



**DiST De Paul Institute of Science & Technology, Angamaly**  
**INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (IEDC)**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24**

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IEDC) is a flagship initiative of Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) that promotes innovation and entrepreneurship among students and academic fraternity in educational institutions across the state of Kerala. IEDC was established at De Paul Institute of Science and Technology, Angamaly (DiST) on 02nd Nov 2021 with the aim of promoting the culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the campus. IEDC DiST focuses on the skill development of students by providing them adequate exposure and support in order to convert their innovative ideas into profitable ventures.

**INDUCTION PROGRAM I**

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre organized Induction program for the first year students on 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 2023 at Seminar Hall, DiST from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm. The Induction Program began with a prayer and Nodal Officer of IEDC, Dr. Rakhi Radh Krishna welcomed the gathering. The program was presided over by the principal Fr. (Dr.) Johny Chacko Mangalath and the resource person of the session was Mr. Bergin S Russel, Assistant Manager at Kerala Startup Mission. Students from the School of Management and School of Commerce attended the program.

Around 168 students participated in the Induction Program and attained awareness regarding the opportunities provided by IEDC. The students also came to know how IEDC helps student entrepreneurs and innovators sharpen their entrepreneurial skill sets and transform them into technically competent skilled entrepreneurs.

The program was concluded at 12.00pm with a vote of thanks by Gowthem Sankar (BBA)



## INDUCTION PROGRAM II

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre organized Induction program for the first year students on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2023 at Seminar Hall, DiST from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm.

The Induction Program began with a prayer and Nodal Officer of IEDC, Dr. Rakhi Radh Krishna welcomed the gathering. The program was presided over by the vice principal Fr. Mathew Malieckal and the resource person of the session was Prof. Sarju, the co-founder of Slate 'N' Pencil and the senior faculty at St. Joseph's College of Engineering and Technology, Pala. Students from the School of Computer Science and School of English attended the program.

Around 154 students participated in the Induction Program and attained awareness regarding the opportunities provided by IEDC. The students also came to know how IEDC helps student entrepreneurs and innovators sharpen their entrepreneurial skill sets and transform them into technically competent skilled entrepreneurs.

The program was concluded at 12.00pm with a vote of thanks by Gowthem Sankar (BBA)



### INDUCTION PROGRAM III

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre organized Induction program for the first year students of various departments on 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 23 at Seminar Hall, DiST from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm.

The Induction Program began with a prayer and Nodal Officer of IEDC, Dr. Rakhi Radh Krishna welcomed the gathering. The program was presided over by vice principal Fr. Dr. Norby Paul Vithayathil and the resource person for the day was Dr. Rahul Manohar O, Assistant Professor of ECE, Christ College of Engineering, Irinjalakuda. Students from the School of Social Work and School of Media and Communication attended the session.

Around 136 students participated in the Induction Program and attained awareness regarding the opportunities provided by IEDC. The students also came to know how IEDC helps student entrepreneurs and innovators sharpen their entrepreneurial skill sets and transform them into technically competent skilled entrepreneurs.



The program was concluded at 12.00pm with a vote of thanks by Pranav Vipin (ECJ)



### **IEDC SUMMIT 2023**

The nodal officer and nine student members of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre attended the IEDC Summit 2023 held at College of Engineering, Trivandrum on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023. The nodal officer of IEDC Dr. Rakhi Radh Krishna also attended the Nodal Officers' Meet-up which was held on the eve of 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 in the same campus.

The eight edition of the flagship event of Kerala Startup Mission, IEDC Summit 2023 aimed to bring together innovators from various domains. Leading personalities and entrepreneurs addressed the conclave on CET campus. More than eight thousand participants became a part

of the summit. Higher Education Minister R Bindu presided over the function. KSUM CEO Anoop Ambika emphasized the significance of the IEDC Summit in boosting student innovators, and remarked that the event will provide a kick-start to aspiring student innovators and young entrepreneurship enthusiasts.

The student members of IEDC DiST actively participated in the event. They interacted with the fellow attendees and discussed innovative projects and concepts.

