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To,

All Deans, Directors, Principals, Innovation Club Coordinators, Faculty members and students

We believe that technology will be a great enabler to bring further equity, access & inclusion to bring sustainable impact at grassroots level. We are making sincere efforts for incentivising students and faculty members to innovate for society at large.

To achieve the above, GTU has established its Innovation Council since 2010 and has been engaged in creating a robust Innovation and Start-up ecosystem across its 460 plus affiliated colleges in Gujarat. To develop a deep technology driven innovation culture across all our campuses we are doing strategic interventions at pedagogy and institution level. We have adopted three layer innovation system design:

- **GTU Innovation Council at University level**
- **GTU Innovation Sankuls at Cluster level**
- **GTU Innovation Clubs at Institute level**

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India has recently established 'MHRD's Innovation Cell (MIC)' to systematically foster the culture of Innovation in all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Innovation Cell will be responsible for organizing initiatives like 'Smart India Hackathon', Grand and Mini-Challenges, Idea Competitions, etc. for students of HEIs. The primary mandate of Innovation Cell is to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by exposing them to new ideas and process resulting in innovative activities in their formative years.

MIC has decide to initiate creation of 'Innovation Clubs (ICs)' across selected HEIs. These ICs will routinely interact with MIC and have opportunity to participate in various Innovation initiative and competition by Govt. of India. Moreover, the students/Faculty associated with ICs will have opportunities to win large number of prizes/certificates directly from MHRD. A one-pager concept note regarding the proposed ICs is attached with this email.

If you believe that MHRD should select your institution for the proposed 'Innovation Club' network then we request you register ASAP on

<https://goo.gl/forms/29hVUb9vMw1hruDn1>

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MHRD expects no major investments from HEIs for IC and we will be using the exiting ecosystem to achieve our goals.

The selected institutions will be invited to Delhi on 30th August (No TA/DA will be paid) for the formal announcement of Innovation Club in presence of Hon'ble Minister for HRD Shri Prakash Javadekar.

Selected HEIs will be informed via Email and SMS between 20nd and 22nd August 2018. Details regarding structure and formation of ICs and expected outcomes will be discussed elaborately on 30th Aug 2018.

PFA https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nEpyjQf1nRq5hEi_0f0BhB3CL2nHhjs/view?usp=sharing



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Concept note on 'MHRD Innovation Club'

The buzzword across the globe for the 21st century is 'Innovation'. In the simplest term Innovation could be defined as converting ideas into new or improved products, processes and services. Undoubtedly, Innovation is about taking inventions to marketplace by translating scientific knowledge into products, services and offerings for economic growth and social development. Even, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has declared decade 2010-20 as 'Decade of Innovation', to unleash the creative potential of every Indian and contribute at all layers. Youth of our country, especially in higher education institutions (HEIs) need to play crucial role at every step to shape the innovation ecosystem. Hence, ideally all HEIs should have a dedicated hubs; an 'Innovation Club(IC)'to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by exposing them to new ideas and processes resulting in innovative activities in their formative years. To achieve this objective, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India has recently established 'MHRD's Innovation Cell (MIC)' to systematically foster the culture of Innovation amongst all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). MIC will be responsible for organizing various innovation initiatives like 'Smart India Hackathon', Grand and Mini-Challenges, Idea Competitions, etc. for students of HEIs. The primary mandate of MIC is to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by exposing them to new ideas and process resulting in innovative activities in their formative years.

Now, MIC has decided to encourage creation of 'Innovation Clubs (ICs)' across selected HEIs. A network of these ICs will be established which will have unique opportunity to directly interact with MIC. MIC will prescribe basic framework for the structure, formation, structure and smooth running of ICs and will soon share list of different activities which ICs need to undertake for the entire academic year.

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Why HEIS should Join ICs Network

- 1) No major capital investment required and IC will make use of existing local ecosystem
- 2) Students/Faculty associated with ICs will have exclusive opportunity to participate in various Innovation related initiative and competitions organized by MHRD.
- 3) Win exciting prizes/Certificates every month
- 4) Meet/ Interact renowned Business Leaders and top-notch academicians
- 5) Opportunity to nurture and prototype new ideas
- 6) Mentoring by Industry Professionals
- 7) Experiment with new technologies.
- 8) Visit new places and see new culture.



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