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Message from CEO



Dear Ecosystem Family,

The first quarter of FY 2026–27 has been a period of meaningful progress and renewed momentum for AIC-Nalanda as we continued to strengthen Odisha's innovation and startup ecosystem through incubation programs, collaboration and capacity-building initiatives.

This quarter witnessed the successful launch of our flagship programs, including IdeaNest 6.0, IdeaNest 7.0, Sanvridhi 4.0, and Samarth 2.0, reaffirming our commitment to supporting entrepreneurs from ideation to growth. We also celebrated an important milestone through the L.E.A.D. Demo Day, where sustainability-driven startups showcased impactful solutions, reflecting the growing strength of innovation-led entrepreneurship.

Building awareness and nurturing future innovators remained a key priority. Through initiatives such as IP Sparks Bootcamp, IP Sparks Conclave, Innovation Club, Tinker Camps, specialised training programs on emerging technologies, and workshop on game development and advanced engineering tools, we continued to create learning opportunities that inspire innovation and problem-solving among students and aspiring entrepreneurs.

We are equally encouraged by the achievements of our incubated startups, including national recognitions, funding successes, and expanding collaborations with ecosystem partners. Our participation in national platforms such as HSX 2026, along with new strategic partnerships, further strengthened AIC-Nalanda's presence within India's innovation ecosystem and opened new avenues for collaboration and startup growth.

As we move forward, our focus remains on building an inclusive, technology-driven, and collaborative ecosystem where ideas can evolve into sustainable enterprises with meaningful societal impact. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our mentors, investors, academic partners, government agencies, industry collaborators, startups, and the entire AIC-Nalanda team for their unwavering support and shared commitment to fostering innovation. Together, we will continue to empower entrepreneurs and contribute towards building a stronger, more resilient, and innovation-driven India.

Durga Prasad Gouda
CEO, AIC-Nalanda

IP Sparks Bootcamp

IP Sparks Bootcamp, an initiative of AIC-Nalanda was organised at Odisha University of Technology and Research (OUTR), Bhubaneswar, on 24th April 2026. The initiative introduced over 100 students to the fundamentals of Intellectual Property through interactive sessions, real-world case studies, and a thematic discussion on "IP & Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate!", strengthening awareness on protecting and commercialising innovations.



IP Sparks Conclave

AIC-Nalanda organised IP Sparks Conclave 2026, the fourth edition of its flagship Intellectual Property awareness initiative, on 26th April 2026 to commemorate World Intellectual Property Day. Aligned with the global theme, "IP & Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate!", the conclave featured expert-led sessions, interactive discussions, and real-world case studies, enabling participants to understand the role of Intellectual Property in protecting, managing, and commercialising innovation while fostering an IP-driven innovation ecosystem.



Program Announcements

AIC-Nalanda announced Samarth 2.0, a six-month incubation program, on 8th April 2026, inviting applications from SC/ST-led startups. Designed for ventures at the MVP, prototype, pre-market entry, and early revenue stages, the program aims to provide mentorship, incubation, legal and IP support, business development, and investor readiness to help founders build sustainable and scalable enterprises



Sanvriddhi 4.0

AIC-Nalanda announced Sanvriddhi 4.0, the fourth edition of its flagship 100-day Acceleration Program, on 2nd June 2026, inviting applications from growth-stage startups across India. The program focuses on Go-to-Market execution, revenue growth, and investment readiness while supporting startups through structured mentorship, industry connect, investor engagement, and business acceleration across multiple sectors.

The L.E.A.D. Acceleration Program was announced on 18th April 2026 during the closing ceremony of the L.E.A.D. Incubation Program at Bhubaneswar. A collaborative initiative by Youth4WaterPlus, AIC-Nalanda, and UNICEF Odisha, the three-month program will support high-potential startups operating in sustainable domain, through mentorship, business strategy, branding, investor readiness and market linkage.