The valedictory ceremony of the event was held at the main stage of CET campus around 6' O clock.



## **TEDx CONFERENCE**

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre organized a TEDx Conference, TEDxNaduvilal Junction at Mothimahal Residency, Thrissur on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2023.

The event began with a prayer and Nodal Officer of IEDC, Dr. Rakhi Radh Krishna welcomed the gathering. The resource persons were Mr. Bergin S Russel (Assistant Manager, Kerala Startup Mission), Dr. Sananth H Menon (Scientist, ISRO), Dr. Meinal Chaudhry (Director of Radiodiagnosis, Aakash Healthcare Super Specialty Hospital, Delhi), Ms. Vineetha M V (President, Kerala Union of Working Journalists) , and Adv. Gayathri Krishna



(Legal content creator and social media influencer). The speakers in the session talking about different areas of expertise created a powerful tapestry of ideas that expanded the knowledge and vision of the audience. The talks were idea-focused and fostered learning, inspiration, and wonder and provoked conversations around a wide range of subjects.

Students from DiST presented cultural programs during the session. Besides, popular mentalist performer Mr. Ayush Krishna held an interesting interactive session with the audience. Vice principal of DiST, Fr. Dr. Norby Paul Vithayathil presented the memento to the resource persons.

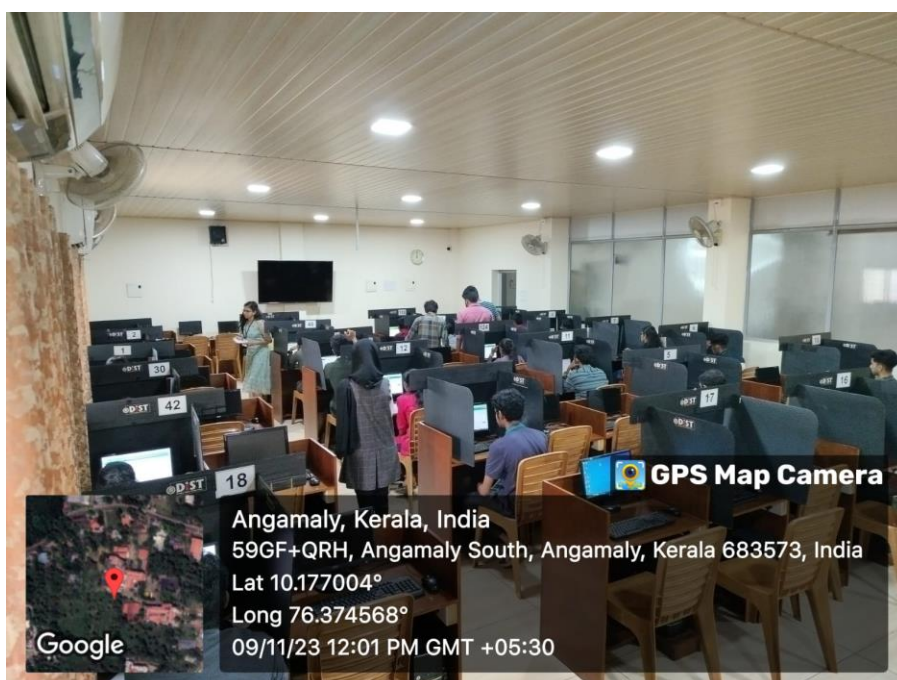
Around 100 participants attended the event, and the organizers received great feedback from the audience after the event. The event was concluded at 1.00pm with a vote of thanks by the nodal officer Dr. Rakhi Radh Krishna.



## **CODING COMPETITION**

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IEDC) in collaboration with School of Computer Science PG and Dignito 2023 organized the coding and debugging competition on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023. The event was co-ordinated by Assistant Nodal Officer Mr. Joseph Paul and Ms. Dincy E B of SCS-PG. From morning 11am to 3pm, attendees gone through the various rounds which includes debugging, coding etc. The event provided an invaluable opportunity for enthusiasts in the area of programming and coding and gain insights into their practical applications in various fields.

