashelkar along with Prof Sir Richard Friend, Cav

ated in India should remain within the country itself. Re innovative enterprises with global reach Niashelkar said that this would help build research driven is g wealth out of intellectual property by public funding Mashelkar said that both knowledge and wealth generring to Bayh- Dole Act of the US, which looks at creat-Asking scientists to have a change of mindset, Di

why can't it be done here? He questioned the audience comprising many scientists. He also spoke of how CSIK If we can have Indians doing the same in Silicon Valley

> from the institute," he said there would be 100s of Richard Friends' being produced cated in courses. Mashelkar also urged for entrepreneurship to be inculheads of the institutions need to take on a supportive role. was helping scientists to do the same and said that the "This is just the beginning and I hope

Cambridge Display Technologies Ltd and Plastic Logic Ltd, told how the companies came into existence. Prof Friend, who is the founder and Chief scientist of

set up a virtual start-up company." return for patenting, or to pay for it ourselves. In 1994 we us: either to find a large company and give it to them in ing which was very important. We had two options before applications. This commercial potential entailed patent could be created. This discovery had numerous practical be electronically excited and an artificial fluorescence Cambridge in 1989, we discovered that polymers could Friend said, "While carrying out research work in

active entrepreneur as there is great talent pool in India.' Prof Friend asked scientists "to take time out and be an "Cambridge now has about 900 high-tech

> the city. A symbiosis of companies and universities can exist, with the companies providing engineering base for the research work of the universities. mpanies which provide about 27,000 jobs in and around

concept can form part of the Venture Centre. their innovations and a panel to assess whether the same opening of this centre was actually "thinking and dreaming big." He also hoped that their team will talk about Earlier, director of NCL Dr SASivaram said that the

the research work of the universities."

private-public partnerships in the near future. hopeful that the NCL innovation Park will see a lot of ture Centre will function independently, Dr Sivaram is Briefing about the Venture Centre, Dr Premnath said Though both the NCL Innovation Park and NCL Ven-

enterprises even outside NCL. to nucleate and nurture technology and knowledge based will be a technology business incubator with a mission for chemistry and materials science, physics, engineerservices for new start-ups, including shared laboratories the centre which is housed in the NCL Innovation Park, Its activities will include providing space, facilities and

devices, niche chemicals and nano-materials and special ing companies, primarily in areas of biomedical products, ing, biology and prototyping. The centre is also expected to specialise in manufactur-

n> put together by a start up company, was inaugurated www.venturecenter.co.in http://www.venturecenter.co. said Dr Premnath. A website of the Venture Centre with Indian Institute of Management of Ahemdabad, tie-up with management schools and co-incubations ity materials science products amongst others. The Venture Centre project is also looking at a

Companies that used NCI technology

by Dr Mashelkar

- Biopore Surgicals, Mumbai: Production of ocuis being sold in India. lar implants which have passed clinical trials and
- Membrane filters, Pune: Use of ultafilteration membranes that prevents viruses and bacteria trom passing through.
- Ø Tridiagonal Solutions: Formed by NCL and HT sional education processes, flow diagnostics and specialized profes of computational modelling of flow and chemical alumni offers services and solutions in the area