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Message from CEO



Dear Ecosystem Family,

As we conclude the final quarter of FY 2025–26, it is a moment of reflection on the progress achieved across our initiatives. This quarter focused on expanding outreach, strengthening capabilities, and fostering innovation across different levels of the ecosystem.

We began with Startup Fest 2026, celebrating National Startup Day and encouraging students to explore entrepreneurship through interactive formats such as storytelling, ideation, and founder interactions. Initiatives like Wings of Innovation further highlighted how the right guidance and exposure can empower young innovators to reach national platforms.

Our incubation efforts continued with the launch and outreach of Vritika 2.0, reinforcing our commitment to supporting women entrepreneurs. The L.E.A.D. Program also provided participants with immersive, real-world exposure, enabling them to better understand grassroots challenges and opportunities.

At the same time, our ATL and student engagement initiatives, including Tinker Camps and academic collaborations activities, nurtured innovation among young minds. A series of seminars, workshops, and bootcamps on product development, legal readiness, pitch building, and business modelling helped strengthen the foundation of early-stage entrepreneurship.

We also continued to build strong ecosystem connections through initiatives like the ScaleSprint Investment Pitch and collaborations such as HSX 2026 and Lexathon 2026. The recognition of our incubated startups in national platforms further reflects the growing impact of our efforts.

As we move forward, we remain committed to enabling innovators with the right support, mentorship, and opportunities to build sustainable ventures.

Let's innovate, inspire, and grow together!



Durga Prasad Gouda
CEO, AIC-Nalanda

Startup Fest 2026

To celebrate **National Startup Day**, AIC-Nalanda organised **Startup Fest 2026**, the 4th edition of its flagship initiative, on 16th January 2026 at Nalanda Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar. Organized in collaboration with IIC and E-Cell, the event promoted startup awareness and problem-solving among students. Key activities included a Startup Storytelling Competition, Founder Talkshow, and Ideathon. The celebration encouraged innovation, showcased student ideas, and strengthened entrepreneurial engagement within the campus ecosystem.



Wings of Innovation

AIC-Nalanda published “**Wings of Innovation**,” a documentary that highlights the inspiring journey of four young innovators from Atal Tinkering Labs in Odisha to **Kartavya Path, New Delhi**. Mentored by AIC-Nalanda and supported under the **Atal Innovation Mission**, these students were selected among top innovators across India and invited to witness the **77th Republic Day celebrations**. The documentary particularly features **four students—two from PM Shri Government High School, IRC Village, Bhubaneswar, and two from Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya, Patharchepa, Balangir—who was part of this initiative because of their innovative ideas.**

The documentary showcases their journey, which includes visit to **Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya, Rashtrapati Bhavan, National Science Centre** and Participation in the 77th Republic Day Celebrations, offering exposure beyond classrooms. It reflects how innovation, guidance, and opportunity can empower young minds to achieve and experience platforms of national significance.



She Confluence 2026

Celebrating the spirit of **International Women's Day**, AIC-Nalanda organised **She Confluence 2026**, the third edition of its flagship initiative focused on empowering women in innovation and entrepreneurship. The conference brought together women faculty members of Nalanda Institute of Technology for insightful discussions on opportunities in academia-driven innovation and entrepreneurial growth, fostering awareness and active participation.

The initiative aimed to equip faculty members with relevant insights and a deeper understanding of innovation and entrepreneurship, enabling them to guide and mentor students more effectively. It also strengthened the role of academia in promoting innovation-led thinking and building a more inclusive and supportive environment for entrepreneurial learning.



VRITIKA 2.0

A Women Centric Incubation Program

Announcement

AIC-Nalanda announced the **second chapter of Vritika – Women-Centric Incubation Program (WCIP)** on **10th January 2026**, aimed at supporting early-stage women entrepreneurs across sectors such as **Food, Beauty, Fashion, Handicrafts, and Livelihood**. The program focuses on providing structured mentorship, business support, and access to essential resources, enabling women-led ventures to build, sustain, and scale effectively.

