



Institution's Innovation Council (IIC):

The Ministry of Education (MoE) through MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC) launched the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) program in collaboration with AICTE for Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in 2018 to systematically foster the culture of innovation and start-up ecosystem in Higher education institutions.

So far a network of more than 2900 IIC institutions has been established. Primarily, IICs' role 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, Design Thinking, IPR, project handling and management at Pre-incubation/Incubation stage, etc., so that innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem gets established and stabilized in HEIs.

The IIC model is designed to address the existing challenges/issues in HEIs such as fewer numbers, occasional and unplanned Innovation & Entrepreneurship (I&E) activities with low involvement of top leadership, lack of coherence, and absence of synergy in resource mobilization, deployment, and underutilization of the creative potential of youths as a major barrier for vibrant I&E ecosystem to emerge from HEIs. IIC model is unique and distinct as it integrates the functionalities of flexible calendar activities, scoring and reward system, decentralizing operation with the division of work, progress monitoring, and incentive mechanisms in a coordinated manner through a robust digital platform.

In the last three years, IIC has emerged 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-ups ecosystem more vibrant and dynamic. The recent achievement of India's 46th position in the Global Innovation Index (GII) ranking 2021 is a reflection of the same. You may refer to the best performing IIC institutes announced under the IIC 2.0 (2019-20) and IIC3.0 (2020-21) IIC annual performance rating at https://iic.mic.gov.in/iic_rating_2019_20 & <https://iic.mic.gov.in/iic-ratings2021>

The achievement and impact created by these IIC institutions and at national level can be seen at <https://iic.mic.gov.in/iic-impact-dashboard>

Currently, the registration of HEIs for IIC4.0 (AY 2021-22) is going on. HEIs have not established IICs are also invited to become part of the network. In this regard, we are inviting your institution to establish an IIC. To initiate this, the Head of the Institute (HoI) has to register and submit the application. The soon you will submit, we will evaluate and approve the establishment of IIC accordingly and it will help you to start conducting the IIC activities for the AY 2021-22.

You can visit the website for more information at <https://iic.mic.gov.in>

You can sign up for new registration for the establishment of IIC at <https://iic.mic.gov.in/signup>

For any query please contact zonal coordinator of your zone <https://iic.mic.gov.in/iic-implementation-team>

We will wait to see you and welcome you to join the largest and ever-growing network of IIC institutions.

Thank you, regards.

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