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### Sehgal Foundation and NIRD&PR sign MoU

The Sehgal Foundation team signed a MoU with the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Ministry of Rural Development, Govt of India, for establishing Sehgal Foundation's Water and Wastewater Resource Center (SF-WWRC), at the Rural Technology Park (RTP), on the NIRD campus in Hyderabad.



The MoU was exchanged at the NIRD's annual flagship event of Rural Innovators Start-up Conclave 2018 on August 30 in the presence of Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu. Other dignitaries present at the occasion included the Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana, Governor of Telangana & Andhra Pradesh, MoS, Rural Development & PR, and others.

Sehgal Foundation's Water and Wastewater Resource Center at the RTP is one of the first non-government organization initiatives at NIRD. Other organizations who have earlier founded units at RTP have been private or rural entrepreneurs. The foundation team has set up this permanent center and displayed several of the foundation's working and demonstration models.

The center is a representative unit of Sehgal Foundation's interventions in South India, serving as a showcase to visiting stakeholders within India and abroad including government officials, corporates/CSR donor community, NGOs, international agencies, PRIs/village panchayat heads/rural communities, academia, media, etc. Some organizations have already started visiting the Center, to know about our work, and for collaborative possibilities.

Rural water innovation displays at the center include rainwater harvesting models, technology for the creation of freshwater pockets in saline aquifers, and drinking water adaptive technologies. These will serve as capacity-building tools for rural villages from across the country.

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