

The background of the cover features a hand holding a glowing white rocket launch. The rocket is emitting a bright orange and yellow flame at its base. Surrounding the rocket are several circular icons connected by thin white lines, representing various aspects of innovation and technology. These icons include a smartphone, a computer monitor, a cloud with an upload arrow, a target, a lightbulb, a brain, a magnifying glass over a bar chart, a gear, and a laptop. The overall theme is innovation and growth.

Nurturing Innovation

A Report on
Incubation Centres in Pune

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Foreward

Pune has long been recognized as a hub of education, technology, and entrepreneurship, fostering an ecosystem where ideas transform into impactful ventures. As the city continues to grow as a centre of innovation, incubation centres play a crucial role in nurturing startups and providing the necessary support for their success.

This report, Nurturing Innovation: A Report on Incubation Centres in Pune, aims to offer a comprehensive overview of the incubation landscape in Pune. It highlights the institutions, initiatives, and success stories that have shaped Pune into a thriving startup ecosystem. From mentorship and funding support to state-of-the-art facilities and strategic networking opportunities, these incubation centres empower entrepreneurs with the tools needed to scale their businesses and contribute to economic growth.

By documenting the initiatives of key incubation centres, this report serves as a valuable resource for aspiring entrepreneurs, policymakers, and industry stakeholders who seek to understand and leverage Pune's entrepreneurial ecosystem. We hope this report inspires further collaboration, investment, and policy support to drive innovation and business excellence in the region.

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Incubation Centres in Pune

Pune has emerged as an important startup hub. It is driven by several critical factors contributing to its thriving ecosystem.

The city benefits from a robust talent pool, with several skilled professionals graduating from esteemed educational institutions. This influx of talent enhances Pune's technological capabilities and fosters innovation.

Also, government support plays a pivotal role, exemplified by Maharashtra's proactive policies, such as the Maharashtra State Innovative Startup Policy, which offers tax incentives and grants to encourage entrepreneurial ventures. The government has also extended its seed funding initiatives to the city.

In 2024, Pune startups raised approximately \$395 million across 70 funding rounds. This reflects continued investor confidence despite a slight decline of 10% from previous years. This funding supports diverse sectors including cybersecurity, SaaS, deep tech, healthcare, and life sciences, showcasing the city's adaptability and growth potential.

What are incubation centers and why are they important?

Incubation centers are specialized institutions that support entrepreneurs, particularly in the early stages of business development. They provide essential services such as business and technical assistance, initial funding, mentorship, and access to resources like office space and networking opportunities. The primary goal is to create a nurturing environment where new ideas can evolve into viable businesses. Incubation centres are crucial for stimulating economic growth. By supporting startups, they contribute to job creation, innovation, and the diversification of local economies. These centres help reduce reliance on single industries by nurturing businesses across various sectors, leading to a more resilient economic landscape.

For MSMEs, which are vital to many economies due to their contributions to employment and GDP, incubation centres provide tailored support that addresses specific challenges such as access to resources, lack of networking opportunities and innovation promotion.



1.

VENTURE CENTRE

Introduction

Venture Center, established on January 10, 2007, is India's award-winning leading technology business incubator for science and technology startups. As an initiative of the National Chemical Laboratory (NCL) under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), it operates under the "Scheme for setting up incubation centres in CSIR laboratories." Incorporated as the "Entrepreneurship Development Centre" under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 (now Section 8 under the Companies Act, 2013), Venture Centre is an approved incubator of the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India (DST-NSTEDB), and the Department of Biotechnology's (DBT) Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).



Vision

The vision of Venture Center is to be credited with creating, shaping, and sustaining a "Pune cluster" of innovative technology businesses with a significant economic impact regionally, nationally, and globally within the next 20 years. Its mission is to nucleate and nurture world-leading inventive ventures out of India that solve the world's most pressing problems with science and technology-led interventions. The incubation Centre offers several services, funding options and mentoring programs to assist the incubatees.



Mentoring Programs

- **Pre-incubation:** Early-stage support through Ignition and Kickstart programs for tech project development.
- **Virtual Incubation:** Remote support via the Associate Incubatee Program (AIP) for science-based startups.
- **Resident Incubation:** On-campus access to mentorship, funding, and business networks in Pune.
- **Soft Landing Program:** Customized R&D relocation support for large companies entering Pune.



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Services

Venture Centre offers a diverse range of services to support startups and entrepreneurs. It facilitates collaboration between know-how providers, entrepreneurs, and financiers to form business teams.

1

Scientific Services & Facilities:

- Comprehensive support for R&D activities across various domains.
- Facilities for cell studies, lab-scale chemistry, and controlled storage solutions.
- Specialized Medtech Cleanroom and Hot Labs for science and tech projects.

2

Prototyping Facility & Support

- Ready-to-use facilities for inventors and entrepreneurs.
- A collaborative space to develop, test, and refine prototypes.
- Hands-on support to transform ideas into tangible products.

3

Analytical Measurements & Certifications

- World-class analytical services ensuring accuracy and reliability.
- Comprehensive testing and certification for diverse industry needs.
- Efficient processes to meet regulatory and quality standards.

4

Business Advisory & Consulting

- Expert guidance on intellectual property, fundraising, and technology commercialization.
- Tailored consulting solutions to address key business challenges.
- Support for entrepreneurs and organizations to scale effectively.

5

Infrastructural Support Services

- Full-service office spaces, hot desking, and specialised lab facilities.
- Seamless operational setup to accelerate startup growth.
- Versatile event venues for networking and collaboration.

6

Branding Services

- Custom branding solutions, including logo design and website development.
- Strategies to create impactful and memorable brand identities.
- Focused on engaging audiences and driving long-term growth.



Funding

Fellowships

- Encourages entrepreneurship by reducing financial risks and opportunity costs.
- Provides a structured platform to nurture entrepreneurial ambitions.
- Supports individuals in transitioning into entrepreneurial careers.

Grants

- Accelerates the conversion of innovative ideas into prototypes.
- Encourages experimentation and problem-solving for global challenges.
- Serves as a stepping stone toward building sustainable ventures.

Seed Investments

- Facilitates resource generation and co-investment opportunities for startups.
- Leverages Venture Centre's ecosystem for mentorship, branding, and networking.
- Focuses on achieving key milestones and preparing for future funding rounds.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

- Enables startups to benefit from corporate-supported initiatives.
- Partnerships with leading corporations to execute impactful projects.
- Provides funding and resources for socially responsible innovations.

Programs Offered

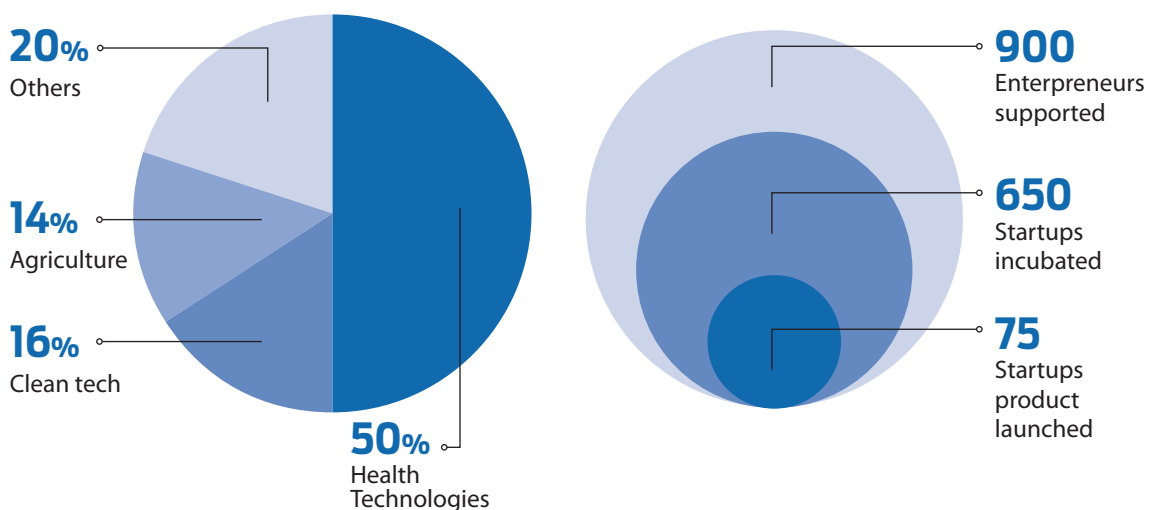
- **Leap Global Program:** Lasts 6 months, focused on deep tech startups in healthcare, environment, and sustainability sectors for global scaling.
- **Investor Readiness Program:** 24 weeks, focused on helping startups enhance their fundraising efforts with mentoring and investor pitching opportunities.
- **Blockchain for Impact (BFI - Biome):** Over a course of 3 years, focused on driving biomedical innovation for transformative healthcare solutions.
- **DEIA Catalyst Program:** Focused on sensitising and assisting 60-75 MSME owners in adopting DEIA policies across five Indian regions.
- **Early Translational Accelerator (ETA):** Focused on translating academic discoveries into validated technologies (TRL 7-8) in partnership with industry.
- **Lab2Mkt:** Focused on transitioning technology innovations into viable business plans through a three-stage process.
- **MeiTY SAMRIDH:** Focused on accelerating IT-based startups to scale and create social impact in India.
- **NIDHI EIR Program Implementation Partners (NIDHI PIP):** Focused on supporting early-stage entrepreneurs under the NIDHI-EIR scheme.
- **Bioincubator:** Focused on nurturing bio-enterprises with support from DBT-BIRAC through services, facilities, and networking.
- **Social Innovations:** Focused on supporting entrepreneurial solutions with significant social impact via the INCLUDE program.
- **Social Innovation Immersion Program (SIIP):** Duration not specified, focused on fostering innovative solutions to societal health issues under DBT-BIRAC's SPARSH scheme.