Roadshow

A roadshow for **Vritika 2.0** was organised on **27th February 2026** to engage aspiring women entrepreneurs and share real entrepreneurial journeys. The session featured **Ms. Ritu Mehrotra, Founder & CEO, Shunya Labs**, who led a fireside chat on “Breaking Barriers: The Real Journey of a Woman Founder.” Through her experiences, she shared valuable insights and inspired participants, creating awareness about the program and encouraging women to take the first step in their entrepreneurial journey



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L.E.A.D. : 2-Days Field Visit

As a part of L.E.A.D. Incubation Program, a 2-day field visit was organised on **13th–14th March 2026 to Puri**, providing immersive grassroots exposure to participants. The visit included Raghurajpur Heritage Village, where participants interacted with artisans to understand cultural entrepreneurship and evolving market linkages. Suando Village was also explored, highlighting rural livelihoods and community-driven sustainability. A mock pitching session at Ocean View Resort, Puri, enabled participants to refine their ideas based on feedback from **Mr. Durga Prasad Gouda, CEO, AIC-Nalanda**. The visit also included a plogging drive at Puri Beach. The experience offered valuable insights into rural markets and sustainable business models.



Tinker Camp #11 - Ganjam

FabLab, AIC-Nalanda conducted a **2-Day Tinker Camp** at **Gram Vikas High School (Residential), Kankia, Ganjam**, on **25th–26th February 2026**, engaging 100+ students through hands-on learning and innovation-driven activities. The camp covered key areas such as IoT, Robotics, 3D Design, Drone Technology, AR/VR, and basics of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). Students were guided to identify real-world problems and develop practical solutions through interactive sessions. The program concluded with an Idea Pitching session, where participants showcased their creativity and problem-solving abilities. The initiative fostered curiosity, technical skills, and an early understanding of innovation among students.



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Product Innovation – MVP & Prototyping

AIC-Nalanda in collaboration with the **Srusti Academy of Management and Technology** organized a comprehensive seminar on **Product Innovation – MVP & Prototyping** on **28th February 2026**. Led by **Mr. Akaash Jaiswal, Founder & CEO of Wooble**, the session introduced students to the essential phases of early-stage product development. The seminar highlighted the importance of idea validation and user-centric design, utilizing real-world examples to demonstrate how iterative prototyping can transform a raw concept into a testable, market-ready solution.



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Legal Aspects & Startup Registrations

AIC-Nalanda in collaboration with **Srusti Academy of Management and Technology**, organized a seminar on **Legal Aspects & Startup Registrations** on **28th Feb 2026**. Led by **FCS Madhu, (M Pradhan & Associates) Company Secretaries**, to build awareness on essential legal and regulatory requirements. The session covered business structures, registration processes, and the importance of compliance in early-stage ventures. It enabled students to understand the role of legal preparedness in building sustainable startups and encouraged structured entrepreneurial thinking.



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Transformation of Prototype into Product

AIC-Nalanda conducted a seminar on “Transformation of Prototype into Product” on 16th March 2026 at the Fab Lab, AIC-NITF. Led by Mr. Abhijit Mohanty, Founder, Eviman, the session introduced participants to the key stages of product development from prototype to market-ready solution. The seminar emphasized iterative refinement, usability enhancement, and aligning products with market needs, providing practical insights into building scalable and user-focused solutions.



