Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC), Institution Innovation's Council (IIC), Regional Meet organised at the GL Bajaj Institute of Technology, Noida

Date: 25th November 2025
Venue: GL Bajaj Institute of Technology, Noida

1. Introduction

Event Purpose:
The IIC Regional Meet was organised by GL Bajaj Institute of Technology with the objective of bringing together various higher education institutes to engage in discussions related to innovation. The event served as a collaborative platform where institutions could share their experiences, present their achievements, and learn from each other's approaches towards strengthening innovation culture on campus.

Participation:

A large number of institutions attended the meet, making it a significant gathering for encouraging interaction and building connections among different IICs. The collective participation helped in fostering an environment where innovation-based discussions and future strategies could take place effectively.

2. Inauguration and Guest Speakers

Main Speaker – Mr. Dipan Sahu:
The session was led by Mr. Dipan Sahu, who serves as the Assistant Innovation Director at AICTE. He addressed the participants about various aspects of institutional innovation and the role that IICs play in shaping an ecosystem that supports ideas, prototypes, and start-ups. His presence added depth and guidance to the overall discussions held at the meet.

Chief Guests:
The event was graced by respected personalities including Prof. Anil D. Sahastrabudhe, Mr. Kartik Agarwal, Dr. S. P. Mishra, and Mr. Naveen Mishra. Their involvement highlighted the significance of the meet and the importance placed on developing innovation capacity in educational institutions.

3. Simultaneous Locations

Eight Venues Across India:
The regional meet was conducted simultaneously across eight different locations: Coimbatore, Hubli, Jaipur, Noida, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, and Bhubaneswar. Conducting the event in multiple cities at the same time created a unified national initiative where institutes from different regions could participate together and align their efforts toward innovation.

4. Themes Discussed

Need for Strong IICs:
One of the major themes of the meet was the growing need for more active and well-functioning Institutional Innovation Councils. Strengthening IICs ensures that institutions can support their students and faculty better in innovation-related activities.

Enhancing R&D Capacity:
The event emphasized the importance of improving R&D capabilities in colleges. Increasing research and development exposure helps students turn their ideas into functional prototypes and solutions.

Fostering Start-Ups:
The meet also highlighted how IICs play a crucial role in nurturing start-ups by providing mentorship, resources, and platforms for showcasing innovations.

5. Poster Competition

Poster Presentation:
Various IICs prepared posters depicting their activities and achievements from the previous academic year. These posters helped institutions present their work visually and concisely.

Evaluation Criteria:
The posters were evaluated on parameters such as number of start-ups initiated, patents filed or granted, and the kind of funding secured. These criteria ensured a fair comparison of institutions based on actual performance.

Judging Panel:
The evaluation was conducted by a jury from GL Bajaj Institute of Technology. One of the evaluators present during the assessment was Mr. Rahul Lakhmani, who reviewed the posters and interacted with participants.

Prototype Display:
In addition to posters, institutions also brought their product prototypes and project displays. These prototypes showcased the practical outcomes of their innovation efforts and allowed judges to see real models and working solutions.

6. Session by Mr. Sourav Kumar

Professional Journey:
Mr. Sourav Kumar, an Innovation Ambassador at ITS Engineering College, conducted an impactful session during the meet. He shared how he began as a Brand Innovation Ambassador and eventually grew to become the General Manager of TBI–KIET, one of North India's leading incubation centres. His journey demonstrated the growth possible through dedication and involvement in the innovation ecosystem.

Start-Up Mentorship:
Over the years, he has mentored and scaled several start-ups, playing a key role in helping them navigate challenges. His experience added valuable insights for participants looking to understand the real requirements of the start-up world.

Innovation Ambassador Role:
He stressed that an Innovation Ambassador should not be a professor alone, especially if the professor lacks practical experience in innovation or entrepreneurship. He explained that guiding innovation requires real exposure, not just theoretical knowledge.

Importance of Commercialisation:
Another key point he highlighted was that the commercialization of innovation is essential for forming a successful start-up. Innovation without commercialization has limited value, as commercialisation is what turns ideas into viable and sustainable ventures.

Participants:
Dr. Saubhagyalaxmi Singh (Convener)

Name	Course	year
Harsh Kumar	B.com(Prog.)	3rd
Hardik Jain	B.com(Prog.)	2nd

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