Startups

Since its inception, Venture Centre has supported over 900 entrepreneurs and backed 650 startups, with more than 70 resident incubates within NCL Innovation Park. More than 50% of the startups focus on health technologies, 16% on clean tech, and 14% on agriculture. Over 75 startup products and services have been launched in the market.

Percentage of Startups



Key Achievements (2023-2024):

- Became the first incubator to be registered on the Social Stock Exchange of Bombay Stock Exchange Limited.
- Launched new programs:
 - a) Startup Launch Accelerator Program.
 - b) Early Translation Accelerator.
- Received a grant from the U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai, to promote diversity and inclusion in MSMEs across India.
- Established collaborations with leading corporate entities, including:
 - a) Kotak Alternate Asset Managers.
 - b) Ansys Software under their CSR programs.
- Selected by Tata Trusts to implement the Social Alpha Entrepreneurs for Impact (E4i) initiative.
- Recognized by the Indian Biotech Ecosystem for contributions to bio-entrepreneurship.



Success Stories



PadCare Labs

PadCare Labs, founded by Ajinkya Dhariya, tackles menstrual waste management with its patented 5D recycling process. With support from Venture Centre, PadCare secured funding through the SOCH grant and additional investment to develop its innovative disposal and recycling solutions. The company's discreet disposal bins and recycling services promote hygiene and sustainability by repurposing used sanitary pads into reusable materials. Through collaborations with organizations and communities, PadCare advances sustainable menstrual hygiene solutions while ensuring safer waste management for rag pickers. PadCare's journey highlights how incubation support and innovation can create meaningful social and environmental impact.

Indius Medical

Indius Medical, founded by Aditya Ingalhalikar, aims to provide high-quality, affordable spinal implants in India. With support from Venture Centre, Indius developed innovative solutions like pediatric screws with adult load-bearing capacity, enhancing surgical outcomes. The company secured US FDA approval and expanded to Dallas while maintaining its R&D base in Pune. With the global spinal implants market valued at \$14 billion, Indius Medical is strategically positioned to cater to both Indian and international markets.

Serigen Mediproducs

Serigen Mediproducs, founded by Dr. Anuya Nisal, pioneers silk-based biomedical solutions for wound healing and tissue regeneration. With support from Venture Centre, Serigen transformed research from CSIR-NCL into innovative products like Seriderm for wound care and Serimat for soft tissue regeneration. The startup's silk-based scaffolds offer unique solutions for bone regeneration, validated through successful animal studies and international patents. Venture Centre provided crucial mentorship and funding, helping Serigen advance its technology and navigate clinical trials. Today, Serigen stands as a leader in biomaterials, addressing critical medical challenges and expanding into global markets.



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COEP'S BHAU INSTITUTE

Introduction

Bhau Institute set up by College of Engineering, Pune in 2011 is a premier startup incubation Centre dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship and innovation in India. Bhau Institute aims to empower aspiring entrepreneurs to realize their full potential. The institute provides strategic mentorship and resources, enabling individuals to navigate their entrepreneurial journeys successfully. With a focus on nurturing both rural and urban entrepreneurs, Bhau Institute serves as a catalyst for economic growth and sustainable development.



Vision

Bhau Institute envisions transforming India by empowering young entrepreneurs who represent the future of both rural and urban landscapes. The institute aims to create a successful and scalable model that can be replicated across 1,000+ locations nationwide, each capable of inspiring and supporting over 1,000 entrepreneurs. Bhau Institute is committed to promoting entrepreneurship in a self-sustained and scalable manner by establishing a world-class ecosystem that drives innovation and economic progress.



Services

- **Shared Services:** Internet, office utilities, meeting rooms, software tools, analytical databases, and access to COEP labs.
- **Funding Support:** Access to angel networks, VCs, HNIs, PE partners, government schemes, and CSR funds.
- **Mentoring Support:** Guidance in business strategy, technology commercialization, product development, IP, legal, marketing, finance, and team management.
- **Third-Party Services:** Vetted providers for legal, marketing, patenting, web design, accounting, and financial services.
- **Play and Build:** Hands-on training in IoT, cybersecurity, and healthcare technologies with thematic learning.
- **Events:** Investor pitches, corporate-sponsored events, and global collaborations to foster entrepreneurship and innovation.



Startup Incubation Thrust Areas

- Grassroot Innovations
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Social Impact
- Healthcare Technology
- Cyber Security
- Edutech
- EV & Smart Mobility
- Renewable Energy
- Agritech

Key Statistics

1,422 +
Employment Generated

309
Startups Supported

107
Current Incubated Startups

123
Graduated Startups

130
IP's Generated

66
Women Entrepreneurs



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Startup Incubation Types

1

Pre-Incubation:

For budding entrepreneurs and students exploring entrepreneurship, this program offers basic training and mentoring for business and technical validation. Participants also gain access to networking events.

2

Corporate Incubation:

Bhau Institute collaborates with corporate organizations to incubate innovations outside their mainstream innovation pipelines. Corporate partners can leverage Bhau's resources for R&D and product development to create successful startups.

3

Physical Incubation:

A selective program offering intensive support, including structured training, mentoring, third-party services, funding, and access to a global network. This program focuses on IoT, healthcare, cybersecurity, and grassroots innovations.

4

Virtual Incubation:

For startups that don't require a physical space, this program offers remote mentoring, training, and access to networking events while still benefiting from Bhau's incubation resources.

Funding Programs Overview

1) NIDHI PRAYAS

- Supports young innovators to develop ideas into prototypes.
- Access to prototyping labs, mentorship, technology guidance, and networking.
- At least 10 innovators selected annually.

2) NIDHI EIR

- Aimed at aspiring tech entrepreneurs associated with academic/research institutions.
- Provides support in technology commercialization and venture creation.
- Offers network expansion and critical feedback on ventures.

3) NIDHI SSP

- Seed funding for incubated startups to advance product development, testing, and trials.
- Covers mentoring, professional consultancy, IPR issues, and operational manpower.

4) NIDHI SISFS

- Seed funding for proof of concept, prototype development, product trials, market entry, and commercialization.
- Disbursed through eligible incubators to support early-stage startups.

5) Sarthi - Bhau Incubation

- Fellowship program for budding entrepreneurs from Maratha/Kunbi communities.
- Provides guidance, office space, and access to funding and ecosystem networks.
- Fellowship of Rs. 25,000/month for 12 months (up to Rs. 3,00,000).

6) Amrut - Bhau Incubation

- Fellowship for economically weaker students in Maharashtra's open category.
- Offers mentorship, office space, and assistance in raising funds.
- Fellowship of Rs. 25,000/month for 12 months (up to Rs. 3,00,000).



Success Stories



Cresa Greentech

Cresa Greentech, supported by COEP's Bhau Institute, is revolutionizing sustainable menstrual care. Founded by Sarika Pathak Kulkarni, the startup developed a hot water flushable sanitary napkin, a biodegradable, non-plastic product that dissolves safely in water. Cresa's mission is to offer eco-friendly, hygienic solutions that reduce environmental impact. Recently recognized in Zee 24 Tas's 'RISE – Startup to Unicorn' program, Cresa continues to lead in providing pollution-free menstrual products to women globally, thanks to the guidance and resources from Bhau Institute.