WORKSHOP

Pitch Deck Development

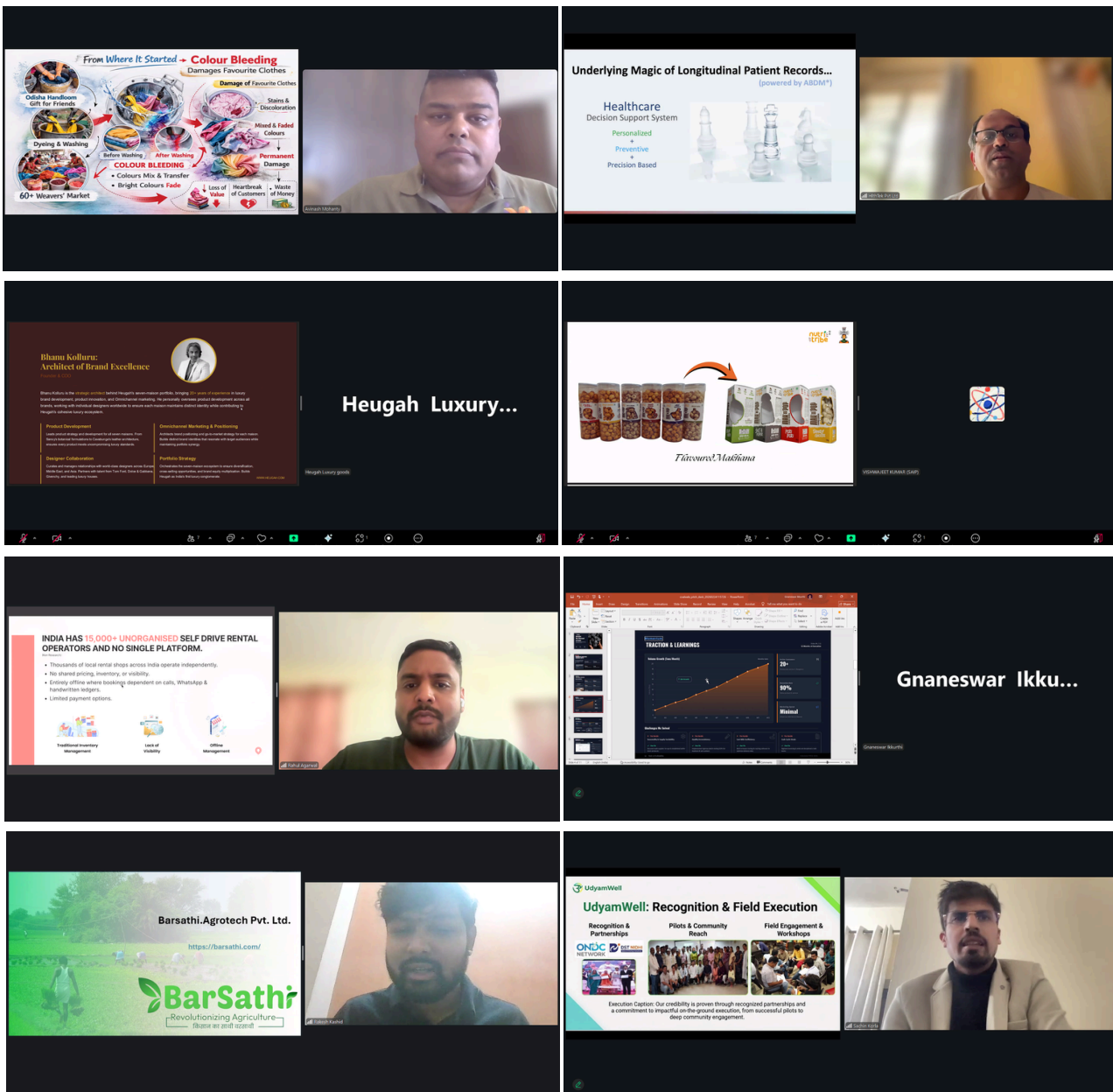
AIC-Nalanda in collaboration with **Srusti Academy of Management and Technology**, organized a Workshop on **Pitch Deck Development** on 7th March 2026. Led by Mr. Adarsh Das, Investment Manager, AIC-Nalanda to help students structure and present startup ideas effectively. The session covered key components of a pitch deck along with storytelling and presentation techniques, enabling participants to communicate ideas with clarity and confidence while strengthening their startup readiness.



