



### Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)

#### Introduction

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) program is launched by the Ministry of Education (MoE) through MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC) in collaboration with AICTE for Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to systematically foster the culture of innovation and start-up ecosystem in education institutions. IICs' role is to engage large number of faculty, students and staff in various innovation and entrepreneurship related activities such as ideation, Problem solving, Proof of Concept development, Design Thinking, IPR, project handling and management at Pre-incubation/Incubation stage, etc., so that innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem gets established and stabilized.

#### Goal

- Ecosystem Preparedness
- Ecosystem Responsiveness
- Ecosystem Performance

#### Objective

- Creating, Streamlining and strengthening I & E Ecosystem
- Pathways for quality Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Sustained generation of Innovations and Entrepreneurs

#### Programs of IIC

- Impact Lecture Session
- Innovation Contest
- Mentor – Mentee Program
- Yukti National Innovation Repository
- Innovation Ambassador Program

Institution's Innovation Council helps in planning, channelizing and organizing round the year activities in the areas of innovation, entrepreneurship and IPR to sensitize and motivate students and faculties to pursue innovation and start-up during their academic. Innovation Ambassador Program aims to train the faculties and students in four highly sought-after themes viz. Design



Thinking; IPR & Technology Transfer; Pre- Incubation & Incubation Management; and Entrepreneurship Development.

### **Policy Statement**

Key policy statements are generally focused on the following areas:

#### **Vision and Objectives**

- To establish a vibrant local innovation and pre-incubation ecosystem within the institution.
- To inculcate a culture of innovation and strong entrepreneurship capabilities among students and faculty members.
- To encourage, inspire, and nurture young students and faculty to work with new ideas and transform them into prototypes and successful startups.

#### **Governance and Resources**

- Policy Implementation: The IIC is responsible for implementing and overseeing the institution's innovation and startup policy, ensuring alignment with national guidelines.
- Resource Allocation: The institution commits to allocating budget towards innovation and startup activities.
- Infrastructure: The policy ensures the availability of pre-incubation facilities.

#### **Nurturing Innovations and Startups**

- Academic Integration: Encourage students to take up innovative projects based on real-life challenges.
- Mentorship: Establish a strong, in-house mentor pool and leverage external experts (alumni, industry professionals, investors) for guiding potential innovators and early-stage entrepreneurs.
- Activities: Organize regular activities such as workshops, seminars, hackathons, ideation camps, and competitions as per the MoE's MIC activity calendar and institutional initiatives.

#### **Faculty Involvement**

- Role Recognition: Entrepreneurial activities, mentoring startups, and product development are considered legitimate faculty duties and are included in their annual performance evaluations and promotion criteria.
- Conflict of Interest: A clear policy is established to manage and disclose potential conflicts of interest when faculty members are involved in startups, ensuring their primary academic duties are not compromised.



### Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange

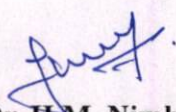
- Networking: Foster strong linkages with external stakeholders, including other academic institutions, R&D labs, industry partners, and investor networks.
- Community Outreach: The institution aims to be a driving force in developing the regional entrepreneurship ecosystem by extending its facilities and expertise to the local community and external startups.
- Knowledge Platform: Create an institutional innovation portal to highlight innovative projects, share success stories, and facilitate knowledge exchange.

### Meeting of the Council

Frequency: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month

### Composition of Council [IIC]

Name	Designation	Roles
Prof. Anish Vora	Director	President
Prof. Deepak Jani	Assistant Professor	Convener
Prof. Riddhi Malvaniya	Assistant Professor	IPR Activity Coordinator
Prof. Dhaval Chandarana	Assistant Professor	Innovation Activity, Start-up Activity Coordinator
Prof. Ravi Sachapara	Assistant Professor	NIRF Coordinator
Dr. Jigar Andhariya	Assistant Professor	RD Cell Coordinator
Prof. Rahul Parmar	Assistant Professor	Internship Coordinator
Prof. Prashant Viradiya	Assistant Professor	Member
Prof. Kashyap Dave	Assistant Professor	Member
Ms. Anshal Maheta	Student	Member
Mr. Meet Rathod	Student	Member
Mr. Bhavdip Dhandhukiya	Student	Member
Ms. Rishika Rajyagurur	Student	Member

  
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