“ Behind every successful startup is an ecosystem that believes in ideas before the world does. ”

Demo Day

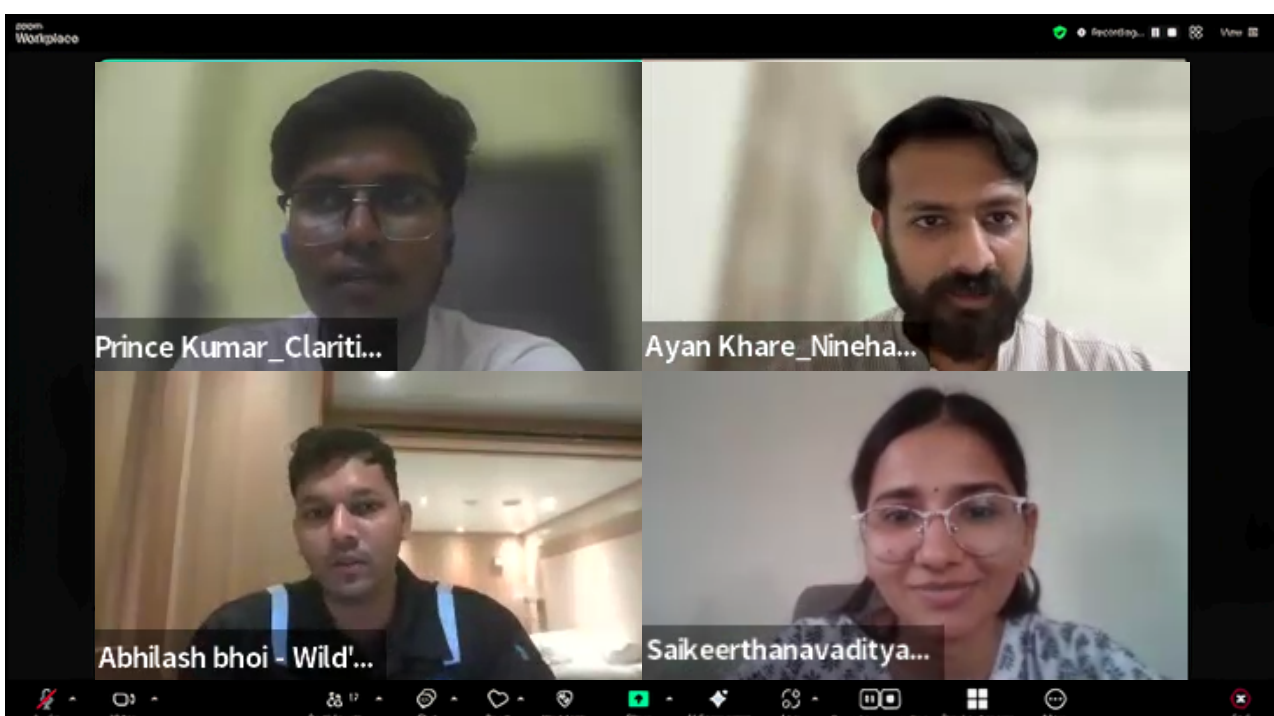
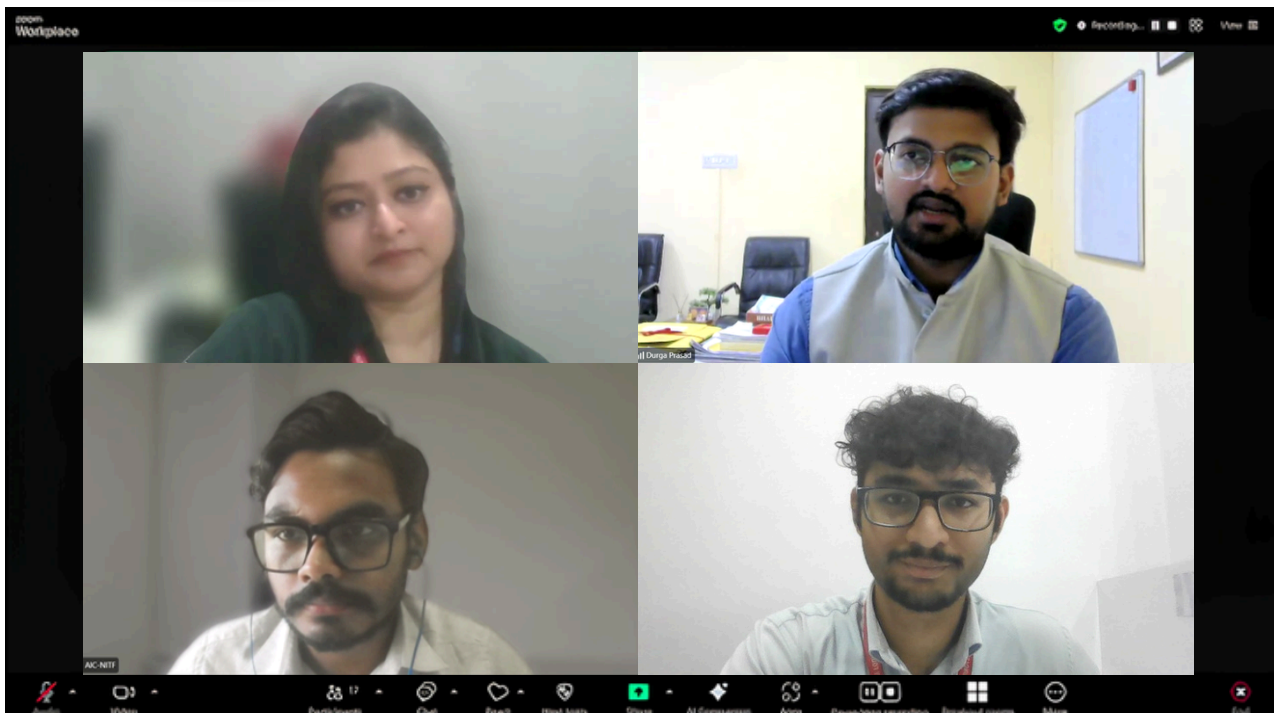


