

Introduction

The institution recognizes the importance of fostering an innovation ecosystem within the institution. This policy outlines the guidelines, procedures, and support mechanisms to create a vibrant atmosphere that encourages innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship among students, faculty, and staff members.

Objective

The primary objectives of this policy are to:

- Cultivate a culture of innovation and creativity among students, faculty, and staff.
- Encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge exchange.
- Support entrepreneurial initiatives and startups within the college community.
- Foster partnerships with industry, research organizations, and the community.

Components of the Innovation Ecosystem

a) Innovation Labs and Spaces

The institution shall establish well-equipped innovation labs and creative spaces where students and faculty can collaborate, experiment, and prototype their innovative ideas.

b) Innovation Curriculum

Integrate innovation-focused courses and workshops within the academic curriculum to provide students with a foundation in entrepreneurship, design thinking, and problem-solving skills

c) Incubation and Mentorship

Create an incubation center to support startups and provide mentorship, funding guidance, and networking opportunities to aspiring entrepreneurs within the college community.

d) Industry Partnerships

Forge strategic partnerships with local industries, businesses, and startups to facilitate real-world learning experiences, internships, and collaborative research projects.

e) Research and Development

Allocate resources and funding to encourage faculty and students to engage in research and development activities that have practical applications and promote innovation.

f) Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

Establish clear guidelines regarding intellectual property ownership and rights for innovations developed within the college, ensuring that inventors are appropriately recognized and rewarded.g) Innovation Challenges and Competitions:

Organize innovation challenges, hackathons, and competitions to stimulate creativity and problemsolving skills among students, offering prizes and recognition for outstanding innovations.

h) Community Engagement

Encourage students, faculty, and staff to actively engage with the local community, addressing societal challenges through innovative solutions and community outreach programs.

Responsibilities

- The Incubation cell and IEDC(Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centers),
- comprising nodal officers and representatives from various departments, will oversee the implementation of this policy.
- Faculty members are encouraged to mentor student innovation projects and guide them in the commercialisation process.
- Students are expected to actively participate in innovation-related activities and adhere to ethical standards.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Regularly assess the effectiveness of the innovation ecosystem through surveys, feedback sessions, and performance metrics. The findings will be used to refine and enhance innovation-related initiatives.

Compliance and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its relevance and effectiveness in promoting innovation within the Institution . Any necessary revisions will be made to align with emerging trends and best practices in the field of innovation.

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