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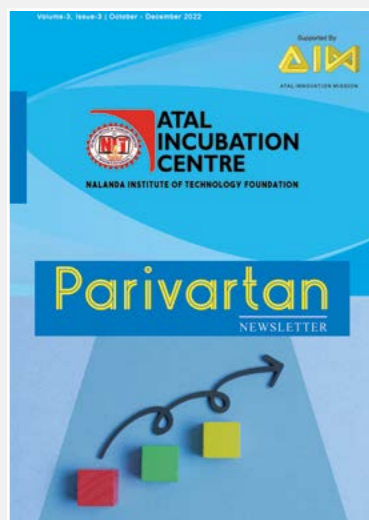
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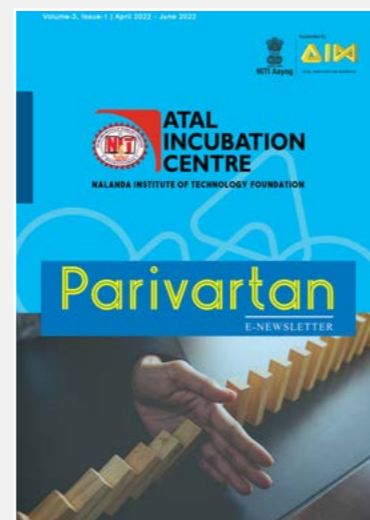
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Message from CEO



Dear Ecosystem Family,

2023 seems to augur well for the network and at AIC Nalanda we have left no stone unturned in our quest to work towards a strong and effective delivery platform.

This quarter we had the graduation day for aspiring startup founders under the IdeaNest 3.0 program. This was unique in itself as it was a program for student innovators and we saw some exciting prospects in terms of creative minds and great ideas to back that. We also celebrated National Startup Day with a Startup Fest which engaged the Host Institution students too!

New Innovate Odisha Hackathon and a 5-Day Bootcamp specifically on Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL) products made this quarter very engaging with the ecosystem. AIC Nalanda, under Aahaar Samvaad, created and delivered a very thought-provoking workshop for SHGs. During the quarter, AIC Nalanda collaborated with IIT Bombay for their E-Summit 2023 and with IIT Kharagpur for Prakriti 2023.

We look forward to continue to working towards engaging all stakeholders of the ecosystem and will keep marching forward for creating opportunities for startups across the nation.

Enjoy the year and wish you a all a very fulfilling 2023 ahead.

Thank you!

Mr. Devjyoti Mohanty
Chief Executive Officer
AIC-NITF

Initiatives

Startup Fest 2023

AIC-Nalanda in association with its host organisation, Nalanda Institute of Technology organised “**Startup Fest 2023**” to celebrate the “National Startup Day” and promote innovation and entrepreneurship among the students of Nalanda. This power packed 2-day event from 16th to 17th January 2023 was a blend of various kinds of learning sessions, brainstorming activities and competitions for students. During this event, AIC-Nalanda also announced various kinds of upcoming initiatives, flagship programs, partnerships and self-built communities that will contribute to strengthen the Startup Ecosystem in the state of Odisha.



Partners



Startup Fest 2023 Flagged-off on 16th January 2023 (Monday)

Unlocking Innovation and Entrepreneurship

2-Day workshop on **Unlocking Innovation and Entrepreneurship** was held during the Startup Fest 2023. This workshop was to educate students about the two crucial factors of startups i.e. Design Thinking and Lean Canvas Model. This was a unique blend of both knowledge sessions and group activities which aimed to give the participants the correct understanding of need of a startup in a society as well as how to start a startup. **Mr. Manas Kumar Samantaray & Mr. Bibhu P Bahalia** were mentor for the occasion.



Total 26 groups participated in this workshop and in the end, their Idea Canvases and Lean Canvases were evaluated for the “**Best Idea Unlocker**” competition. The Winning Group received a cash prize of INR 5,000/- whereas the Runners Up Group received INR 2,500/-.



