

## ***La Fondation Dassault Systèmes Expands to India***

### ***The Dassault Systèmes Foundation Aims to Transform Education and Research with the Learning and Discovery Capabilities of 3D Technology and Virtual Universes***

**Mumbai/Pune/Delhi, India — February 22, 2018** — Dassault Systèmes, the 3DEXPERIENCE Company, has announced today that it is extending its [“La Fondation Dassault Systèmes”](#), global initiative to transform education and research in India. This is the third geography after Europe and US where Dassault Systèmes is introducing La Fondation and it enhances the commitment of Dassault Systèmes for India.

La Fondation Dassault Systèmes, is dedicated to transforming the future of education and research with the learning and discovery capabilities of 3D technology and virtual universes. La Fondation Dassault Systèmes started its operation in Europe in 2015, in the United States of America in 2017 and now expands its scope to India. Launch of La Fondation in India as ***Dassault Systèmes Foundation*** extends the scope of the foundation’s social contribution to India, enabling creation of new learning experiences and encouraging greater interest in science, mathematics, engineering and technology disciplines among students.

The Dassault Systèmes Foundation will provide grants, digital content and skillsets in virtual technologies to qualified non-commercial, non-profit projects proposed by schools, universities, engineering/science colleges, researchers, museums and other foundations located in India. This will foster greater knowledge in the 3D content, technology and simulation applications that have long been used by industry for the design, engineering and manufacturing of most of the products society relies on today. These technologies can be leveraged to create new education content where the experience in virtual universes greatly improves the learning of science and research, and skill development.

“In 2015, United Nations adopted a set of 17 goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda” said **Thibault de Tersant, President, La Fondation Dassault Systèmes**. “It is in this context that Dassault Systèmes decided to create its foundation, with a strong focus on education to enable everyone to have the level of skills that will both meet the new needs of the industry and provide motivating work. Today, it seems obvious and relevant to extend our action to India, because of its large percentage of young population, out of which 1.5 million engineers graduate every year. La Fondation Dassault Systèmes in India will support projects to enhance their skills, the applicability of their knowledge to the future of the industry.”

**Sudarshan Mogasale, CEO of Dassault Systèmes R&D centre (3DPLM) in India and Chairman of La Fondation in India**, commented “Dassault Systèmes in India has been running many Academia Programs with the objective of transforming engineering education. Our software applications are standard in engineering colleges. With the formation of La Fondation Dassault Systèmes in India, we will take our contribution to education transformation to next level and reiterate our commitment for developing the ‘Workforce of the Future’. Dassault Systèmes Foundation India, will launch its full-fledged operations in the next quarter and will call for non-commercial projects in education and research domains”.

La Fondation Dassault Systèmes in India also announced two projects they are supporting to initiate its operations in India:

- The formation of ‘Innovation Hub’ at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan’s Mukhtangan Exploratory Science Centre in Pune. The Innovation Hub will provide a platform for school students to foster innovation and creativity, problem solving approach and project based learning.
- The design and development of ‘Solar Powered Passenger Vehicle and Charging station’, a project undertaken by Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust’s Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering in Pune. This is a research project for Green Energy initiative and exposing engineering students on the mobility of future.

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### **About La Fondation Dassault Systèmes**

La Fondation Dassault Systèmes provides grants, training and expertise about 3D virtual universe technologies to help schools, universities, research centres, museums and associations in Europe, the U.S. and India to push the limits of knowledge. Its mission is to inspire young people with a passion for engineering, science and digital technology to create a better and more collaborative society. As part of this mission, it actively contributes to inventing new ways of sharing know-how and transforming learning practices that make it possible to detect new talents and help them achieve their dreams. For more information: [lafondation.3ds.com](http://lafondation.3ds.com)

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