Wingrow Agritech

Wingrow Agritech Producer Co. Ltd, led by Mr. Mayur Pawar, is a success story from COEP's Bhau Institute under the NIDHI EIR program in 2024. Recently featured in a video at the DST Startup Utsav in IIT Delhi, Wingrow has developed India's first stall booking platform for physical markets, connecting farmers, FPOs, and SHGs with customers using AI and ML-driven technology. This innovation supports the "Vocal for Local" initiative. Wingrow has created over 600 self-dependent farmers, increased their income by 30%, and converted 24 farmers to organic farming. The startup also facilitates contract farming for 13 crops and collaborates with over 30 SHGs, driving rural economic growth.



3.

PCCOE – CENTRE FOR INNOVATION, INCUBATION, AND LINKAGES (CIIL)

Introduction

PCCOE – Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Linkages (CIIL) is a non-profit entity, registered under the Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) in 2020. The Centre is committed to motivating students, researchers, and faculty to transform their innovations into market-ready solutions through a formal startup framework. With numerous promising projects emerging from the PCET institutes, CIIL plays a pivotal role in guiding these innovations toward commercialization, offering expert mentorship and ensuring that the ventures are primed for future funding opportunities such as seed, angel, or venture capital.



Vision

CIIL's vision is to foster the creation of startups and the growth of promising innovations by bringing together the right technology, skilled individuals, business mentors, and adequate funding. It seeks to create an ecosystem that nurtures entrepreneurial ventures and accelerates their success in the marketplace.

Thrust Areas

- Agritech
- Healthtech
- Innovation in Services
- FoodTech
- New Product Development
- Aggregator & platform apps
- Fintech
- Gadgets & Consumer durables
- Digital Media
- E-mobility
- Consumer appliances
- Research to Market
- Renewable Energy
- CleanTech
- SaaS based Innovations
- Material tech
- Import Substitutes
- B2G startups



■ Incubation Programmes

1. Pre-incubation Program:

- **Focus:** Ideation to Prototype
- **Highlights:** Idea Validation, Team Formation, Business Plan, Workshops
- **Timeframe:** 3 months
- **Eligibility:** No legal entity, problem-solution identified, or winners of relevant challenges
- **Fees:** Registration & Program Fee

2. Incubation Program:

- **Focus:** Prototype to Product, Market Reach
- **Highlights:** MVP Development, Go To Market Strategy, Access to Investors
- **Timeframe:** 9 months
- **Eligibility:** Registered entities (Pvt. Ltd, LLP, etc.), 5% equity to CIIL

3. Acceleration Program:

- **Focus:** Business Development, Sales Strategy, Networking
- **Highlights:** Go To Market, VC Presentations, Admin Support
- **Timeframe:** 4 months
- **Eligibility:** Active businesses (2+ years), Sector-specific, 5% equity if funding > 20 lakhs

■ Services Offered

1) Infrastructure Facility

- Furnished Office Space / Co-working space*
- Shared Resources: Meeting rooms, Conference rooms, Office productivity equipment
- Technology and Prototyping Facility
- Lab/ Innovation & Research /Prototyping Facility of any PCCOE Department/Institute
- Electricity with Inverter backup (Single Phase, 240 volt, 15A)
- Internet through Wi-Fi or LAN (with limited website access)

2) Grant and Funding Support

- Initial Incubation support of INR 3 lac
- Includes marketing and promotional activities support
- Support can increase as per the growth and traction of the company, upto Additional INR 7 lakh (subject to support to CIIL from the state, central govt and other private businesses.

3) Mentoring/Advisory Support

- One to many mentoring services from Technology and Business Strategy Mentors.
- One-to-one mentoring for limited time period throughout the incubation period (Limitation is of 10 Hrs.)

4) Partners Networking Support

- Facilitation for business, professionals and investors network.
- Showcasing opportunities: Demo day, Startup Conclave, Events, Grand Challenges.



Key Statistics



15

**Startups
Supported**

30

**Employment
Opportunities Generated**

10

**MoUs
Signed**

7

**Startup Companies
Registered**

18

**Events & Awareness
Sessions Organized**

15

**Mentors in the
Network**

Success Stories



FDVZ Healthy Life Pvt. Ltd

FDVZ Healthy Life Pvt. Ltd., operating under the brand Foodvez, is a successful health food e-commerce marketplace incubated by PCCOE – Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Linkages (CIIL). Foodvez offers a curated platform where customers can discover, learn, and shop for healthy food choices tailored to their needs. The platform is powered by a rapidly growing community of health experts, providing personalised recommendations through an advanced recommendation engine. By bridging the gap between consumers and healthy eating solutions, Foodvez is transforming the health food industry with its expert-backed approach and commitment to promoting well-being.



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ATAL INCUBATION CENTRE IISER PUNE SEED FOUNDATION (AIC-SEED)

Introduction:

Atal Incubation Centre IISER Pune SEED Foundation (AIC-SEED), established in 2021, is a pioneering technology business incubator dedicated to fostering deep science-based startups. The centre was conceived from the enthusiastic activities of students and faculty members at the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Cell at IISER Pune in 2016. A formal proposal was submitted to the Atal Innovation Mission in 2018, leading to the establishment of the Atal Incubation Centre, which was sanctioned in 2019-20. AIC-SEED began operations in 2021, marking the culmination of years of perseverance and commitment to creating an ecosystem where ideas can transform into impactful ventures.



Vision

AIC-SEED aims to create and nurture entrepreneurial ventures emerging from high-quality scientific research. The centre focuses on promoting student and faculty entrepreneurship while fostering science and knowledge-driven startups. It firmly believes in the power of science to address complex global challenges and is committed to providing a unique incubation ecosystem that supports science-based startups. With the core values embodied by SEED (Society for Entrepreneurship in Education and Development), AIC-SEED strives to be the nurturing ground for transformative ideas, guiding them from initial concept to societal value creation.



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Services Offered at AIC-SEED

1) Co-working Office Space:

- Fully equipped office spaces for young startups.
- A collaborative environment fostering networking and innovation.
- Scenic campus boosting productivity and creativity.

2) Dedicated and Shared Labs:

- Bio-incubation and chem-incubation labs with cutting-edge tools.
- Modular, scalable lab facilities to support startup growth.
- Access to R&D resources for deep science-based ventures.

3) Resources – Maker’s Space, AI & Design Studio:

- Equipped with software, tools, and resources for rapid prototyping.
- Supports product design, visualization, and iteration based on user feedback.

4) Business Advisory Services:

- Expert advice across marketing, legal, R&D, product development, and more.
- In-house expertise and service provider tie-ups to support key business functions.
- Tailored advisory services matching startup needs.

5) Funding Opportunities:

- Platform connecting startups with various funding sources (debt, equity, grants, VCs).
- Seed funding available for eligible startups.
- Guidance on leveraging funding to scale and grow businesses.

6) Mentorship and Networking:

- Access to industry-specific mentors for business growth.
- Networking opportunities with key stakeholders.
- Structured mentoring to help startups navigate challenges and accelerate growth.

Focus Areas

- Biotechnology
- Healthcare & Medtech
- Energy
- Environment
- Functional Materials
- AI & Big Data



Incubation Programs at AIC-SEED

1) Pre-incubation Program - “Seedlings”:

- Tailored for aspiring entrepreneurs with TRL level 3 or below.
- Focus on refining ideas, evaluating market potential, and developing business models.
- Program duration: 3 months, ending with a roadmap and decision on startup registration.

2) Early Incubation Program - “Saplings”:

- Designed for early-stage startups (TRL 2-4).
- Focus on market validation, Minimum Lovable Product (MLP), and scaling up.
- Duration: 1.5 to 2 years, includes funding and seed funding opportunities.

3) Advanced Incubation Program - “Green Shoots”:

- For mature startups ready to scale, strengthen product-market fit, and become investible.
- Support in market traction, regulatory approvals, and pitching to investors.

4) Virtual Incubation Program:

- Accessible to entrepreneurs across India, overcoming geographical barriers.
- Flexible 3-month program with mentoring and hand-holding.
- Outcome: Specific deliverables as mutually agreed upon.

5) AIC-SEED Student Entrepreneur Fellowship:

- Offers opportunities for IISER Pune’s BS-MS students to explore entrepreneurship.
- Encourages applying basic science knowledge to real-life challenges.
- Recognized and supported student entrepreneurs through fellowship.