Glimpses from Workshop held on 16th & 17th January 2023

Tinkerer's Exhibition

A Tinkerer's Exhibition was held during the Startup Fest 2023 which provided the students from various Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) a platform to unleash their potential by showcasing their innovative projects either as an Industry-Defined Problem or a User-Defined Problem and thereby provide an opportunity for the students to demonstrate their learning experiences. Mr. Mukesh Kestwal, Ms. Sanjana Uthappa, Ms. Eashita Maheshwary and Mr. Saurabh Trivedi from Headstart Network Foundation inaugurated the exhibition and evaluated the group projects. Also, they shared valuable suggestions and remarks with the participating groups.



A team of students from BJEM School-2 grabbed the winning place whereas a team from DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar grabbed the Runner's Up place in Tinkerer's Exhibition and were felicitated on the stage.



Glimpses from Tinkerer's Exhibition held on 16th January 2023

Ideathon Competition

On the occasion of **Start-up Fest 2023**, AIC-Nalanda organized an Ideathon Competition which aimed to encourage the spirit of innovation and harness the enormous potential of students to think big and dream of futuristic ideas. Participants had a choice to select 1 out of the 5 themes given i.e. Waste to Wealth, Future Mobility, Tourism, Mechanized Farming & Robotics, and Drones. 7 groups participated in this competition and pitched their Ideas before the jury panel that comprised of **Mr. Devjyoti Mohanty**, CEO, AIC-NITF and **Mr. Siddharth Bhattar**, CEO, Karkhana Makerspace. Scoring was done on the basis of their presentation. Laxmi Priya Das bagged the first position and was awarded cash prize of INR 3000/- whereas Abhinandan Parhi who bagged the second position was awarded cash prize of INR 1500/-.



Glimpses from Ideathon held on 17th January 2023

The Art of Starting Up

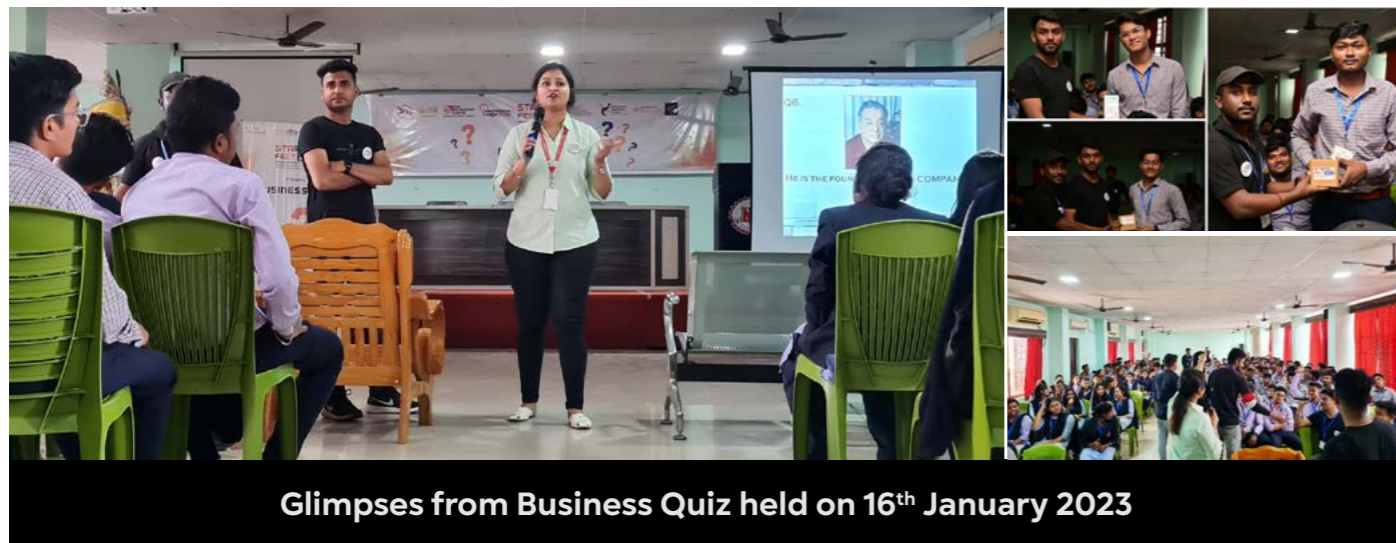
The Art of Starting Up educated participants about the correct approach towards building a startup. **Mr. Durga Prasad**, COO, AIC-Nalanda was the speaker for this session. The discussion was centered around what is startup, the need of a startup in the society, key factors to look after while building a startup and the correct time of starting up. More than 150 students participated in this seminar resulting in making this session interactive.



