



Prosus and AssisTech Foundation (ATF) shares the vision of revolutionizing the landscape of Assistive Technology in India for empowering lives of people with disabilities. An essence of the same was evident last week when our CEO & Co-Founder Prateek Madhav had a wonderful opportunity to moderate a panel discussion on "**Making India the global hub of AT startups**" at **Prosus Group Social Impact Challenge (Prosus SICA) 2022**. The panelists include **Dr. Muniraju S.B.**, Deputy Advisor, NITI Aayog, GoI, **Dr Mohammed Asheel**, World Health Organization, **Shivangi Jain**, Startup India, Invest India, **Ankita Shirodariya**, Social Alpha & **Akshita Sachdeva**, Trestle Labs | Kibo. The discussion explored ways to create a sustainable impact and support entrepreneurs developing technological solutions for people with disabilities.



ATF co-founded a Global Alliance on Assistive Technology Innovations and Investments - [Inclusive Innovation Network \(+N\)](#) along with partners across Australia, Canada, Kenya, New Zealand, Hong Kong and US. The alliance has a network of 1000+ AT startups.

Last month our partners from Australia (ReMarkable) organised their first-ever Remarkable Tech Summit and invited our Co-Founder & Member of Board, Ravi Narayan to attend the event at Los Angeles, California, USA. This event was made possible by Cerebral Palsy Alliance and the Cerebral Palsy Alliance Research Foundation, and was a gathering of innovators, entrepreneurs, corporate stakeholders, investors, researchers, disability advocates, partners and friends in Assistive Technology ecosystem for a truly Remarkable experience. The goal of the Summit was to amplify the voices of disabled innovators, create connections, explore challenges, set commitments, and actively support one another to drive change.

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During the Prosus SICA 2022, Prateek Madhav (CEO & Co-Founder, ATF) also got an opportunity to meet **Ms. Pratima Bhowmik, Minister of State in the Ministry Of Social Justice & Empowerment, GoI** along with **Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry Of Social Justice & Empowerment, GoI.** It was indeed a wonderful experience interacting with both of them and we look forward to working together with the ministry.

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Prateek Madhav also interacted with some great co-founders of startups from ATF Portfolio Startup Founders : Akshita Sachdeva & Bonny Dave (Founder, Trestle Labs), Dr. Steward Gracian (Founder, Sociodent) and Aishwarya Karnataki & Parikshit Sohni (Founders, Glovatrix)



We feel extremely happy to share that our portfolio startup, Trestle Labs' Kibo turned 5 this year on November 30, 2022. Founded in 2017, Trestle Labs is an Assistive Technology company enabling blind and visually-impaired people access any type of content - printed, handwritten, digital - anywhere.

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Overall, we have received overwhelming response from various startups across the country and other parts of the world as well. This time we have received some never seen before innovations specially in the case of neurological disorders. In other disabilities too, some of the innovations are super impressive. We are really excited to explore them further and see what they hold for transforming lives of people with disabilities. Stay tuned to receive further updates. Moving forward, all the selected startups will appear for a jury evaluation wherein the jurors will select the final startups for the cohort.

Mr. Jawahar Bekay & Mr. Ravi Narayan (Co-Founders & Member of Board, ATF) along with our CEO Prateek Madhav attended the **TiE Global Summit 2022 organised by TiE Hyderabad.** During the event, they interacted with some of the great industry leaders including **Mr. Madan Padaki**



(President, TiE Bangalore) & **Mr. Krishnan SV** (Founder: Dialogue in the Dark, India & DesiNation- the World's Diversity exchange for social inclusion)

Volunteer at ATF!

With the year coming to an end, we are bringing some opening volunteering opportunities at ATF. We are a not for profit Section 8 company looking for volunteers in different domains who are passionate about creating impact in areas of accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities through contributing towards fellowships and startup acceleration in areas of assistive technology for people with disabilities. Ideally, someone who is intuitive, equipped with an understanding of social enterprises, ready to explore, and a problem-solver when faced with challenges; someone who is committed to contributing significantly towards social welfare of people with disabilities in areas of empowering learning, livelihood and living through technology. Fill out the form through the given link to show your interest for volunteering. Lets together create a world of joy by empowering every person with disability.

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