Success Stories



Crisylis Biowork

As an incubatee of AIC-SEED, Crisylis Bioworks is making significant strides in transforming environmental challenges into sustainable solutions and has been selected for the Massachusetts Innovation Network’s Global Eddies program in 2025. Focused on the development of eco-friendly materials, the company is dedicated to biodiversity conservation and circular economies. With a mission to create positive impacts on both people and the planet, Crisylis Bioworks is leading the way toward a greener future through innovation and sustainable practices.



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PIMPRI CHINCHWAD STARTUP INCUBATION CENTRE (PCSIC)

Introduction

The Pimpri Chinchwad Startup Incubation Centre (PCSIC) is the first of its kind in the Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) area, a collaborative initiative developed by Pimpri Chinchwad Smart City Limited, Auto Cluster Development & Research Institute, and the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture. Established in November 2019, PCSIC has rapidly become a pivotal hub for nurturing and supporting startups and entrepreneurs in the region. Equipped with essential infrastructure, including Wi-Fi, conference rooms, and expert guidance, the centre has emerged as a preferred destination for emerging businesses. By offering skill development, market insights, and strategic planning, PCSIC continues to guide entrepreneurs on their journey toward success.



Vision

The vision of the Pimpri Chinchwad Startup Incubation Centre is to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and employment generation in the PCMC region. By providing a collaborative ecosystem for startups, PCSIC aims to support the growth of local businesses, creating long-term value for the community. Through its nurturing environment, the centre seeks to uplift the standard of living for people in the area and contribute to the overall development of India's entrepreneurial landscape. With a strong focus on innovation and skills development, PCSIC aspires to be the key enabler for startups to thrive in a rapidly evolving marketplace.

Incubation Programme

The organisation offers one incubation program for 18 months and caters to startups from all sectors. The organisation offers comprehensive support through the incubation program to businesses by providing infrastructure and office space solutions, access to advanced 3D printing machines, and expert business mentorship. It facilitates efficient supply chain management, sales, and HR support to ensure smooth operations. Additionally, the organization enables valuable networking opportunities and strategic partnerships through MoUs, fostering potential collaborations. Its initiatives are designed to enhance business skills and drive growth in a competitive market.



Services Offered

The organization offers its services at a token amount of INR 3,000 per month for every incubatee. The incubation startup also has a jury round. Upon successfully passing a jury evaluation, the fee is revised to INR 5,000 as a one-time fee for the entire tenure of 18 months. This structured approach ensures businesses receive progressive support while maintaining affordability and value.

1) Infrastructure

- Office spaces
- Internet connectivity
- Conference room

2) Mentorship

- Business training & workshops
- Interaction with domain-specific experts
- Connect with Industry

3) Prototype Development

- Assistance with prototype development
- Production facility for prototype development
- Prototype testing facility

4) Business Services

- Business Idea Analysis
- Business Model Assistance
- Marketing Assistance

5) Intellectual Property Protection Assistance

- Assistance with compliances
- Assistance in company formation

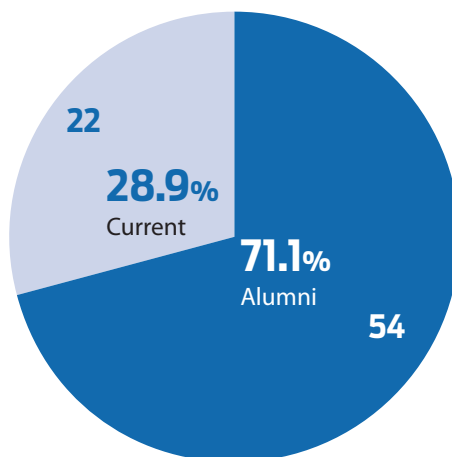
6) Legal and Finance Advisory

- Assistance with Government finance schemes
- Assistance with Government schemes and portals registration

Key Statistics

Incubated Start ups

Pimpri Chinchwad Startup Incubation Centre has incubated 76 startups till date which range include start ups from sectors such as EVs, sustainability, health and technology. There are 56 alumni start ups and 22 currently incubated startups. The startups have collectively generated 250+ permanent employment opportunities.



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Success Stories



Ashaya - WithoutTM

Ashaya, an innovative startup incubated by PCSIC and founded by Anish Malpani, is revolutionizing plastic recycling in India by tackling multi-layered plastic (MLP) waste, starting with chip packets. As a proof of concept for its patent-pending technology, Ashaya created the world's first recycled sunglasses using MLP, a material previously deemed "impossible" to recycle. Its proprietary process chemically demetalizes MLP and separates polyolefins and PET, converting them into high-quality, recyclable materials. In addition to promoting sustainability, Ashaya empowers waste-pickers by providing them opportunities to overcome multidimensional poverty.

CerebroSpark LLP

CerebroSpark LLP, an indigenous drone startup incubated by PCSIC and founded by Ganesh Thorat and Mihir Kedar, is enhancing agricultural productivity in India with its efficient drone solutions for pesticide spraying. With a focus on quality-driven manufacturing and continuous innovation, the company aims to become a leading multidimensional drone enterprise. By addressing the growing demand for drone technology, CerebroSpark is driving advancements across industries while supporting India's self-reliance and sustainability goals.

Pixaflip Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Pixaflip Technologies Pvt. Ltd. is a dynamic player in the digital technology services space, offering innovative learning apps like Acadflip and Flipgrad, and providing comprehensive services such as mobile app development, AI/ML solutions, and digital marketing. As an incubatee of Pimpri Chinchwad Startup Incubation Centre (PCSIC), Pixaflip has benefitted from critical support in infrastructure, guidance, and networking, accelerating its journey towards transforming digital learning and business operations. PCSIC has played a pivotal role in empowering Pixaflip's vision to reform industries through cutting-edge technological solutions, contributing to the company's success and growth.

Nettoyer Automotives Pvt. Ltd.

Nettoyer Automotives Pvt. Ltd. is driving eco-friendly transportation with its Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) Kits, enabling cars to switch between electric and engine modes, reducing travel costs and air pollution. As an incubatee of Pimpri Chinchwad Startup Incubation Centre (PCSIC), the company has benefited from expert guidance, infrastructure, and a nurturing environment. PCSIC has played a key role in accelerating Nettoyer's growth and refining its business model, supporting its mission to contribute to a sustainable future in clean energy transportation.



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FMCIII

Introduction:

FMCIII is a flagship initiative by Marathwada Mitramandal, Pune, in collaboration with Tata Technologies Ltd. and the Science & Technology Park, designed to reshape the business ecosystem in Pune. Offering a platform for emerging businesses, FMCIII provides everything a startup needs to thrive—flexible business ownership, 24/7 access, high-speed WiFi, and an array of innovative meeting spaces. This incubation centre aims to provide entrepreneurs with the resources and infrastructure required to establish and scale their ventures with ease.



Vision

FMCIII aspires to be the epicenter of technological excellence, creating a dynamic ecosystem where innovation flourishes. By fostering collaboration and providing cutting-edge resources, FMCIII empowers startups, SMEs, and entrepreneurs to redefine the future of business. The centre envisions becoming a leading force in nurturing breakthrough ideas and advancing entrepreneurial growth. The incubation centre has incubated 30 start ups as of date.

Incubator Accelerator Program

FMCIII's Accelerator Program provides a fast-paced, immersive learning experience designed to rapidly advance the growth of startups. In a few months, entrepreneurs can gain the equivalent of years of hands-on experience. The program offers access to a co-working space in Pune, along with a network of mentors, advisors, and educators who help startups for pitching to potential investors. Additionally, FMCIII assists graduates in establishing their businesses post-program. This incubator accelerator program is designed to give early-stage entrepreneurs a strong foundation, equipping them with the tools and resources needed to drive meaningful change in the future.



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■ Services offered at FMCIII

- **Flexi Desks** – Flexible workspaces designed for versatile working styles and collaborative innovation.
- **Fixed Offices** – Dedicated workspaces combining privacy with a professional environment for focused productivity.
- **Private Offices** – Exclusive offices offering a premium setting for enhanced concentration and client meetings.
- **Team Rooms** – Spacious rooms fostering teamwork and synergy for growing businesses.
- **Conference Rooms** – State-of-the-art meeting spaces for seamless presentations and engaging discussions.
- **Facilities & Amenities** – High-speed connectivity and modern amenities to inspire productivity and innovation.



