

Institution's Innovation Council

IIC CALENDER ACTIVITY



Title: Session with innovation and start-up ecosystem enabler.

Date: 20-08-2025.

Organizing Secretary: Dr. P. Sanjay, Dean Research, IIC-Convener

IIC Student Coordinator: Deepak V

Time: 10.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Guest Speaker: Mr. Vishnu Varadan

Chief Executive Officer of Atal Incubation Centre

Pondicherry Engineering College FG

Objectives:

1. Knowledge Sharing – Provide insights into the current trends, challenges, and opportunities in the innovation and start-up ecosystem.
2. Ecosystem Awareness – Help participants understand the roles of incubators, accelerators, investors, government schemes, and academia in enabling start-ups.
3. Best Practices – Showcase success stories, case studies, and learnings from ecosystem enablers and entrepreneurs.
4. Networking – Create a platform for start-ups, investors, mentors, and enablers to connect and explore collaborations.
5. Policy & Support Discussion – Highlight government initiatives, funding schemes, and institutional support available for budding entrepreneurs.

Participant Details:

The Session with Innovation and Start-up Ecosystem Enabler was organized under the Institution's Innovation Council at our medical college. The session was actively participated

by the ICC Coordinator, faculty members, undergraduate and postgraduate students. A total strength of about 40 participants attended the event, which included UG students, PG students, and faculty members from different departments. The session created an interactive platform where students and faculty engaged with the invited expert, gaining valuable insights into innovation, entrepreneurship, and opportunities within the healthcare start-up ecosystem.

Programme Overview:

A panel discussion on Innovation and Start-up Ecosystem Enabler was organized at our medical college under the Institution's Innovation Council. The session featured Dr. Vishnu Varadan, Chief Executive Officer of Atal Incubation Centre – Puducherry Engineering College Foundation, who shared valuable insights on start-up culture, incubation opportunities, and the role of innovation in healthcare. The program included an expert talk followed by an interactive discussion with undergraduate, postgraduate students and faculty members, providing a platform to understand the importance of entrepreneurship and ecosystem support in medical education.

Outcomes:

- Enhanced awareness about the start-up ecosystem and its relevance in healthcare.
- Exposure to incubation opportunities and government support schemes for innovators.
- Motivation for students and faculty to develop an entrepreneurial mindset.
- Inspiration to apply innovative approaches for addressing healthcare challenges.

Way Forward:

The way forward from this session is to build a culture of innovation within the institution by motivating students and faculty to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in healthcare. Future plans include hosting more expert talks, establishing stronger industry and incubation partnerships, and guiding young innovators to translate their ideas into practical healthcare solutions.

