

**Event name** - Times innovation challenge panel discussion

**Date** - 30th august, 2019

**Venue** - ITC royal bengal, Kolkata

**Brief description of the event-** The whole discussion was based on the startup revolution happening worldwide and its impact on kolkata. Times of India had set the theme 'phirey eso kolkata' for the event, focussing on the fact that a large number of bengali entrepreneurs are leaving Bengal which makes it extremely difficult to facilitate the startup culture in Kolkata. The dignitaries expressed their views about the existing conditions and problems that need to be addressed. They also gave their valuable pieces of advice for the youngsters who aspire to solve grave problems of the world and aspire to create something of their own. Finally, the discussion ended on the note that Kolkata always had a unique thinking ability and a certain creative intellect, the potential of which if correctly utilised, can make Kolkata the next "Startup capital of India"

**Dignitaries** -

1. Mr. Debashis Sen - IAS, Additional chief secretary of IT dept, W.B. govt.
2. Subhrangshu Sanyal - CEO of IIMC innovation park
3. Suvayu Roy - Associate director , PWC
4. Harshavardhan Neotia - Chairman of Ambuja Neotia group
5. Manisha Sharaf - cofounder of truckhall

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