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AUTONEBULA

Introduction

Autonebula is at the forefront of the rapidly evolving global mobility industry, focusing on connected vehicles and smart transportation solutions. As an accelerator and investment fund, it is dedicated to nurturing early-stage startups in the connected transport ecosystem. By offering specialized knowledge, mentoring, and market access, Autonebula helps these startups navigate the complexities of business, technology, and marketing. Autonebula operates India's first automotive and connected transport incubator and also runs the Autonebula Angel Network (AAN), a community of investors committed to supporting startups in the smart mobility sector.



Vision

Autonebula envisions to inception, fund, cultivate, and advance innovative smart mobility solutions that address the evolving needs of the global mobility industry. Through strategic investments and mentorship, the organization aims to steer the development of breakthrough solutions that will shape the future of transportation and the startups.

Program Focus

The program specifically seeks startups that specialize in the following areas:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- LIDAR and RADAR Technologies
- Vehicle Cyber security
- Automotive IT Solutions
- Electric Mobility
- Engine Optimization
- Ride Sharing Solutions
- Transportation Segment Solutions



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■ Autonebula's Soft Landing Program

Autonebula, a leading incubator/accelerator focused on nurturing the Connected Transport startup ecosystem, has launched an exclusive Soft Landing Program aimed at international automotive technology startups looking to expand their presence in the Indian market. This program provides startups with the unique opportunity to test their products and solutions in India, while collaborating with Indian OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers), integrators, and other startups to drive innovation in the automotive and transportation sectors.

■ Phases of Soft-Landing Program

1) Discovery Phase:

- Assessment of startups based on eligibility criteria.
- Conduct brief market research to evaluate prospects in India.
- Provide a Soft-Landing Plan tailored to leverage Indian opportunities.

2) Soft Landing Phase:

- Startup must be in India for a minimum of 6 weeks to conduct product market penetration tests.
- Work from Autonebula Incubation Centres in Pune or Bengaluru.
- Soft Landing Program customized based on startup's requirements.

3) Pivot Tests:

- Opportunity to collaborate with OEMs and Subject Matter Experts to validate assumptions.
- Participate in incubation program sessions to refine business models and pitch decks.
- Prepare for potential funding opportunities from advanced stage investors.

■ Service Offerings

- **Product Test Runs:** Entrepreneurs can test their commercially available products in India for a period of 6 weeks.
- **Office Space:** Availability of office space in Pune or Bengaluru within the Autonebula incubator.
- **Mentorship and Expert Support:** Startups receive guidance from industry experts in the automotive, technology, and OEM sectors.
- **Support for Indian Operations Setup:**
 - Legal and financial support for setting up operations.
 - Market research services to understand and explore market opportunities in India.
 - Refinement of business models to suit the Indian market.
- **Offshore Development Centre (ODC) Setup:** Assistance with setting up an offshore development Centre to facilitate smoother operations.
- **Resource Identification:** Support in identifying the right technical and marketing resources to scale operations.
- **Market Penetration Strategy:** Guidance on creating effective market penetration strategies tailored to India's diverse market needs.
- **Company Formation and Statutory Compliance:** Assistance with company formation and compliance with Indian regulations.



Key Statistics



700+

Startups connected

80%

Success ratio of startups getting funded

20+

Startups empaneled

100%

Year-on-Year (YoY) growth in the number of startup

Success Stories



Small Spark Concepts®

Small Spark Concepts®, supported by Autonebula Accelerator, Startup India, and Atal Innovation Mission by NITI Aayog, is an innovative startup focused on developing impactful products. Their patent-pending SCHÖRL air filter improves fuel efficiency by 30-50% and reduces emissions by up to 40%. Designed for durability and cost savings, it is water-repellent, fire-retardant, and reusable for up to three years. Small Spark Concepts® continues to drive innovation for a sustainable future.



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MIT WPU TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS INCUBATOR (TBI)

Introduction

MIT WPU Technology Business Incubator (TBI) is the official innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem of MIT World Peace University (MIT WPU), established in 2016. Supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, MIT TBI fosters the growth of the technology business incubation ecosystem across India. The incubator provides support to early-stage entrepreneurs, including students, as well as experienced startups, offering them crucial resources such as funding, mentoring, and valuable network connections. As a Section-8 non-profit organization, MIT WPU TBI is dedicated to nurturing innovation-driven enterprises, with a strong foundation in collaboration with MIT World Peace University and the Government of India.



Vision

MIT WPU Technology Business Incubator envisions empowering the younger generation by nurturing future entrepreneurs and fostering the creation of innovative products that significantly contribute to the economic, technological, and social development of society. The institution is committed to equipping students and entrepreneurs with cutting-edge facilities, including advanced laboratories and innovation Centres, to facilitate the development of market-driven, impactful innovations. It offers a 11,000 sq. ft. of Dedicated Facility for incubation and rapid prototyping.

Services Offered

- **Funding:** Grant and debt-based startup funding under the Start-Up India Funding Scheme (SISFS).
- **Co-working Space:** 200 sq. ft. private offices and open layout cubicle spaces.
- **Rapid Prototyping Centre:** State-of-the-art CAD modeling and composite 3D printing facility for rapid prototyping.
- **Electronics Assembly & IoT Lab:** Designed specifically for next-gen electronics product development using the Internet of Things (IoT).
- **Wireless Fax & Printer:** Access to wireless fax and printer facilities.



Key Statistics



12,000 sq. ft

Incubation Workspace

4

Individual Innovators

105

Jobs created

75

Startups supported till date

30

Onboarded mentors

Programs Offered by MIT WPU Technology Business Incubator

1) Physical Incubation:

- Dedicated office and cubicle spaces for product and service-based startups.
- Access to labs and workshops for hands-on development.

2) Virtual Incubation:

- Remote support for service-based startups.
- Provides mentoring, fundraising, and access to MIT TBI's virtual services.

3) Seed Funding:

- Grant and soft loans for selected startups under the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme.

4) Rapid Prototyping:

- Composite 3D printing for manufacturing carbon fiber parts.
- Full-fledged designing and machining facilities for commercial use.

5) Student Innovation:

- Encouraging entrepreneurship among current and recent MIT WPU students, as well as other institutions.

6) Consultancy:

- Provides training and support for other incubators in entrepreneurship development.
- Engineering consultancy services in areas like renewable energy, IoT, and ITeS.

Funding

The Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) at MIT TBI is designed to provide financial assistance to startups at critical stages of their development. The scheme supports startups in areas such as proof of concept, prototype development, product trials, market entry, and commercialization.

The goal is to enable these startups to reach a level where they can attract investments from angel investors, venture capitalists, or secure loans from commercial banks or financial institutions. By offering this essential funding, the scheme helps early-stage startups scale up their operations, refine their products, and improve their market readiness, preparing them for future investment opportunities.



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Success Stories



Bharat Flow Analytics Pvt. Ltd

Bharat Flow Analytics Pvt. Ltd., incubated by MIT WPU Technology Business Incubator, specializes in advanced pipeline inspection, monitoring solutions, and simulation services for the energy sector. Their innovative products, iPTan and iLDS, enable precise leak detection and pipeline anomaly management. With expertise in CFD, FEA, and AI, and nearly 100 years of combined experience, Bharat Flow Analytics is driving efficiency and innovation in energy, offering indigenous technologies and comprehensive consultancy services.

Cresa GreenTech

Cresa GreenTech, incubated by MIT WPU Technology Business Incubator, is pioneering a sustainable solution to period care with its innovative hot water-dissolvable sanitary napkins. Designed to dissolve safely in hot water, these biodegradable pads eliminate environmental pollution caused by plastic-based alternatives. Cresa's mission is to lead a global revolution in eco-conscious period care, offering a quick, safe, and easy disposal method that supports a cleaner, greener planet.



9.

CENTRE FOR INNOVATION, INCUBATION & LINKAGES AT SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY

Introduction

The Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Linkages (C-BRIDGE) at Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) is dedicated to fostering innovative startups through the university's ecosystem. The Centre aims to support and nurture ideas that address societal challenges through the development of products, processes, and services. It serves as a platform for startups across various categories, including those from students, faculty, alumni, and grassroots entrepreneurs, as well as spin-offs. C-BRIDGE offers essential mentoring support to these startups, helping them refine and scale their innovative solutions.



Vision

The vision of C-BRIDGE is to empower and promote innovation-driven startups that have the potential to make a meaningful impact on society. By leveraging the university ecosystem, the Centre seeks to develop solutions that tackle real-world problems, fostering entrepreneurship and technological advancements for the benefit of the community and economy.

