

CrAdLE gets Infosys Cofounder Gopalakrishnan as 1st Chairman

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Ahmedabad: CrAdLE, a startup incubator set up by the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India in Ahmedabad and S Gopalakrishnan (Kris), on Tuesday appointed the Infosys cofounder as its first chairman.

The incubator will focus on four sectors – manufacturing, food and agri-business, renewable energy and healthcare. Within the EDII campus, nearly 10,000 sq feet space has already been allocated for the new incubator.

“CrAdLE will mentor 10 incubatees each year, targeting to get nearly 30-40 ventures by the end of three years” said Dr Sunil Shukla, director, EDII. He further said that the CrAdLE board would have a mix of academicians, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, technologist, re-

presentatives from key support organisations and professionals.

“It’s an opportunity to share my experiences and ideas to make it a successful venture” said Gopalakrishnan,

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As per the CrAdLE its main aim is to foster technology/knowledge based entrepreneurial startups by nurturing them at an early-stage and helping them overcome teething troubles and

providing a platform for speedy commercialisation of technologies developed in academic and R&D institutions. It would also extend value added services like legal, financial, and technical.