Glimpses from Seminar held on 17th January 2023

Business Quiz

The Business Quiz unfolded 20 exciting business-related questions which received engaging responses from the crowd. Exciting goodies were won by those who answered them right. 150+ students participated in this quiz competition. **Ms. Deepshikha Sarkar**, Program Manager, AIC-Nalanda was the Quiz Master of the occasion.



Glimpses from Business Quiz held on 16th January 2023

Announcements made during Startup Fest 2023

- **Program Announcements**
 - FFC 2023
 - D2C Community Take-off Pitching Session
 - Tinker Saturday- 2.0
- **Partnership Announcements**
 - Google Cloud
 - Zoho for Startups
- **Program Announcements**
 - OSC 2023
 - Surge +
- **Club Announcements**
 - E-Cell Announcement
 - Innovation Club Announcement
- **Community Announcements**
 - Start Connect
 - COIN
- **Promotional Release**
 - Udghosh: AIC-Nalanda's Coffee Table Book on Initiatives
 - Startup Testimonials



Glimpses of Startup Fest 2023

Initiatives

Innovate Odisha

Innovate Odisha was a 24-hour long non-stop hackathon, organized by **AIC-Nalanda and Karkhana Makerspace**, in collaboration with **Atal Innovation Mission and Startup Odisha**. For this hackathon 200 applications were received from 18 colleges across Odisha on Applied Robotics, IoT, Cloud & AI, Metaverse & Web 3.0 and Future Mobility themes. 80 participants from 20 selected groups were part of the main hackathon which was held on 19th and 20th February 2023 at AIC-Nalanda premises. Representatives from Startups, Communities and Govt. Bodies were part of this mega hackathon.

Inauguration Ceremony witnessed the presence of our Chief Guest, Dr. Tapan Kumar Chand, President, Vedanta Aluminium & DG, AIC-Nalanda, our Guest of Honor, Mr. Shubhajit Jagdev, Founder & CEO, EduSkills, Mr. Siddharth Bhattar, Founder & CEO, Karkhana Makerspace, Mr. Devjyoti Mohanty, CEO, AIC-Nalanda and Mr. Manas Kumar Samantray, Program Manager, AIC-Nalanda.

Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, had a recorded video message for the participants of Innovate Odisha which was showcased during the official launch.



With the official launch of Innovate Odisha, the 24-hour countdown began at 12:00 PM