INVESTMENT PITCH

ScaleSprint Investment Pitch

AIC-Nalanda conducted **ScaleSprint**, an Investment Pitch on **25th February 2026** to connect high-potential startups with investors. The session witnessed participation of **9 startups**, who presented their business models, traction, and growth strategies before an investor panel comprising **Mr. Sejal Jain (Indicorn Angels)** and **Ms. Nanki Hari (Equanimity Investments)**. The interaction provided founders with valuable insights on investment readiness, scalability, and strategic alignment. The session enabled startups to refine their approach and strengthen their positioning for future growth and funding opportunities.



“AN INVESTMENT IN KNOWLEDGE PAYS THE BEST INTEREST.”

- Benjamin Franklin

BOOTCAMP

2-Days Bootcamp on Ideation & BMC

AIC-Nalanda, in collaboration with **Srusti Academy of Management and Technology**, conducted a **2-Day Bootcamp on Ideation & Business Model Canvas (BMC)** to strengthen participants' understanding of early-stage entrepreneurship.

The Ideation session, led by **Mr. Manoj Kumar Dandapat, Program Associate, AIC-Nalada** focused on problem identification and idea generation, while the BMC session, led by **Ms. Deepshikha Sarkar, Incubation Manager, AIC-Nalanda** introduced key elements of business model development. The bootcamp enabled participants to translate ideas into structured business concepts through interactive and application-oriented learning.

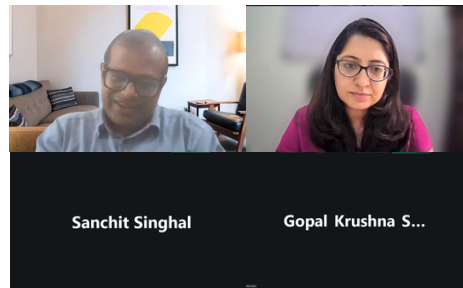


Clinical Session



Mentor Clinic #5

Mr. Shivam Lohiya
CEO & Founder of MonoSpace



Mentor Clinic #6

Mr. Rajesh Sarangi
Co-Founder of Care360

Collaborative Program HSX 2026

AIC-Nalanda has partnered as an **Ecosystem Partner** for **HSX 2026**, Headstart's flagship startup summit scheduled to be held on **11th April 2026** in **Mumbai**. HSX brings together 600+ founders, venture capitalists, incubators, corporates, CXOs, and policy leaders for a day of meaningful conversations, networking, and insights on the future of Indian startups. This collaboration reflects AIC-Nalanda's continued engagement with the national startup ecosystem and its commitment to fostering innovation through strategic partnerships.



“ None of us is as smart as all of us. Great things in business are never done by one person. ”

- STEVE JOBS

Lexathon 2026

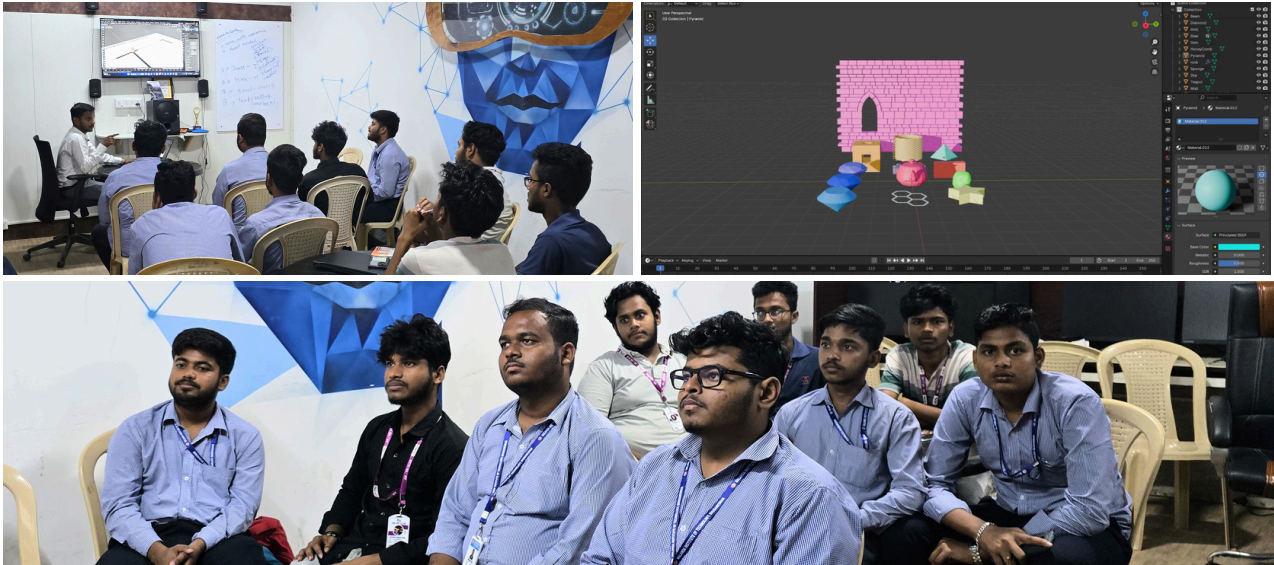
Lexathon 2026, organised by LexTech – Centre for Law, Entrepreneurship and Innovation at National Law University Odisha (NLUO), was supported by AIC-Nalanda as the Incubation Partner, collaboratively delivering the Ideation Bootcamp and Ideathon on 6th March 2026 to promote legal-tech innovation among students.

