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COLLABORATIVE SEARCH AND EXAMINATION

A Collaborative Search and Examination (CS&E) pilot, upon the applicant’s specific request to participate, all the IP5 Offices contribute towards the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) for a particular international application. Each participating Office plans to process around 50 international applications as main ISA during the first year (July 2018 to June 2019) and a similar quantity in the second year (July 2019 to June 2020). As the limit of 50 international applications has been reached, USPTO will accept new international applications into the pilot at the beginning of the second year of operation of the pilot, as from 1 July 2019. Having already reached its limit of 40 applications in English, CNIPA has announced that it will start accepting requests for participation in the CS&E pilot for international applications filed in Chinese from 1 March until 30 June 2019.

SMART CITIES MISSION

The Smart Cities Mission is an ambitious multiyear effort to boost economic development, technological innovation, and sustainable growth across 100 cities, launched under Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015. Ajmer, Allahabad, and Visakhapatnam cities provide governance challenges, infrastructure gaps, institutional arrangements, and financial tools that policymakers must consider to reach their local ambitions.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION SUPPORT CENTERS (TISCs).

Since the launch of the program from April 2009 till 2016, about 519 Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) as Pilot program to facilitate the national offices for intellectual property in developing countries,
especially Least Developed Countries (LDCs), as well as their regional and sub-regional intellectual property organizations to access specialized databases provided by World intellectual property organization (WIPO). TISCs have been established throughout the world out of which about 280 TISCs are in African continent. Access to specialized databases and capacity building provided by TISCs allowed improvement in the innovation index and intellectual property considerably in these nations. On 13th November 2016, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Government of India (GOI) made a pact with WIPO to establish TISCs in India to give an impetus to Knowledge sharing, sharing of best practices among the TISCs, capacity building, generation and commercialization of IP, and help India to improve its IPR infrastructure. India has set up several TISCs at Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Chennai, Jaipur, Thiruvananthapuram, and Vishakhapatnam. The Visakhapatnam TISC at Sunrise Incubation Hub, Visakhapatnam and the objective of this center is to provide global access to online patent and non-patent resources, industrial property related publications, assistance in searching and retrieving technology information.

LEADING FINTECH CITIES, including London and Berlin, should not be complacent because there are emerging centers of excellence snapping at their heels, according to RECONTEUR. Visakhapatnam is one of the five top centers of innovation in financial tech. Located in the port city of Visakhapatnam, also known as Vizag, overlooking the Bay of Bengal, Fintech Valley-Vizag is a fintech cluster born of a coordinated strategy led by a hard-driving regional government, aided by regulators including the Reserve Bank of India and private sector players. Launched by the government of Andhra Pradesh in October 2016, the initiative has seen Visakhapatnam, which already plays host to IT firms such as outsourcing group Wipro, start to morph...
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into a center of excellence for blockchain, cybersecurity, data analytics and artificial intelligence, and it recently selected eight fintech startups to take part in an accelerator program.

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