Thrust Areas at C-BRIDGE

1) Technology Startups

Focus on intelligent systems, Internet of Things (IoT), micro and nanoelectronics, biotech, clean tech, environmental tech, material science tech, and sensor technologies.

2) Social Startups

Emphasis on creating social impact and addressing key challenges in areas like healthcare, education, and sustainable development.



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Key Statistics

As of 2022, there were 40+ incubated startups and currently there are 15 listed incubatees on their website.

Process & Activities at C-BRIDGE

1) Key Activities:

- Competitions
- Road Shows

2) Courses

- Pre-incubation
- Incubation

3) Business services under one roof

- Tech & advisory services
- Legal & IPR support
- Regulations & compliance
- Customer Relationship:
- Mentoring, training, and events
- Focus groups for product testing
- Investor outreach days
- Assistance with connections to potential customers
- Product development guidance

4) Customer Segments:

- Student startups
- Local entrepreneurs
- Branches of existing companies
- Spin-offs from university R&D
- Grassroots innovators

Success Stories

IME Education Solutions

IME Education Solutions, a private limited company incubated by Savitribai Phule Pune University's eCDLIC (e-Content Development and Learning Innovations) and Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Linkages, is known for providing innovative education solutions. Under the leadership of Shri. Shrirang Godbole, the company has developed a wide range of educational content for universities, autonomous higher education institutions, central universities, and government organizations. With a mission to integrate technology and content, IME Education Solutions aims to offer comprehensive end-to-end educational solutions, empowering students and professionals with employable skills through its Ed-Tech products.



10.

SYMBIOSIS CENTRE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

Overview

Founded in 2020, the Symbiosis Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (SCEI) operates as a distinguished Technology Business Incubator (TBI) in Lavale, Pune, under the umbrella of Symbiosis International (Deemed University). Endorsed and supported by the Government of India, SCEI is committed to cultivating entrepreneurial potential and driving innovation among budding entrepreneurs. The center offers a holistic support framework, guiding individuals and organizations from the conceptualization stage to the commercialization of their ideas, paving the way for the development of successful startups and spin-offs. By fostering a dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem, SCEI plays a vital role in shaping the future of innovators and business leaders.



Vision

The vision of the Symbiosis Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation is to create a thriving ecosystem that fosters innovation and entrepreneurship, contributing to the development of a “New India” and a “New World.” SCEI aims to be a leading incubator that inspires and empowers entrepreneurs to transform their ideas into impactful solutions, thereby driving economic growth and societal advancement.



Mission

The mission of SCEI is to support startups through a holistic approach that includes mentorship, access to resources, networking opportunities, and training programs. The center is committed to providing tailored guidance at every stage of the entrepreneurial journey, ensuring that entrepreneurs are well-equipped to navigate challenges and seize opportunities. By fostering collaboration between academia, industry, and government, SCEI aims to cultivate a culture of innovation that propels startups toward success.



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■ Focus Areas

- Health-Tech
- Medical Imaging
- Waste Management
- AI/ML
- Nano Technology

■ Services Offered

1. Mentorship and Advisory Services

SCEI connects entrepreneurs with experienced mentors who provide guidance and support throughout the startup process. This mentorship includes advice on business strategy, operational challenges, and market positioning, helping entrepreneurs navigate the complexities of launching and growing their ventures.

2. Access to Funding

The center facilitates access to various funding opportunities, including Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding, which is available to support innovative startups. SCEI helps entrepreneurs prepare for funding pitches and connects them with potential investors, enhancing their chances of securing necessary financial resources.

3. Innovation Ecosystem Development

SCEI is committed to developing a robust innovation ecosystem that encourages collaboration among startups, academia, and industry. By fostering partnerships and networks, the center enhances the entrepreneurial landscape and promotes knowledge sharing among innovators.

4. Training and Workshops

To equip entrepreneurs with essential skills, SCEI conducts training sessions and workshops on various topics such as business development, marketing strategies, financial management, and technology commercialization. These educational programs are designed to empower entrepreneurs with the knowledge needed to succeed in a competitive environment.

5. Infrastructure Access

Prototyping Lab

- 3D Printers: Multiple 3D printers are available for rapid prototyping, allowing entrepreneurs to create physical models of their designs.
- Waste Processing Reactors: Facilities for testing and developing waste processing solutions.
- Microscopes: Equipped with advanced microscopes for research and development purposes.
- Drone Technology: Facilities to work on drone-related projects.

IoT Lab

- Multiple IoT Labs: Six dedicated IoT labs equipped with the latest technology for developing Internet of Things applications.

Fabrication Workshop

- Laser Cutting Machines: Two laser cutting machines for precision cutting and engraving.
- Wooden Mini Lathe Machine: For woodwork and crafting prototypes.
- Drill Machine and Grinder: Essential tools for fabrication and assembly.



Advanced Computing

- Nvidia DGX Systems: High-performance computing systems (DGX-1 and DGX-2) for AI and deep learning applications.

6. Workspace Facilities

SCEI provides dedicated workspace for startups, offering a conducive environment for collaboration and creativity. The workspace is designed to facilitate networking among entrepreneurs, allowing them to share ideas and resources while working on their projects.

7. Networking Opportunities

The center organizes events and networking sessions that connect entrepreneurs with industry leaders, potential partners, and investors. These opportunities are vital for building relationships that can lead to collaborations, mentorships, and funding.

Achievements



Success Stories



Easebuzz

- **Product/Service:** Payment Gateway
- **Industry Sector:** Fin-Tech

Easebuzz is a cutting-edge software-enabled payments platform designed to assist small businesses in digitizing their payment processes. By providing a seamless payment gateway solution, Easebuzz alleviates the complexities often associated with traditional payment methods. The platform empowers businesses to manage transactions efficiently, enhancing their operational capabilities and allowing them to focus on growth without the burden of payment-related issues.

Envirevo Pvt. Ltd.

- **Product/Service:** Organic Fertilizer
- **Industry Sector:** Agri-Tech

Envirevo Pvt Ltd is committed to environmental sustainability, specializing in solid waste management and the production of Bio-CNG and organic fertilizers. Established in 2008, the company has developed innovative solutions aimed at addressing pressing environmental challenges. Envirevo's operations include the manufacturing of organic fertilizers and seaweed fertilizers, contributing to healthier agricultural practices while promoting eco-friendly waste management strategies. The company is also focused on advancing urban farming through standardized technology for organic microgreens production.

Labguruji Education Pvt. Ltd.

- **Product/Service:** Hi-tech Portable Lab, AIR Technology
- **Industry Sector:** Edu-Tech

Labguruji Education Pvt Ltd is at the forefront of integrating advanced technologies into education. The company develops high-tech portable labs that incorporate Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), and Robotics (AIR) as integral components of mainstream education. By providing schools with innovative educational tools, Labguruji aims to enhance learning experiences and prepare students for a technology-driven future. Their commitment to modernizing education through technology positions them as a leader in the educational sector.



AIC-PINNACLE ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM

Overview

AIC-Pinnacle Entrepreneurship Forum is a Section 8, not-for-profit legal entity established in 2017, supported by the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, Ministry of MSME, DPIIT – Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India. Hosted by Pinnacle Industries, a leader in the automotive sector known for its innovative solutions in automotive interiors, seating systems, electric vehicles, and specialty vehicles, AIC-Pinnacle aims to support and promote entrepreneurship, start-up creation, and employment generation. The forum focuses on fostering a vibrant and high-impact entrepreneurial ecosystem through research, skill development, innovation, incubation, acceleration, investments, consultancy, and product development. By concentrating on key sectors, AIC-Pinnacle is dedicated to driving inclusive and sustainable techno-socio-economic development across India.



Vision

The vision of AIC-Pinnacle Entrepreneurship Forum is to be a leading incubator that inspires and empowers entrepreneurs to create impactful solutions that address societal challenges. The forum aspires to build a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem that fosters creativity, collaboration, and sustainable growth, ultimately contributing to the advancement of the startup landscape in India.



Mission

The mission of AIC-Pinnacle is to support startups through a holistic approach that includes providing mentorship, facilitating access to funding, and offering essential resources tailored to the needs of entrepreneurs. The forum is committed to cultivating entrepreneurial talent by organizing workshops, networking events, and training programs that enhance skills and knowledge. By fostering partnerships between startups, industry experts, and academic institutions, AIC-Pinnacle aims to create an inclusive environment where innovation can thrive and entrepreneurs can succeed.