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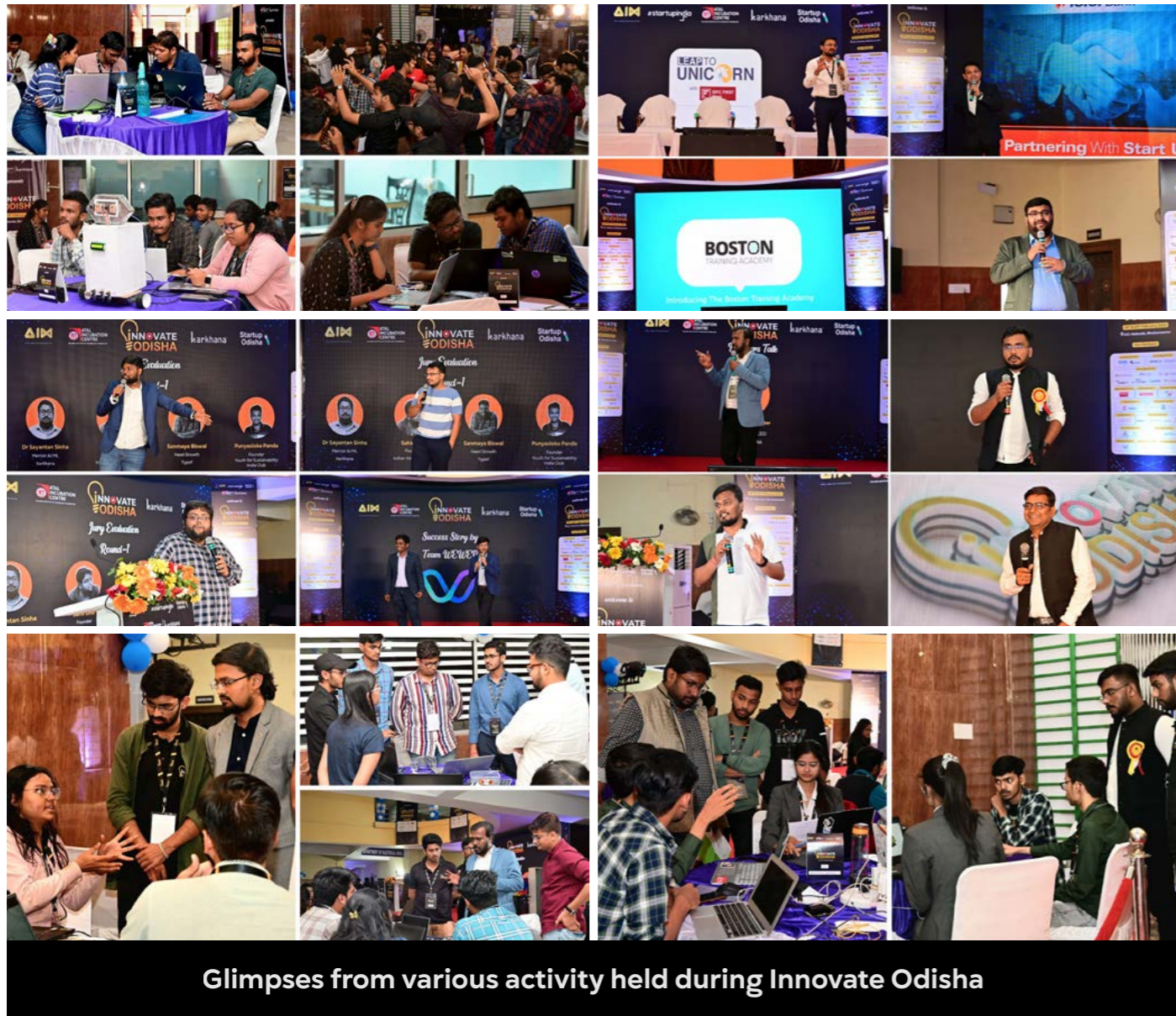


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Glimpses from various activity held during Innovate Odisha

On the completion of 24 hours, the final presentation round kicked off. 20 teams pitched and showcased their products before the jury panel and the evaluation was based on the scale of their innovation & its revenue generation model.



Glimpses from Final Pitch Round held on 20th February 2023

Innovate Odisha came to an end with the Valedictory Ceremony where Dr Omkar Rai, Executive Chairman, Startup Odisha presided as the Chief Guest. Dr. Rai congratulated the Winners, Top Performers and encouraged the participants to be entrepreneurs in the future. He also added that the ecosystem of Odisha is growing, and these young innovators are the new future of Odisha.



Valedictory Ceremony held on 20th February 2023

Team “The Four Musketeers” were declared the Winners and were awarded a Cash Prize of Rs. 25,000/- whereas Team “Hawk-AI”, “Deep Divers” & “Codex” were able to grab “Runners Up”, “Best Business Idea” and “Best Innovative Idea” position and were awarded with Rs. 15,000/-, Rs. 5,000/- & Rs. 5,000/- respectively.