The students from various colleges attended the coding competition. The event consisted of three rounds, that is two prelims and final coding competition. 5 teams participated in the final round, and from among them the winners were selected. The coding competition was concluded at 3.30pm.



## **EMPOWER-X**

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre organized an entrepreneurship program, EmpowerX for women entrepreneurs on 09<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 at Mother Teresa Block, DiST.

The program began at 9.30am. IEDC student members from various departments participated in the entrepreneurship program by selling handicrafts, homegrown plants, clothing, food items and used books. The program was a great success as the students learnt the basics of how to market and sell their products. It provided the budding women student entrepreneurs at DiST an opportunity, visibility and experience, and helped them understand the importance



of being financially independent which was one of the main objectives of organizing the program.

The program was concluded at 3.00pm.

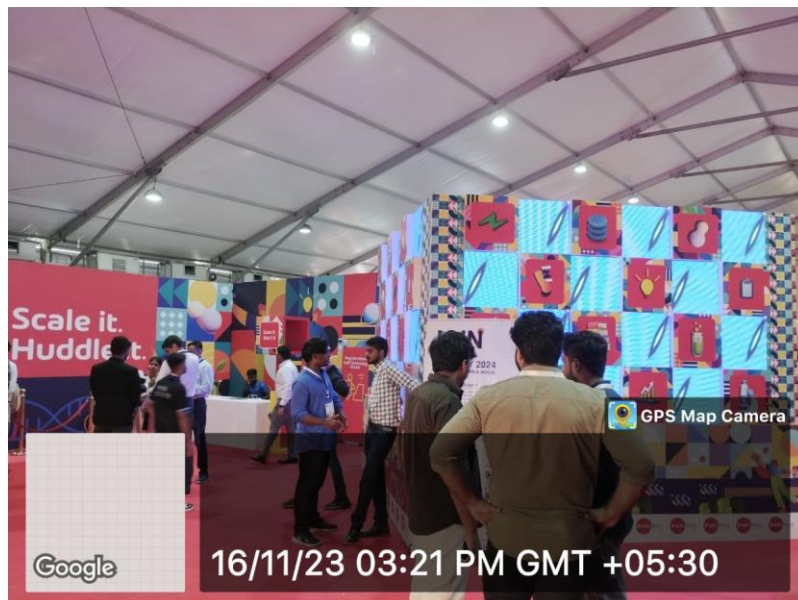




## HUDDLE GLOBAL 2023

The nodal officer and two student members of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre attended the Huddle Global 2023 held at Adimalathura, Vizhunjam, Trivandrum on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023.

Huddle Global 2023 by the Kerala Startup Mission was the focal point for tech start-ups and other relevant stakeholders of the entrepreneurial ecosystem including the government, investors, mentors, industry etc. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the event. The expo featured humanoid robots, autonomous drones, medical devices and energy-saving technology products. One of the major attractions at the expo was the Aakri app, a solution for residents confused about disposing of biomedical waste. Bandicoot Mini, the new product of Gen Robotics, which revolutionized India's urban sanitation landscape with its robotics scavenger, was another big draw at the expo. The student members of IEDC studied the products showcased and interacted with a clutch of technology and industry leaders.





## WORKSHOP

IEDC conducted a Workshop on “The World of Startup and its Opportunities” on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 and the resource person was Mr. Eldhose P Sim, IEDC in-charge from Adi Sankara college of Engineering and Technology, Kalady. The program started at 10am at St. Vincent Hall with a prayer and welcome address by Dr. Rakhi Radh Krishna, IEDC Nodal Officer, DiST. The program was presided over by Rev. Fr. Johnny Chacko Mangalath VC, Principal, DiST. The student members of IEDC, around 90 students, attended the workshop. The resource person spoke about the world of startup, its various challenges and opportunities. The session came to an end by 1.00pm.





