



Medical College and Hospital
Kalitheerthalkuppam, Puducherry 605107

Institution's Innovation Council



MIC DRIVEN ACTIVITY

Title: Rashtra Pratham – Hosted by Dr. Abhay Jere, Vice Chairman, AICTE & Chief Innovation Officer, and MoE's Innovation Cell.

Date: 19-08-2025.

Objectives:

- To document the key insights and discussions presented in Rashtra Pratham – Episode, highlighting the vision and strategies for national development through innovation and education.
- To analyze the role of innovation and entrepreneurship in India's progress, as emphasized by Dr. Abhay Jere and guest speakers during the episode.
- To disseminate information and inspire academic institutions, students, and stakeholders about current government initiatives and opportunities in the innovation ecosystem.
- To provide a comprehensive summary of expert perspectives on how education, technology, and policy can align with the goal of "Rashtra Pratham" (Nation First).
- To encourage active participation in national innovation missions by showcasing real-life success stories, policy frameworks, and collaborative opportunities discussed in the episode.

Participant Details:

A total of **150 MBBS Phase 3 students** attended the Rashtra Pratham –webinar. The session was organized and streamed in the college **lecture hall**, providing a focused and collaborative environment for learning.

The students actively engaged with the content presented by **Dr. Abhay Jere**, gaining valuable insights into national innovation initiatives, the role of youth in shaping India's future, and the importance of fostering an innovation-driven mindset in the medical and academic community.

Programme Overview:

The Rashtra Pratham –webinar is part of a national initiative aimed at inspiring the youth of India to place the nation first in all their endeavors—be it education, innovation, entrepreneurship, or public service. The episode was hosted by **Dr. Abhay Jere**, Vice Chairman of AICTE and Chief Innovation Officer at the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell.

This episode focused on nurturing a spirit of innovation, self-reliance, and national pride among students, especially those pursuing higher education in professional fields such as medicine, engineering, and sciences. Through insightful discussions, success stories, and motivational messages, the session emphasized the importance of contributing to India's growth through creative thinking, problem-solving, and socially impactful innovation.

Outcomes:

- Students gained a deeper understanding of the "**Rashtra Pratham**" (**Nation First**) philosophy and its relevance in their academic and professional journeys.
- The session inspired participants to think beyond traditional roles and explore **innovation and entrepreneurship** as tools for nation-building.
- Students were introduced to various **government initiatives and platforms**, such as the Innovation Cell and Smart India Hackathon, encouraging future participation.
- The webinar fostered a sense of **responsibility and leadership** among medical students to contribute meaningfully to India's healthcare and development sectors.
- The event encouraged a culture of **critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving**, aligning medical education with national priorities.

Way Forward: To build on the momentum of the webinar, the institution should encourage student participation in national innovation initiatives like Smart India Hackathon and foster awareness about innovation and entrepreneurship in healthcare. Setting up innovation clubs, promoting interdisciplinary collaboration, and staying connected with national-level discussions and webinars will help students align their skills with the vision of “Rashtra Pratham” and contribute meaningfully to nation-building.



IIC - MIC Driven Activity

Title: Rashtra Pratham – An IIC Initiative to Inspire Innovation and Leadership

Date: 22.08.2025

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

IIC - Student Coordinator: Deepak V

Objective:

The primary objective of the IIC event “Rashtra Pratham: Voices that Shape the Nation” was to inspire students towards innovation, entrepreneurship, and nation-building by engaging with eminent personalities who have made a significant impact in their fields. The session aimed at providing practical insights, motivating learners, and encouraging them to think beyond conventional boundaries.

- To foster an entrepreneurial mindset among students through real-life experiences.
- To highlight the role of innovation in shaping the nation’s progress.
- To motivate young minds to explore creative solutions for societal challenges.
- To encourage students to actively participate in initiatives of the Ministry of Education and AICTE.

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Ankur Warikoo – Entrepreneur, Author, and Content Creator.

Dr. Abhay Jere – Vice Chairman AICTE & Chief Innovation Officer (CIO), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.



Participant Details:

The session had a total participation of 150 students of MBBS Phase 3. The students attended the session through online platform arranged by the IIC of Sri Manakula Vinayagar Medical College and Hospital

Programme Overview:

The IIC event “Rashtra Pratham: Voices that Shape the Nation” was organized as an interactive session to inspire students and faculty about innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership. The programme featured thought-provoking discussions led by distinguished speakers who shared their journeys, challenges, and insights into building a culture of innovation in India. The session highlighted the importance of creativity, risk-taking, and problem-solving in the current educational and professional landscape.

Outcomes:

- Students gained valuable insights into entrepreneurship, leadership, and innovation from industry experts.
- Participants were motivated to think creatively and explore innovative solutions to real-world challenges.
- The session strengthened awareness about government initiatives promoting innovation and start-up culture.
- Enhanced student engagement with the IIC, encouraging active participation in future innovation-driven activities.

Way Forward:

The event has set a strong base for promoting innovation and entrepreneurship among students. Going ahead, the IIC will organize more sessions, workshops, and mentorship activities to keep the momentum alive. Focus will be on encouraging student-led projects, guiding them towards incubation/start-up opportunities, and building collaborations with experts to provide continuous support.

