

**Nirankar Saxena, Senior Director, FICCI becomes the first Indian to receive IC<sup>2</sup> Institute Fellowship from University of Texas**

**October 4, 2016:** Mr. Nirankar Saxena, Senior Director, FICCI has become the first Indian to be honoured with the prestigious IC<sup>2</sup> Institute Fellowship from the University of Texas for his tremendous contribution in fostering Indo-US Collaboration through Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Cooperation.

Mr. Nirankar Saxena has spent over a decade in designing and leading initiatives to enhance Indo-US ties through programs like the DST-Lockheed Martin India Innovation Growth Programme and Millennium Alliance. Over 500 Indian startups in the space of high-end technology as well as social impact have benefitted in terms of capacity building and market outreach from programs established through the efforts of Mr. Saxena. Mr. Saxena has actively engaged with the Indian and US governments, private sector and academia to engage them in S&T, innovation led entrepreneurship programs. He is closely working with the Department of Science and Technology (GoI); Indo-US Science and Technology Forum; Lockheed Martin Corporation; University of Texas; Stanford Graduate School of Business; Carnegie Mellon University; United States Agency for International Development; World Bank Group among many others to execute programs that lead to revenue and employment generation by the startup community.

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