

Activity Report

Title of Event: Webinar on Innovation and Entrepreneurship by the MoE's Innovaiton Cell

Date of Session: 10th March 2025

Time: 11:30am

Unit Coordinator: Dr.Gina George

Speaker: Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Dr.Abhay Jere

Poster/Banner/Brochure of the event:



ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Objective:

The webinar conducted by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell was aimed at updating the current status of the different activities conducted by it. It also highlighted the need to create more awareness of the schemes under the Innovation Cell along with the need to be more active in those areas.

Highlighted Points:

1. Ideation:

- The Speakers expressed the need to promote Ideation activities among higher education institutes (HEIs).
- By encouraging students to generate, develop and refine the ideas, Ideation would offer a good platform to do so.

2. Prototyping:

- By encouraging ideation, it can lead further onto prototyping as this is a crucial phase under innovation.
- Students can develop their level of prototype, thereby increasing more products development, a step closer to Atmanirbhar Bharat.

3. YUKTI:

- The speakers urged the HEIs to continue to be part of YUKTI Innovation challenges and actively participate in it.

4. Smart India Hackathon:

- With the success of previous editions of Smart India Hackathons, the participants were encouraged to continue to be part of it and if any institute has not participated to do so in the coming editions.
- The speakers expressed the SIH being a good platform for the students who want to innovate and who want to initiate start-ups

5. KAPILA:

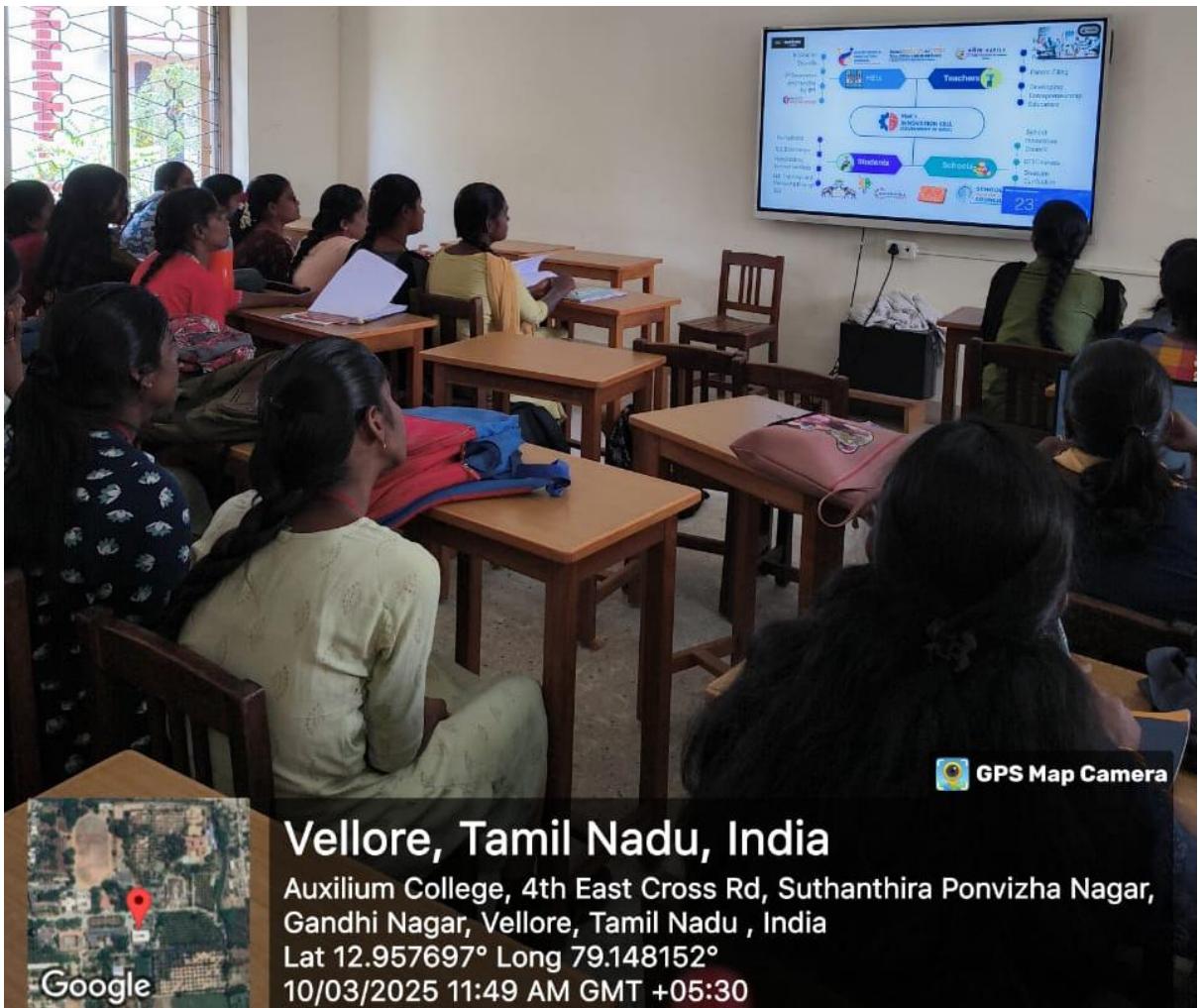
- The speakers updated about the status of the various institutes being part of KAPILA program and reminded KAPILA: Kalam Program for IP Literacy and Awareness needs to be given more awareness among HEIs and students.

6. Bootcamp

- IDE Bootcamps have been helpful in creating awareness among students towards the innovation, entrepreneurship which will thereby help to increase more active participation in YUKTI, Smart India Hackathons.
- The speakers encouraged the participants of the webinar to send more students to the

bootcamps held every year.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Outcomes Achieved:

- Students became aware of the different platforms like YUKTI, KAPILA, Smart India Hackathon and bootcamps.

Feedback and Testimonials:

Participants were able to get the understanding that there are many initiatives by the Ministry of Education under the IIC that will help them to start on this journey of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Conclusion:

The Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell conducted a webinar to update participants on its activities and emphasize the need for greater awareness and engagement. Key discussions included promoting ideation in higher education institutes, encouraging prototyping to boost product development under Atmanirbhar Bharat, and urging participation in YUKTI Innovation Challenges and the Smart India Hackathon. The webinar also highlighted the importance of the KAPILA program for Intellectual Property Literacy and the role of IDE Bootcamps in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. As a result, students gained awareness of various initiatives supporting their journey in innovation and startups.

Total number of Students participated: 97

Staff Members participated: 02