The Ideation Bootcamp, mentored by Mr. Manoj Kumar Dandapat, Program Associate, AIC-Nalanda introduced participants to structured problem identification, idea development, and early-stage startup thinking through interactive sessions. Building on this foundation, the Ideathon witnessed participation from 10+ student teams, who presented innovative and practical solutions. The ideas were evaluated by Ms. Deepshikha Sarkar, Incubation Manager, AIC-Nalanda and Mr. Manoj Kumar Dandapat, Program Associate, AIC-Nalanda, offering constructive feedback and recognising top teams, thereby fostering creativity, critical thinking, and entrepreneurial curiosity among participants.



Training Program on AR/VR

AIC-Nalanda's Fab Lab initiated a **one-month training program on Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR)** starting from **16th March 2026**, with **18 students enrolled** in the current cohort. The program focuses on building foundational skills in immersive technologies, including **3D design and modelling using Blender**, along with hands-on exposure to AR/VR applications. The initiative aims to enhance technical understanding and provide practical experience in emerging technology domains.



Success Story



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Incubatee Success Story



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AI-PRENEURS OF INDIA

Incubated startups of AIC-Nalanda—EveoAI, Planbow, and Twinverse Technology—have been featured in “AI-Preneurs of India,” a publication by Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, launched at the India AI Impact Summit 2026. The publication highlights leading AI startups across the country, showcasing impactful and innovative solutions and reflecting the growing contribution of these ventures to India’s evolving AI ecosystem.

Leaders Talk on Innovation & Entrepreneurship

As part of the **National Workshop on Business and Professional Leadership**, organised by **Maa Manikeshwari University, Bhawanipatna** on **19th March 2026**, **Mr. Durga Prasad Gouda, CEO, AIC-Nalanda**, delivered a **Leaders Talk session**. He engaged students on innovation and entrepreneurship, emphasizing problem-solving and real-world application of ideas, while encouraging them to explore entrepreneurial pathways and innovation-driven opportunities.



Visit to AIC-Nalanda

Students and faculty members from **Bhadrak Engineering School & Technology (BEST)** visited **AIC-Nalanda** on **28th February 2026** for an exposure visit. The engagement included a session, giving an overview of AIC-Nalanda's initiatives, a facility tour and engaging discussions. A key highlight was the inspiring startup journey shared by **Mr. Adhiraj Mohapatra, Founder of Urban Hyphae Bioscience Pvt. Ltd.**, motivating students to explore innovation and entrepreneurship-driven career paths.



AIC-NITF Office Updates

Outgoing Employee



Mr. Nigam Jyoti Sahu



Birthday Celebration 🎉



Mr. Durga Prasad Gouda | 15th January 2026



Mr. Seshadev Nayak | 23rd January 2026

Holi Celebration





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