Announcement of Winner and Awarding Reward

Pre-Incubation Program

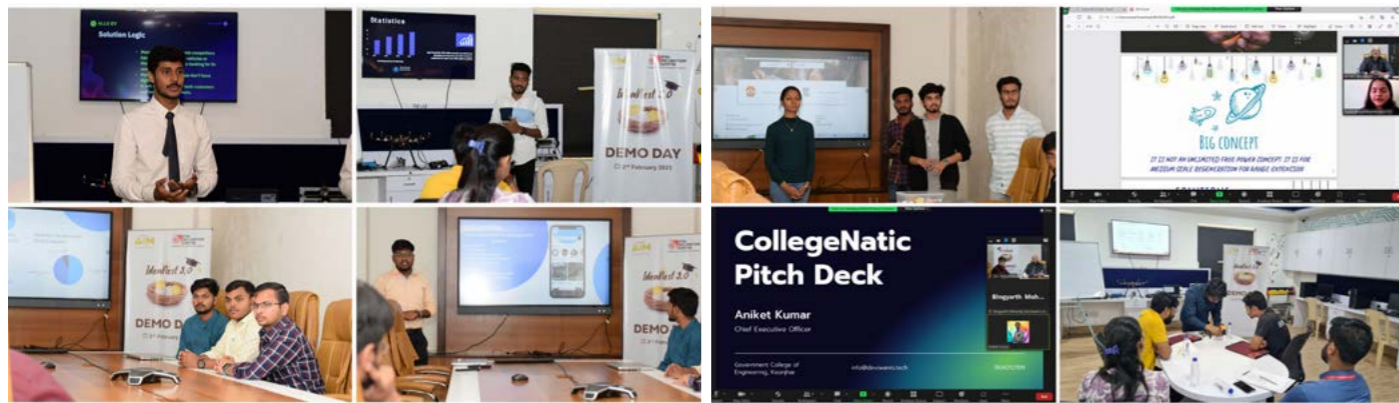


Ideanest 3.0 (Student Edition)

With the co-ordination of Startup Odisha, all the participating teams of IdeaNest 3.0 got an opportunity to have Exposure Visit to O-Hub and understand all the schemes and benefits being provided to startups by Govt. of Odisha.



AIC-Nalanda organized the Demo Day of the 3rd Chapter of Pre-Incubation Program for Students, Ideanest 3.0, on 2nd February 2023 that witnessed Pitch Presentations from 12 Startups of the Cohort to a panel of 6 mentors & technocrats.



Glimpses from Demo Day of Ideanest 3.0

The Graduation Ceremony of Ideanest 3.0 witnessed felicitation of 12 Startups from varied sectors like Agriculture, FinTech, Food & Nutrition, Education, Health & Lifestyle, Travel & Logistics who had completed the 10-week long journey of this Pre-Incubation program. This event was graced by the presence of **Dr. Asit Mohapatra**, Former Professor IIM-Ranchi & **Dr. Payodhar Padhi**, Former DEAN Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital who appreciated the will and efforts of these young entrepreneurs and also wished them good luck for their success.



Ideanest 3.0 Graduation Ceremony

Bootcamp

5-Day Bootcamp on Drone Technology

National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), Bhubaneswar in collaboration with AIC-Nalanda organised a 5-Day Bootcamp on Drone Technology from 20th to 24th March 2023 for students and startups working in this domain with the aim of delivering the knowledge alongside hands-on experience. This Bootcamp delivered 40 hours of knowledge session which encompassed various technical aspects, hands-on experiential learning, and rules and guidelines for flying a Drone. 42 Students joined in for this Bootcamp where Karkhana Makerspace, BonV Aero & IG Drones were the knowledge partners.



Bootcamp Kicked-off at NIELIT, Bhubaneswar on 20th March 2023 with 42 participants



Bootcamp Valediction held on 24th March 2023 at AIC-Nalanda

Collaborations & Partnerships

Lead Angels

Assisting Early Stage Investments

Lead Angels is a platform for investing in professionally researched Indian startups and mentored for maximum value creation.



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

ICAI is entrusted in developing necessary skill development programmes and provide effective academic inputs to support the Government of India policies for encouraging start-up and innovation by the start-up entities.



Google Cloud

Google Cloud helps startups, whether starting out, or scaling up to meet demand, connect with the right people, products, and best practices to help your startup grow.



Boston India Boston India provides industry relevance training & consultancy and mentoring startups in the field of Artificial Intelligence, Data Science and other technological aspects.



FAAD Network is an investor network which invests in early-stage startups across various sectors & geographies integrated with strategical support for startups.



S.S. RANA & Co. provides Legal Assistance to Indian Corporate and Individuals, Fortune 500 clients, as well as grassroot innovators. The firm has been recognized as one of the leading IP law firms in India



Zoho for Startups offers software tools that ease business operations and help to structure and automate businesses



eChai is a social network of entrepreneurs which hosts engaging entrepreneurial programs across 40 cities in India and operates a powerful online social network.



Good Food Institute, India engaged in promotion and encouragement of scientific & technical research, analysis, & projects within alternative proteins or smart proteins.



