

Role of Institution's Innovation Council in Nurturing Entrepreneurship at IIT Hyderabad



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In the year 2018, the Ministry of Education (MoE), through the MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC), launched the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) program in collaboration with AICTE for Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to systematically foster the culture of innovation and start-up ecosystem in educational institutions. Any Institute (HEIs) willing to establish IIC and meet any one of the following criteria can establish IIC at their Institute if

1. They have pre-incubation centres/incubation centres, student idea clubs
2. Participated in the NIRF Ranking
3. Recipient of TEQIP –III fund & establishment of Start-up Cell
4. Government/Government-funded/Deemed University
5. HEIs offering non-technical programs can also establish IIC.

To date, a total of 15940 IICs have been established in institutions across 28 states and 9 union territories.

The objective of IICs is to engage a large number of faculty, students and staff in various innovation and entrepreneurship-related activities such as Ideation, Problem solving, Proof of Concept development, IPR, Project handling and management so that the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem gets established and stabilised in HEIs.

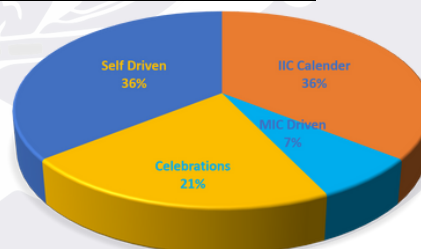
IIC is emerging as a very sustainable and scalable model for promoting innovation within HEIs, and the efforts of these IIC Institutes can be seen as an impactful contribution towards making the country's innovation and start-up ecosystem more vibrant and dynamic. It must be noted that there is no major capital investment required.

The IIC program makes use of the Institute's existing infrastructure to foster the culture of the I&E ecosystem on campus MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC) has mandated different programs and schemes for all the IIC Institutions across the country such as Innovation Ambassador Program (Training &

Mentoring support to students & faculties), Impact Lecture Session (Organizing lectures), Innovation Contest (Experiential Learning Program for potential student entrepreneurs), Mentor-Mentee Program (Peer-group mentoring support), Yukti National Innovation Repository (Repository of ideas, innovation and startups).

The Institution's Innovation Council at IIT Hyderabad was established in February 2018 with Innovation, IPR, and Entrepreneurship as its 3 pillars. Currently, the IIC has 35 members with a diverse representation of members from different departments, student bodies and industry specialists. The IIC at IIT Hyderabad meet once in a quarter to formalize the discussion and keep action points for activities in the coming quarter and regularly update it.

Every year the MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC) issues a Star Ranking (out of 5 stars) to reward the institutes for their performance in fulfilling all programs and activities as outlined by the MoE. We are happy to share that IIT Hyderabad has received 3.5/5 stars for the year 2022-23, and 2023-24. If you are interested in contributing to Innovation and Ecosystem at IIT Hyderabad, please connect with us at convenor.iic@iith.ac.in. More information regarding IIC at IIT Hyderabad can be found here <https://innovationcouncil.iith.ac.in/>



IIC Activity Statistics at IITH for FY 2023-2024

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