AIC-Nalanda, in collaboration with Youth4Water Plus and UNICEF India, organised the L.E.A.D. Demo Day on 18th April 2026 at Suryansh Hotel, Bhubaneswar, marking the culmination of the L.E.A.D. Incubation Program. Nine teams presented their sustainability-driven solutions before an expert jury, receiving valuable feedback on innovation, feasibility, and impact. Four outstanding teams were recognised with a total cash reward of ₹3 lakh, encouraging participants to strengthen their ventures and accelerate the development of impactful, sustainable solutions.



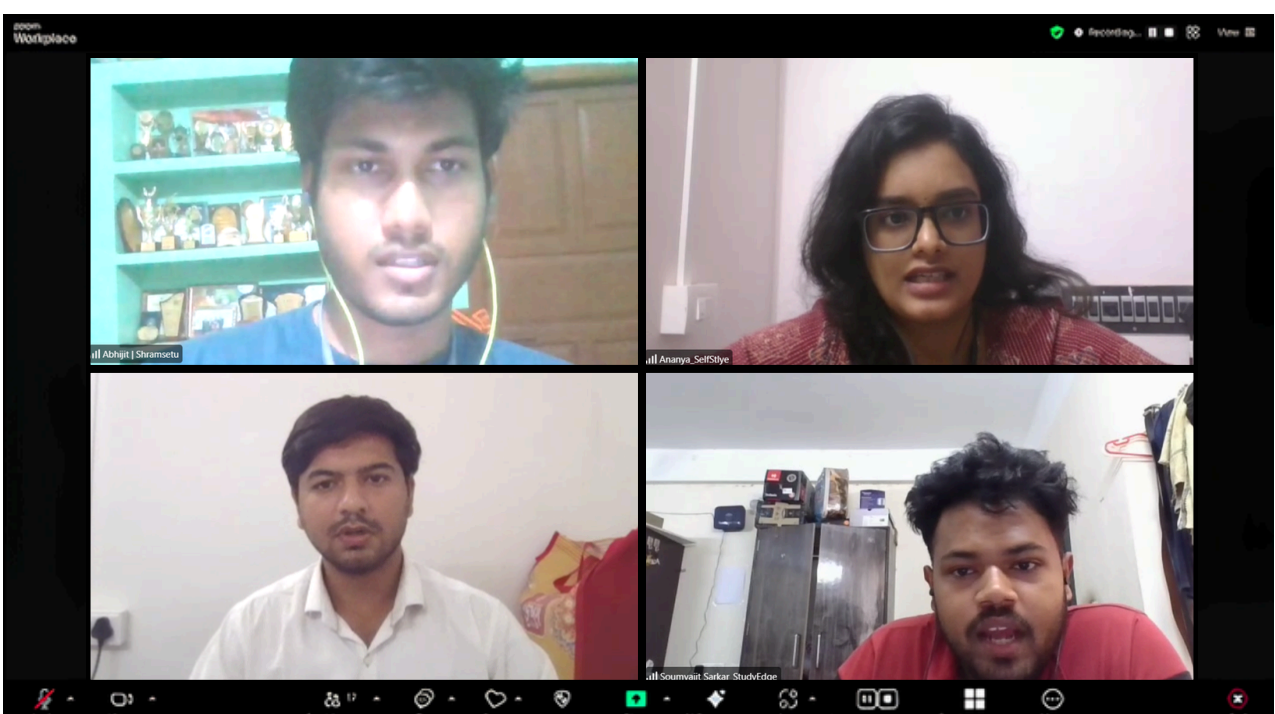


AIC-Nalanda officially announced IdeaNest 6.0, its 10-week Pre-Incubation Program, on 24th April 2026, inviting applications from aspiring entrepreneurs and early-stage innovators. Following the application process, the program was successfully launched on 17th June 2026, welcoming a cohort of 31 early-stage startups. Through structured learning, expert mentorship, market discovery, business model development, and investment readiness support, the program aims to help founders transform innovative ideas into successful ventures.





AIC-Nalanda launched IdeaNest 7.0, its student-focused 10-week Pre-Incubation Program, on 24th June 2026, welcoming 11 teams of student innovators. Designed to nurture entrepreneurial thinking among students, the program aims to offer structured learning, expert mentorship, ideation, business model development, market validation, and startup readiness support. Through hands-on sessions, mentor interactions, and practical learning, the initiative aims to help participants transform innovative ideas into sustainable and scalable venture.



Tinker Camp #01 - Rayagada

Fab Lab, AIC-Nalanda organised a Tinker Camp at Gandhi Public School, Rayagada, on 27th June 2026, engaging students through hands-on learning and innovation-driven activities. The camp introduced participants to emerging technologies, including IoT, Robotics, 3D Design, Drone Technology, AR/VR, and the basics of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). The initiative fostered curiosity, technical skills, and innovation-driven thinking while encouraging students to explore practical solutions to real-world challenges.



6-Day Training on IoT

DAV Public School, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar

Fab Lab, AIC-Nalanda successfully conducted a 6-Day Internet of Things (IoT) Training Program from 4th to 9th May 2026 at DAV Public School, Chandrasekharpur, engaging 30 students in this program. Participants explored IoT fundamentals, embedded systems, sensor integration, and programming while developing innovative projects. The program concluded with project demonstrations and certificate distribution, strengthening technical skills, creativity, and practical understanding of emerging technologies.