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■ Focus Areas

- Automotive (with special focus on Electric Mobility)
- Advanced Manufacturing and Automation
- Green Energy and Sustainability
- Social Innovation
- Agri-Tech and Food Processing
- Healthcare and Med-Tech
- Electronics (IoT, ICT, AI)
- Information Technology and SaaS

■ Services Offered

1. Emerge Pre-Incubation Program

This program serves as an entry point for aspiring entrepreneurs at any stage. It is a zero-equity virtual pre-incubation initiative that helps individuals validate their business ideas and develop their entrepreneurial skills.

2. Evolve Incubation Program

AIC-Pinnacle's flagship 12-month incubation program focuses on transforming innovative ideas into profitable ventures. It consists of four modules: Idea & Research, Funding Access, Product Development, and Go-To-Market (GTM) Strategies. The program culminates in an investor demo day, providing participants with exposure to potential investors.

3. Elevate Acceleration Program

Targeted at early-stage, revenue-generating startups, this acceleration program emphasizes building networks and collaborations to drive self-sustainability. It includes personalized coaching, market expansion support, and pitch deck refinement to enhance investor engagement.

4. International Incubation Support

This program facilitates collaboration between Indian startups and international partners, allowing foreign companies to benefit from AIC-Pinnacle's resources. It aims to commercialize technologies and provide access to global markets.

5. Student Entrepreneurship Development Program

Designed to instill an entrepreneurial mindset among students, this initiative promotes innovation and entrepreneurship at the school level through various activities and workshops.

6. Mentoring

AIC-Pinnacle provides access to a network of experienced mentors who guide startups through their entrepreneurial journey, offering insights and advice tailored to their specific needs.

7. Prototype & Product Development

The forum supports startups in developing prototypes and refining their products, ensuring they are market-ready. This service includes technical assistance and access to necessary tools.



8. Networking & Customer Connect

AIC-Pinnacle recognizes the importance of building connections. The forum facilitates networking opportunities with industry leaders, potential customers, and other entrepreneurs to foster collaboration.

9. Investor Connect & Fundraising

With a vast network of investors, AIC-Pinnacle assists startups in securing funding by connecting them with potential investors and providing guidance on fundraising strategies.

10. Go-to-Market & Commercialization Support

The forum offers comprehensive support for startups looking to launch their products in the market, including marketing strategies and commercialization plans.

11. Legal & IPR Services

AIC-Pinnacle provides legal assistance and intellectual property rights (IPR) services to help startups protect their innovations and navigate legal challenges.

12. Maker & Co-Working Space

The incubator features a maker space and co-working facilities that provide startups with a collaborative environment equipped with essential resources for innovation. As of January 2025, the forum two co-working spaces to all incubated startups, free of cost.

13. Events, Training & Skill Development Programs

AIC-Pinnacle hosts a variety of events, training sessions, and workshops aimed at enhancing entrepreneurial skills and fostering a culture of continuous learning among startups.

Achievements

100+

Startups Incubated

1,000+

Jobs Created

₹6 Cr

Collective Funding Sources for Startups

INR 400 Cr

Combined Valuation of Startups

100+

IPR Filed

100+

Total Individuals in the Mentor Pool

110+

Total Individuals in the Partner Network

50+

Programs Hosted: 50+ sector-specific training and networking programs conducted annually.



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Success Stories



Krishigati Pvt. Ltd.

- **Product Name:** Electric Bull
- **Industry Sector:** Agri-tech

Krishigati Pvt. Ltd. is a pioneering agri-tech startup that has developed India's first-ever "Self-Propelled Electric Agricultural Tool Bar," known as the Electric Bull. This innovative product is designed to facilitate various inter-cultivation operations, including sowing, weeding, and pesticide spraying. By utilizing battery-powered technology, the Electric Bull aims to make farming more sustainable and cost-effective for small-scale farmers. The startup focuses on reducing farming expenditures and increasing productivity, aligning with the goals of the Indian government to enhance farmers' incomes.

Arcatron Mobility Pvt. Ltd.

- **Product Name:** Smart Wheelchair
- **Industry Sector:** Healthcare / Mobility

Arcatron Mobility Pvt. Ltd. specializes in developing advanced mobility solutions for individuals with disabilities and the elderly. Their flagship product, the Smart Wheelchair, incorporates cutting-edge technology to enhance user experience and independence. The wheelchair features IoT connectivity and an intuitive interface that allows users to control it effortlessly. Arcatron Mobility aims to improve the quality of life for its users by providing innovative solutions that promote mobility and accessibility.

ZiffyTech Digital Healthcare

- **Product Name:** ZiffyTech Platform
- **Industry Sector:** Health-Tech

ZiffyTech Digital Healthcare is a health-tech startup focused on transforming the healthcare experience through technology. Their platform offers a comprehensive suite of digital healthcare solutions, including telemedicine services, appointment scheduling, and health management tools. By bridging the gap between patients and healthcare providers, ZiffyTech enhances access to quality healthcare services while streamlining patient interactions and improving overall health outcomes.



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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SCITECH) PARK

Overview

The Science and Technology (SciTech) Park in Pune is one of the pioneering Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Parks (STEPs) established in 1986 by the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. Operating as a not-for-profit Trust and Society, SciTech Park is strategically located within the campus of Savitribai Phule Pune University. The park's primary mission is to "Convert Knowledge into Wealth," facilitating the commercialization of innovative technologies and fostering entrepreneurship through various initiatives. It serves as a vital hub for technopreneurs, offering a range of services including incubation for high-tech startups, industry-sponsored research, intellectual property management, and training programs aimed at skill development. With a commitment to bridging the developmental gap between urban and rural areas, SciTech Park also focuses on establishing sustainable technology ventures that uplift communities at the bottom of the economic pyramid.



Vision

The vision of the Science and Technology Park is to create an ecosystem that nurtures technology-oriented entrepreneurs and enterprises through innovation and collaboration. By fostering an environment conducive to research and development, SciTech Park aims to empower individuals and organizations to transform their ideas into impactful solutions that contribute to economic growth and societal advancement.



Mission

The mission of SciTech Park is to establish effective mechanisms for education, research, and technology commercialization that promote the creation and growth of technology-driven startups. This includes providing technical and financial consultancy services, conducting capacity-building training programs, facilitating access to funding, and promoting collaborative research initiatives. Through these efforts, SciTech Park seeks to enhance entrepreneurship in India while supporting the development of innovative products and services that address contemporary challenges.



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Focus Areas

- 14 Technology Sectors (the top ones being Renewable Energy & Clean Technology; IT/ITES; Health; Pharma & Biotechnology)

Services Offered

1. Business Incubation

SciTech Park operates an independent business incubator known as "Growth Lab," which focuses on supporting new and promising technology-based startups. The incubator caters to a diverse range of sectors, including IT/ITES, Clean Technology, Renewable Energy, Agriculture and Food Technology, Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology, Electronics and Telecommunications, Cyber Security, and Social Innovation. By providing tailored support, the incubator helps startups refine their business models and develop their products.

2. Infrastructure and Facilities

The park boasts state-of-the-art infrastructure that includes modern facilities for conducting training programs and workshops in technology entrepreneurship. This infrastructure is designed to foster collaboration among entrepreneurs and facilitate the development of innovative solutions.

3. Skill Development and Training Programs

SciTech Park conducts various training programs aimed at enhancing the skills of entrepreneurs and equipping them with the necessary tools to succeed in their ventures. These programs cover essential topics such as business management, technology commercialization, marketing strategies, and financial planning.

4. Research and Development Support

The park encourages startups to engage in research and development activities by providing access to resources and expertise. This support helps entrepreneurs innovate and develop new products or improve existing processes.

5. Networking Opportunities

SciTech Park facilitates networking among entrepreneurs, industry experts, investors, and academic institutions. These connections are crucial for startups seeking partnerships, mentorship, or funding opportunities.

6. Financial Assistance

The park assists startups in securing funding through various channels. This includes guidance on preparing for investor pitches and connecting entrepreneurs with potential investors who can provide the necessary financial support for their ventures.

7. Intellectual Property Management

To foster innovation, SciTech Park offers services related to intellectual property management. This includes guidance on patent filing and protection strategies to ensure that startups can safeguard their innovations.

8. Market Readiness Support

The incubation program includes support for market readiness, helping startups prepare their products for launch. This encompasses market analysis, product testing, and developing go-to-market strategies.