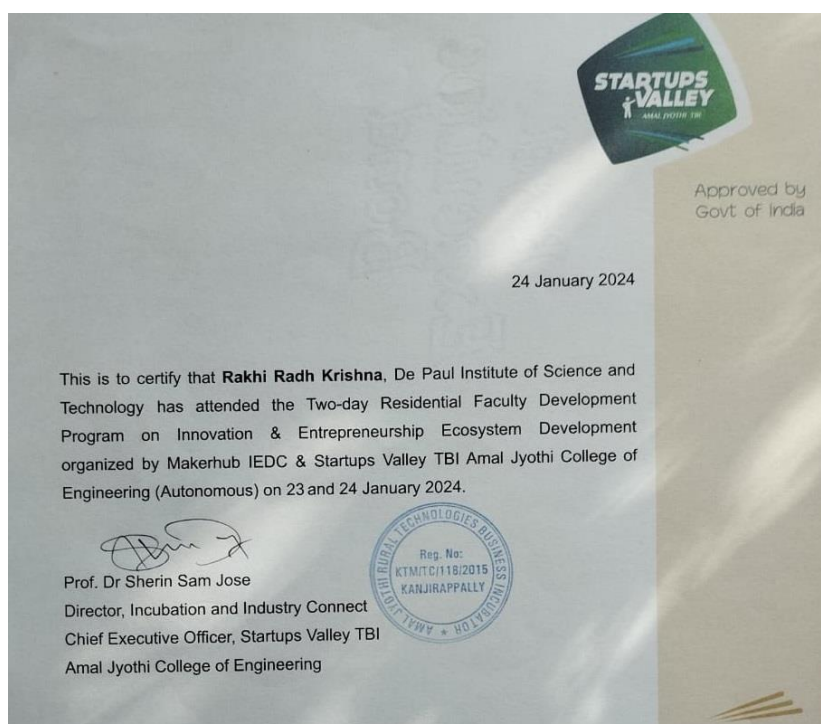
## **BOOT CAMP**

IEDC Nodal officer Dr. Rakhi Radh Krishna and assistant nodal officer Mr. Joseph Paul attended the Bootcamp organised by Kerala Startup Mission for IEDC Nodal Officers of various colleges across Kerala from 09<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 to 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.



## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Nodal officer of IEDC DiST, Dr. Rakhi Radh Krishna attended the residential Faculty Development Program organized by Amal Jyothi College of Engineering, Kottayam in collaboration with Kerala Startup Mission from 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024 to 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.





## FUTUREPRENEURS

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre of Amal Jyothi College of Engineering organized an entrepreneurship workshop program called “Futurepreneurs” for the students on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 at Kottayam of Kerala from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The entrepreneurship workshop began with an inauguration of the event, held in the seminar hall of the college. Dignitaries and organizers welcomed the participants and set the tone for the day's activities. The whole program included lab visits, panel discussions, interaction with entrepreneurs which provided valuable insights. The event followed by a visit to the Technology Business Incubator (TBI) facilities, providing a glimpse into the support structures available for budding entrepreneurs.

3 students participated in the entrepreneurship workshop and attained awareness regarding the opportunities provided by IEDC. The students also came to know how IEDC helps student entrepreneurs and innovators sharpen their entrepreneurial skill sets and transform them into technically competent skilled entrepreneurs.



## ORIENTATION PROGRAM OF KDISC/YIP

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre organized orientation program for the students on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 at Seminar Hall, DiST from 1.30 am to 3.30 pm.

The Orientation Program began with a prayer and Nodal Officer of IEDC, Dr. Rakhi Radh Krishna welcomed the gathering. The program was presided over by the principal Fr. (Dr.) Johny Chacko Mangalath and the resource person of the session was Mr. Gokul K, YIP Dist Coordinator, K-DISC. Students from various department of the college attended the program. Around 80 students participated in the Orientation Program and attained awareness regarding the opportunities provided by IEDC. The program motivated the students as well as explained

the process, formalities and platform for pitching startup ideas. The students also came to know how IEDC helps student entrepreneurs and innovators sharpen their entrepreneurial skill sets and transform them into technically competent skilled entrepreneurs.

The program was concluded at 3.30pm with a vote of thanks by Pranave Vipin(BA ECJ22)



## **EX-ELEVATE – LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM**

Student leads of IEDC DiST attended a training program called “EX ELEVATE” organized by Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre of Amal Jyothi College of Engineering on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 at Kottayam, Kerala.