Training on Additive Manufacturing

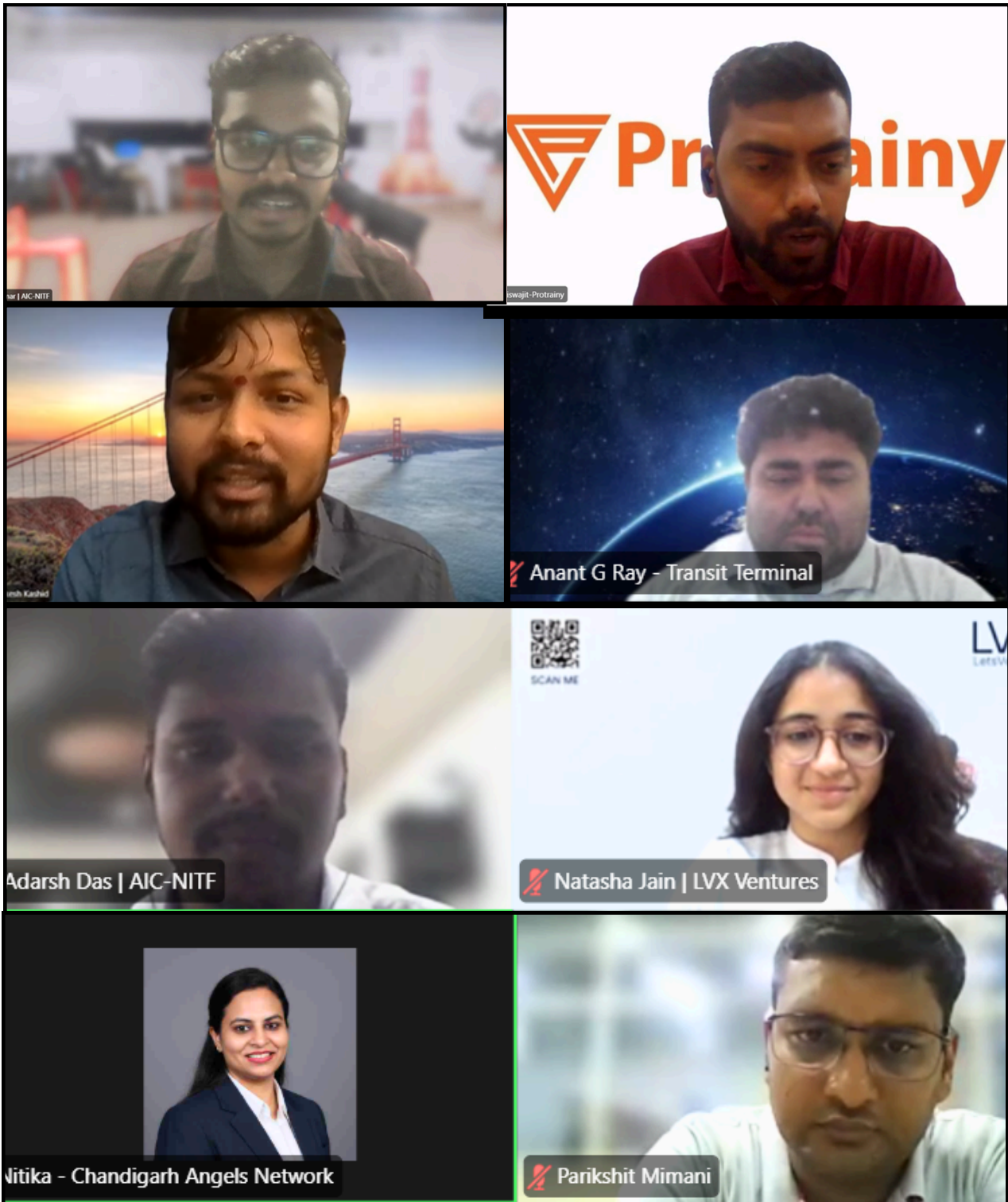
DAV Public School, MCL, Burla, Sambalpur

Fab Lab, AIC-Nalanda organised a 2 Day Training Program on Additive Manufacturing at DAV Public School, MCL, Burla, Sambalpur on 29th & 30th June 2026. The program introduced participants to the fundamentals of 3D printing, digital design, rapid prototyping and practical manufacturing applications through interactive demonstrations and hands-on sessions. The initiative enhanced participants' understanding of advanced additive manufacturing technologies while encouraging innovation, design thinking and practical application of emerging technologies.



Investment Pitch - May 2026

AIC-Nalanda conducted a closed-door Investment Pitch on 27th May 2026, providing a platform for seven high-potential startups to present their product and business models before an investor panel comprising representatives from Soonicorn Ventures, LVX, and Chandigarh Angels Network. The interaction enabled founders to receive strategic feedback on investment readiness, scalability, and growth while strengthening connections with the investment ecosystem. The session supported startups in refining their fundraising approach and accelerating their journey towards sustainable growth.



HSX 2026

HSX 2026, the flagship startup summit of the HeadStart Network Foundation was organised on 11th April 2026 in Mumbai. AIC-Nalanda participated as an Ecosystem Partner in this initiative. Mr. Durga Prasad Gouda, CEO, AIC-Nalanda, engaged with startups, investors, incubators and ecosystem leaders while participating in the Incubators' Summit. The engagement strengthened national collaborations, enhanced institutional visibility, and generated valuable insights into sustainable incubation and startup ecosystem development.

