



Outreach programme at Great Lakes for the development of defence sector



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Ecosystem of technological development

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He briefed the gathering about initiatives such as the SPARK (Support for prototype and research kick-start) grant that the DISC (Defence India start-up challenges) offers to selected start-ups aimed to catalyse open innovation.

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Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai and the Ministry of Defence organizes iDex at AGBI for start-ups

Chennai: Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai, a premier B-school in the country in association with NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Defence organised an outreach program titled iDEX at AGBI (Atal – Great Lakes – Balachandran – Incubation) Centre, in its premises.

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