The training program began with an inauguration of the event, held in the seminar hall of the college. Dignitaries and organizers welcomed the participants and set the tone for two days activities. The whole program included lab visits, panel discussions, excoms interaction, workshops and fund-raising classes which provided valuable insights. The event followed by a visit to the Technology Business Incubator (TBI) facilities, providing a glimpse into the support structures available for budding entrepreneurs.

4 IEDC leads (CEO, CFO, Technical lead and Community lead) participated in the training program and attained awareness regarding the enhancement and improvement of IEDC clubs of every college in Kerala. The student leads also came to know how IEDC should activate helps student entrepreneurs and innovators sharpen their entrepreneurial skill sets and transform them into technically competent skilled entrepreneurs.





## HACKATHON

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IEDC) in collaboration with BCA Association Augmenta and Cozmek Pvt Ltd orchestrated a remarkable event, the Code Byte in relation to the InnovX Tech Fest. Commencing on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, the competition's first round unfolded online, inviting participants from various colleges to showcase their coding prowess and problem-solving skills.

Transitioning from the virtual realm to the vibrant campus environment, the competition entered its offline phase on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. Here, amidst the buzzing atmosphere of creativity and collaboration, the second and third rounds unfolded within the energetic setting of our college premises. Participants demonstrated not only their technical acumen but also their resilience and adaptability under pressure, embodying the spirit of innovation. As the curtain drew to a close on this exhilarating event, winners were crowned, their achievements celebrated amidst cheers and applause. With the first prize amounting to 6000 and the second prize to 4000, participants left not only with cash rewards but also with a sense of pride in their accomplishments. The Hackathon stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and innovation driving our community forward. The program was concluded at 3.30pm with the award ceremony for the winners.



## TECH EXPO

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IED) in collaboration with Cozmek Pvt Ltd and the School of Computer Science (UG) organized the INNOVX Tech Fest, the Tech Expo on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The expo showcased an array of cutting-edge technological marvels. From morning 10.00am to evening 3.00pm, attendees were treated to a fascinating display of innovation, featuring diverse exhibits such as 3D printers, humanoid robots, and other groundbreaking devices. The expo provided an invaluable opportunity for enthusiasts to engage with emerging technologies and gain insights into their practical applications in various fields.

In tandem with the Tech Expo, students exhibited their ingenuity and creativity through the arrangement of tech stalls. A total of six stalls, curated by students from three BCA batches, adorned the festival grounds, offering an immersive experience for attendees. Each stall featured a unique array of tech-related games and interactive activities, showcasing the diverse talents and interests of the participating students. The Tech stalls added an interactive dimension to the festival, fostering engagement and collaboration among attendees while highlighting the innovative spirit of the student community. The expo was concluded at 3.30pm.





## LEEP 2024

The Leadership and Entrepreneurship Enrichment Program, organized by EY Global Delivery Services in association with the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IEDC) at DiST, took place on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Seminar Hall, DiST, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Dr. Rakhi Radh Krishna, the Nodal Officer of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre, extended a warm welcome to the attendees, while Fr. (Dr.) Johny Chacko Mangalath, the principal, chaired the session. Assisting Nodal Officers, Mr. Joseph Paul and Ms. Anna Anjana Varghese, were also present.

The resource persons were Mr. Jeevan Sasidharan, Mr. Binoy Vincent, and other dignitaries from EY GDS. Students from various department of the college attended the program.

Approximately 85 students engaged in the LEEP 2024 Training Program, gaining insights into various entrepreneurship opportunities. The program served to inspire students while also elucidating the procedures, requirements, and avenues for presenting startup concepts. Participants learned about IEDC's role in supporting student entrepreneurs and fostering their entrepreneurial abilities, aiding in their transformation into proficient and technically skilled innovators. The program featured events such as panel discussions, among others.

The program wrapped up at 4:00 p.m. with a vote of thanks delivered by Gouthem Sankar (BBA22).