Qualitek Labs delivers reliable environmental testing with superior service and Quality Testing & Inspection in the Food & Nutrition domain.

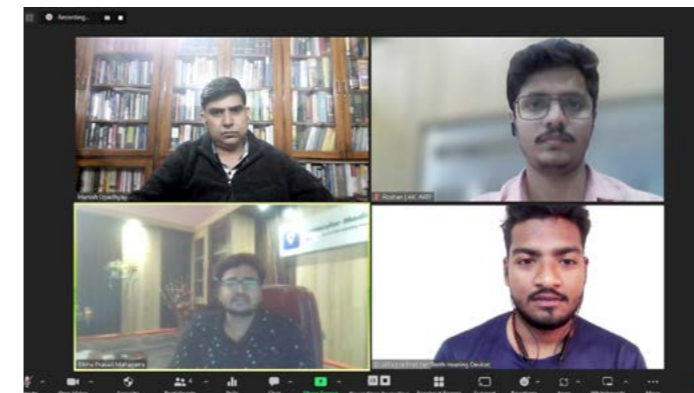


IHM, Bhubaneswar is a Food Craft & Catering Institute under the apex of Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India with an aim to support startups in the field of Food and Tourism.

Consultative Clinics

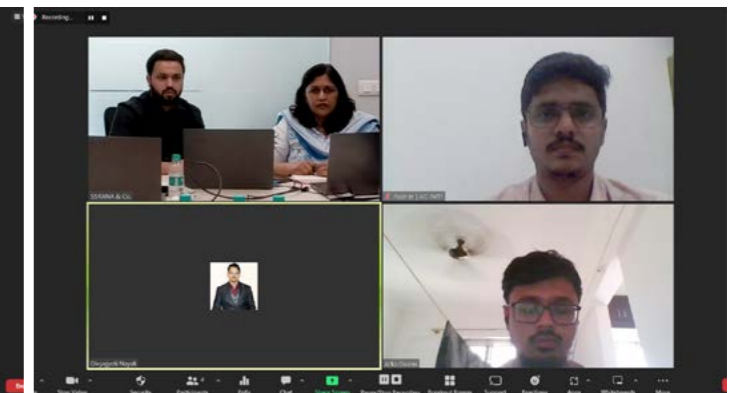
Mentor Clinic - 4

with Mr. Manish Upadhay



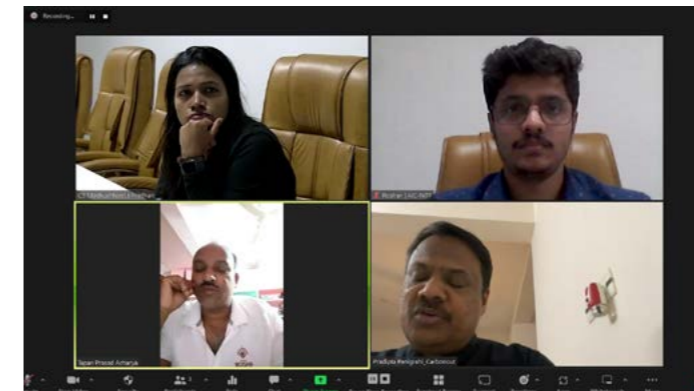
IP Facilitation Clinic - 6

with Ms. Renu Bala & Mr. Rupin Chopra



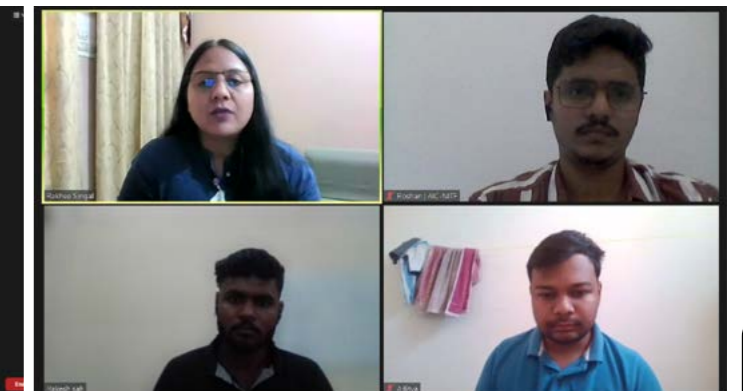
Legal Clinic - 15

with CS Madhuchhanda Pradhan



Legal Clinic - 16

Mrs. Rakhee Singal



Collaborative Programs

Startup Mela

Startup Odisha organised Startup Mela 2023 on 15th & 16th January at O-HUB for celebrating the National Startup Day. AIC-Nalanda in collaboration with Headstart Network Foundation had the privilege to coordinate a few programs during Startup Mela 2023. The members of AIC-Nalanda's Fab Lab's Innovation Club got a unique opportunity of participating in various programs of Startup Mela organised by Startup Odisha. Also, Vinssi, an incubatee of AIC-Nalanda's Surge 2.0, was a part of their exhibition held during the Startup Mela at O-HUB. The extravaganza turned out to be a magnetic epicenter for young minds, startup and aspirants to explore the opportunities in innovation-led entrepreneurship.



I-Summit 2023

Incubator Summit 2023 was a part of the E-Summit'23 that was held on 28th & 29th January 2023 at E-CELL, IIT-Bombay. This event was a congregation of various Incubators across the country with the vision of speeding up the application and acceptance process of a startup in an incubator. It also offered networking opportunities with some investors to both incubators/accelerators and the startups. AIC-Nalanda was the Incubation Partner to this Summit and Mr. Devjyoti Mohanty, CEO of the AIC-Nalanda, joined in for the Incubator Summit which was held on 29th January 2023 (Sunday) at IIT Bombay Campus. Out of 17 applications, he shortlisted & interviewed 8 startups out of which 5 were selected for further rounds of discussion.



29th January 2023 | Incubator Summit 2023 | IIT-Bombay

