

## Round Table on Entrepreneurship in a Globalising Economy

Globalisation of economies is a world-wide phenomenon. It is attributed to the policies of economic liberalisation, deregulation and privatisation adopted by governments in various countries, and stimulated and supported by initiatives like the WTO, WIPO, etc. What is often not recognised is the contribution to the process of globalisation by the IT revolution and the global business opportunities created by innovative entrepreneurs using the capabilities of the new technology. The changes in the political and economic policies of nations are often spurred by the technological and entrepreneurial innovations and therefore are irreversible, irrespective of the changes in political and economic ideologies.

While the new technology-based entrepreneurship is partly responsible for bringing about globalisation of economic activities, globalisation in its turn has a significant impact on the nature of entrepreneurship. In other words, the relationship between globalisation and entrepreneurship is mutual. In India too, changes have been taking place in several aspects of entrepreneurial activity such as the nature of business, type and level of technology, the educational profile of the Indian entrepreneur, the characteristics and competencies of partners, sources of finance, location and nature of customers and suppliers, legal structure, organisation and HR practices, operational and growth strategies, and so on. It is against the context of such wide-ranging changes that are taking place around the globe that we take a re-look at the issues relating to venture creation in a globalising economy.

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