

# **The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)**

## **AIMS & OBJECTIVES**

The Ministry of Education's Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) aims to systematically foster a culture of innovation, start-ups, and entrepreneurship within Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Key objectives include encouraging ideation, promoting Intellectual Property (IP) awareness, creating, supporting pre-incubation/incubation facilities, and enabling year-round activities like hackathons and workshops to build a robust, sustainable ecosystem.

### **Key Aims and Objectives of IIC:**

**Foster Innovation Ecosystem:** Create a vibrant, sustainable, local innovation and startup ecosystem in HEIs.

**Encourage Student/Faculty Participation:** Actively engage faculty and students in various innovation-related activities, including problem-solving, design thinking, and IPR.

**Startup & Incubation Support:** Provide mentorship, training, and resources to transform innovative ideas into prototypes and, ultimately, startups.

**Intellectual Property Education:** Improve awareness and encourage the protection of Intellectual Property (IP).

**Structured Activities:** Conduct regular, time-bound events like hackathons, idea competitions, and workshops to maintain year-round engagement.

**Networking & Collaboration:** Connect with industry, investors, and other stakeholders to enhance the ecosystem.

**Atal Ranking Preparation:** Prepare institutions for the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA)

### **Core Functions of IIC:**

Establish a functioning ecosystem for scouting, mentoring, and pre-incubation of ideas.

Organize sessions with experts, investors, and entrepreneurs.

Develop a repository of innovative ideas and success stories