Prakriti 2023

On 25th March 2023, AIC-Nalanda hosted a Panel Discussion at Prakriti 2023, the Agri and Food Innovation Fest organized by the Department of Agricultural and Food Engineering, IIT Kharagpur, targeting the amalgamation of Academia and Industry associated with the Agricultural and Food sector. The Panel Discussion was on the theme "New Age Agriculture- Odisha shows the way" which was moderated by Mr. Durga Prasad, COO, AIC-Nalanda and graced by Panelists Mr. Bhat Dittakavi, CEO, AI4ICPS, Dr. Gourav Dhar, Asst. Prof. IIT Kharagpur and Mr. Bibhu Bahalia, Program Manager, AIC-Nalanda.



Young India Challenge

Young India Challenge (YIC) was an initiative of Human Circle, to develop ideas which focuses on Sustainable Development Goals to solve the real-world challenges. The 12th Chapter of YIC was held in Bhubaneswar on 25th & 26th March 2023 at Silicon Institute of Technology. AIC-Nalanda was the Incubation Partner for the same and Mr. Durga Prasad, COO, AIC-Nalanda was one of the mentors for this program. He guided the participants on the Day-2 of the program about their ideas and business strategies. 10 students from Nalanda Institute of Technology (Host Institution) were also selected to join in as participants for this hackathon and Biswajit Maity's team bagged the "Winning Award".



26th March 2023 | Young India Challenge | Bhubaneswar

SCOMM India's Entrepreneurs Day Out 3.0

Entrepreneurs Day Out is Scomm India's annual flagship event that brings all the entrepreneurs, community & ecosystem enablers under one roof for collaboration and networking. In 2023, Scomm India organised Entrepreneurs Day Out 3.0 and AIC-Nalanda was the incubation partner to it. This event was held on 28th January 2023 (Saturday) at Wonderland Water Park, Puri. The event was an amazing blend of tactful activities, learning, peer connect and networking. 50+ entrepreneurs joined the event and created a great buzz.



Startup 20 Sikkim Sabha

AIC-Nalanda was a part of the Startup20 Sikkim Sabha held on 18th & 19th March 2023. IG Drones, AUUM Platforms, Karkhana Makerspace & Wewer were the Startups from Odisha who were led by AIC-Nalanda and were able to showcase before the delegates during the Startup20 Sikkim Sabha.