Achievements

176

Total Startups Incubated

Success Stories



J Clean Weather Tech Pvt. Ltd.,

- **Product Name:** Scitech Airon
- **Industry Sector:** Environmental Technology / Air Purification

J Clean Weather Tech Pvt. Ltd., based in Pune, has emerged as a key player in the environmental technology sector with its flagship product, the Airon 1000. This innovative negative ion generator is designed to combat indoor air pollution by effectively reducing airborne contaminants, including viruses and bacteria. Notably, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Airon 1000 proved instrumental in enhancing indoor air quality by reducing viral loads by 99.9% within just two hours of operation, making it a vital tool for ensuring safer environments in homes and workplaces. The company focuses on developing sustainable solutions for air purification and pollution control, addressing critical environmental challenges. In addition to the Airon 1000, J Clean Weather Tech offers a range of products aimed at improving air quality and promoting public health, reinforcing their commitment to creating a cleaner and healthier atmosphere for communities.



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NUTAN INCUBATION CENTRE

Overview

Nutan Incubation Center (NIC) is a dynamic incubation facility located in Pune and Talegaon, dedicated to nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit among students and aspiring innovators. Established under the aegis of the Nutan Maharashtra Vidya Prasarak Mandal in 2023, NIC serves as a catalyst for transforming innovative ideas into successful business ventures. With a focus on bridging the gap between academic knowledge and practical application, the center provides a supportive environment that fosters creativity, collaboration, and risk-taking. NIC creates a thriving ecosystem where startups can grow through shared experiences, peer support, and constructive feedback from both mentors and fellow entrepreneurs. By fostering a culture of innovation and equipping entrepreneurs with essential resources and mentorship, NIC empowers individuals to push beyond their limits. It aims to contribute significantly to the region's economic development and play a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of leaders in the business world.



Vision

The vision of Nutan Incubation Center is to become a leading hub for innovation and entrepreneurship in Pune and beyond. It aspires to create an inclusive ecosystem where aspiring entrepreneurs can thrive, fostering a culture of creativity and collaboration that drives sustainable economic growth. NIC aims to empower individuals from diverse backgrounds to transform their ideas into impactful solutions that address pressing societal challenges, ultimately contributing to a vibrant startup landscape.



Mission

The mission of Nutan Incubation Center is to support and accelerate the growth of startups by providing comprehensive resources, mentorship, and training programs tailored to the needs of entrepreneurs. The center is committed to creating a collaborative environment that encourages knowledge sharing and networking among innovators, industry experts, and investors. Through its initiatives, NIC aims to cultivate essential skills, promote entrepreneurial thinking, and facilitate access to funding opportunities, ensuring that every entrepreneur has the tools necessary to succeed in their journey.



Focus Areas

- Deep Tech
- Agri Teach
- Health & Environment
- Rubber Tech
- Automotive

Services Offered

1. Mentorship and Guidance

NIC connects entrepreneurs with a network of experienced mentors who offer invaluable guidance throughout their startup journey. Drawing from their own expertise, these mentors provide insights that help startups overcome challenges, make informed decisions, and develop effective business strategies while avoiding common pitfalls.

2. Infrastructure Access

The center provides startups with access to advanced tools and technologies through its innovative “Booster Tools” initiative. These include innovation labs, 3D printing facilities, and software like AutoCAD, made possible through partnerships with leading institutes. This access enables entrepreneurs to refine their products and services, transforming creative ideas into tangible outcomes.

3. Networking Opportunities

Recognizing the importance of collaboration, NIC facilitates connections with industry leaders, collaborators, and potential investors. By enabling startups to build strong networks, these opportunities lay the groundwork for partnerships, funding, and insights into market dynamics, fostering a robust support system.

4. Workshops and Training Programs

NIC organizes workshops and training sessions led by industry experts to cultivate entrepreneurial skills. These programs cover crucial topics such as business development, marketing strategies, and financial management. By empowering entrepreneurs with essential knowledge, NIC equips them to thrive in a competitive business environment.

5. Co-Working Space Facilities

To foster creativity and collaboration, NIC provides dedicated co-working spaces designed for startups. These spaces create a conducive work environment where entrepreneurs can focus on their projects while engaging with like-minded peers. As of January 2025, these co-working spaces are offered free of charge.

Achievements

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Startups Incubated since inception

270+

Engaged in 270+ Mentoring Hours

26+

Network of 26+ Partners and Mentors

2845+

Engaged with 2845+ Students



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VISHWAKARMA UNIVERSITY INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER (VUIQUBE)

Overview

The Vishwakarma University Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (VUIQube) is a dynamic startup incubator located in Pune, established in October 2020. As a fully functional Innovation and Incubation Center recognized by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, VUIQube is dedicated to fostering innovation and cultivating entrepreneurship among students and aspiring entrepreneurs. The center focuses on harnessing the creative potential of individuals by providing them with essential resources, expert guidance, and a supportive environment to transform their innovative ideas into successful ventures. With a strong emphasis on intellectual property rights (IPR) protection, VUIQube aims to create a culture of innovation within Vishwakarma University and beyond, facilitating the growth of technology-driven startups.



Vision

The vision of VUIQube is to be a leading incubator that empowers aspiring entrepreneurs to realize their full potential through innovation and creativity. By fostering an ecosystem that encourages collaboration and knowledge sharing, VUIQube aims to cultivate a new generation of technopreneurs who will drive economic growth and contribute to societal advancement.



Mission

The mission of VUIQube is to facilitate the journey of entrepreneurs from idea conception to market readiness by providing comprehensive support services. This includes pre-incubation and incubation programs, mentorship, access to funding, training in entrepreneurship skills, and assistance with IPR processes. VUIQube is committed to creating an enabling environment that nurtures innovative thinking and helps transform groundbreaking ideas into viable business solutions that address real-world challenges.



■ Focus Areas

- Sustainability
- Technology
- Biotech

■ Services Offered

1. Pre-Incubation Centre

VUIQube's Pre-Incubation Centre is designed to assist aspiring entrepreneurs in the initial stages of their startup journey. This service includes idea validation, business model development, and guidance on market research. Entrepreneurs receive mentorship to refine their concepts and prepare for the next steps in their entrepreneurial journey.

2. Incubation Centre

The Incubation Centre at VUIQube provides a structured environment for startups to develop their products and services. This includes access to resources such as co-working spaces, technical support, and business development assistance. The incubation program focuses on helping startups achieve market readiness through tailored support and expert guidance.

3. IPR Processing Centre

VUIQube offers specialized services for intellectual property rights (IPR) management, helping startups navigate the complexities of protecting their innovations. The IPR Processing Centre provides assistance with patent filing, trademark registration, and overall IPR strategy, ensuring that entrepreneurs can safeguard their intellectual assets effectively.

4. Mentorship and Guidance

Startups at VUIQube benefit from mentorship provided by experienced faculty members and industry professionals. This mentorship covers various aspects of entrepreneurship, including business strategy, funding opportunities, and operational management, empowering entrepreneurs to make informed decisions.

5. Training Programs

VUIQube conducts various training programs aimed at enhancing entrepreneurial skills. These programs cover essential topics such as business planning, financial management, marketing strategies, and technology commercialization, equipping entrepreneurs with the knowledge needed to succeed.

6. Networking Opportunities

VUIQube facilitates networking events that connect entrepreneurs with industry leaders, potential investors, and fellow innovators. These connections are crucial for building partnerships, securing funding, and gaining insights into market trends.

7. Funding Support

The center provides information on various funding schemes available for startups through government initiatives. VUIQube assists entrepreneurs in preparing funding applications and pitches to attract investment for their ventures.

8. Events and Competitions

VUIQube organizes various events such as entrepreneurship fests, demo days, and pitch competitions that allow startups to showcase their innovations. These events provide valuable exposure and opportunities for feedback from industry experts.



Achievements

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Total Startups Incubated

59

Total Projects Mentored

55

Total Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Processed

Success Stories



Bambuttva

Bambuttva is an inspiring success story from VUIQube, founded by Moksh Sadhwani. This startup specializes in creating sustainable products using bamboo, including tea, flour, and face packs. Moksh's journey began in his second year at Vishwakarma University, where he received invaluable guidance from faculty members and support from the Vice Chancellor. The concept for Bambuttva evolved into his graduation project, showcasing the university's commitment to fostering entrepreneurship. Bambuttva not only emphasizes sustainability but also aims to promote eco-friendly alternatives in everyday products. By utilizing bamboo—a fast-growing and renewable resource—Moksh's startup addresses environmental concerns while providing consumers with high-quality products. With a strong online and offline presence, Bambuttva is poised for growth as it continues to innovate in the sustainable product space.





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