Fab Lab Activity

Workshop on Emerging Tech Landscape

The one-day workshop on Emerging Tech Landscape was held on 18th January 2023 for the FabLab's Innovation Club Members. Experts from IG Drones, Karkhana Makerspace and Wewer deliberated on AI-ML, Scope of Drone and its Future ahead & also Web 3.0.



Understanding of Electronics and Controllers

The 2-day workshop on “Understanding of Electronics and Controllers”) was conducted on 25th and 27th of February 2023 for the FabLab's Innovation Club Members. Mr. Siddharth Bhattar, Founder of Karkhana was the mentor for this workshop. He introduced various kinds of electronic components, its uses and project development by using those components.



AR-VR Training Program

A one-month training course on AR-VR was successfully completed on 28th January 2023 where the knowledge partner of the programme, DMN Edtech, covered the static 2-D and 3-D designs in designing software, Environment Designing and VR Integration. 20 students from Nalanda Institute of Technology had registered for this course.



Seminars

Seminar on Humanoid Robot

To celebrate the National Science Day, a seminar on Humanoid Robot & It's Application was organised on 28th February 2023 for the technical students of Nalanda Institute of Technology, BBSR. Mr. Sarada Prasanna Hota and Mr. Ananta Senapati, Technical Expert at Indian Hobby Centre joined as Guest Speakers for this seminar and discussed about the various major components, its usages and few case studies. Also, they showcased the operation and control of a mini humanoid robot.



Workshops

Workshop on IoT

The Workshop on IoT was held on 10th January 2023 at S.M. Ali High school, Jadupur, Bhubaneswar in which 70 Students participated from class 8 to class 10. The students were divided into 7 teams (10 in each team) for convenience of learning and interaction. Mr. Siddharth Bhatte, Founder & CEO, Karkhana Makerspace introduced IoTs, different sensors, uses and applications in various ways. Each team was provided with a Rookie and Dexter kit box which enabled them to build their own project.



Workshop for SHGs

AIC-Nalanda and Train Guru jointly organised a SHG Workshop for SHG leaders working in food sectors across Bhubaneswar and neighboring regions. This workshop provided knowledge about branding, marketing, and packaging with an initial vision to make their product appearance appealing and entering the new markets. Participating women entrepreneurs explicitly discussed their challenges and were made aware of the opportunities to grow with the support of our incubation centre. Officials from ICICI Bank & HDFC Bank joined in for the informative sessions. Startups like Train Guru and Typof were also partners to this program.



Success Stories

We are elated and proud to share that one of our incubated startups, **TransportSimple**, has been awarded with the **Sambad Corporate Excellence Award 2023** in the Category of **“Emerging Startup (Jury Special)”** at the Award Ceremony held at Bhubaneswar in august presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan; Chairman, OSDA, Shri Subroto Bagchi and Hon'ble MP & Founder Editor of Sambad, Shri Soumyaranjan Pattnaik.

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Media Mentions

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Team Updates

Incoming employees



Debasish Mohanty



Bikhyat Kumar Senapati

Outgoing employee



Anurag Swain



4 Interns joined us on March 2023



Ms. Deepshikha Sarkar was promoted to **Incubation Manager**

Celebrations at 2nd Home



Pre-Holi Celebrations at office with the team members on 7th March 2023.



Mr. Seshadev Nayak's (Finance Assistant, AIC-Nalanda) birthday was celebrated on 27th January 2023

Saturday Employee Hours

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Mr Bibhu Bahalia flagged-off the 1st Employee Hour on 4th March 2023 with a session on coffee brewing & also introduced us to his brand of specialty coffee, ASSAVA. He elaborated on processing of coffee beans, coffee brewing and its different varieties. All employees had a chance to see the LIVE Coffee brewing and tasting of ASSAVA Coffee.



The 2nd Employee Hour was the blend of Cardio Exercises and Flexing held on 11th March 2023. **Ms. Madhuchhanda Pradhan and Mr. Manoj Kumar** uplifted the spirits of the entire team through various cardiovascular exercises.



The 3rd Employee Hour was on the Importance of Ayurveda & its Practices which was held on 18th March 2023. **Mr Seshadev Nayak** discussed about different types of diseases that can be cured by simple Ayurvedic Remedies. He also demonstrated the functioning of 2 ayurvedic products which can be used to cure some common life problems.



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