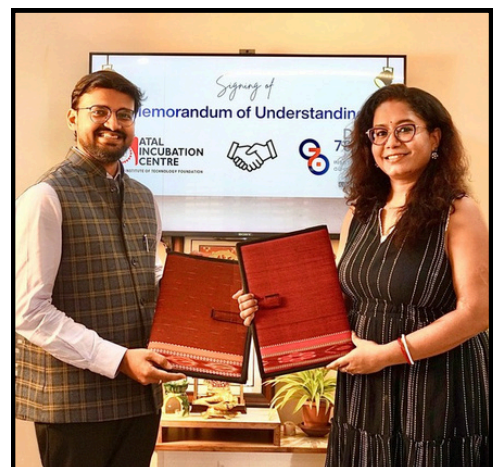


Collaboration & Partnerships



AIC-Nalanda partnered with 72 DPI, a professional branding and marketing services firm, to facilitate the branding support for incubated startups.

The collaboration brings expertise in brand strategy, visual identity, website development, digital marketing, founder branding, and creative communication, enabling startups to build stronger market presence, enhance brand visibility, and accelerate growth through structured branding and marketing solutions.



AIC-Nalanda partnered with Wooble, a startup-focused digital talent platform, to strengthen

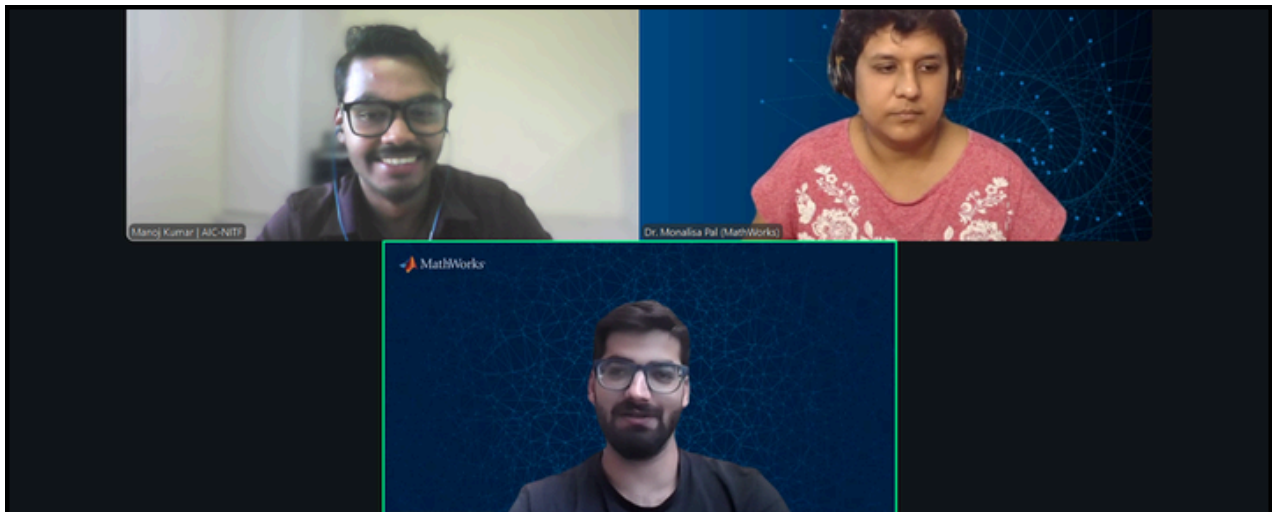
talent acquisition opportunities for startups. The platform enables startups to connect with students, interns, and early-career professionals through a structured hiring ecosystem while simplifying recruitment and workforce development. The collaboration aims to support startups in building skilled teams and strengthening organisational growth.



WEBINAR

Technology in Action

On the occasion of **National Technology Day 2026**, AIC-Nalanda, in collaboration with MathWorks India, organised the virtual seminar **“Technology in Action: From Idea to Real-World Implementation.”** The session introduced participants to simulation-driven development using MATLAB and AI-enabled Co-Pilot tools through practical demonstrations, enabling students to understand technology implementation, engineering workflows, and AI-assisted innovation



WORKSHOP

Workshop on Game Development

AIC-Nalanda, in collaboration with GauravGo Games Technologies Pvt. Ltd., organised the Game Designing Workshop – **“From Idea to Play Store: Building Your First Game”** on 18th April 2026. Through live demonstrations using Unreal Engine, interactive sessions, and discussions on career opportunities, participants gained practical exposure to the game development lifecycle, from ideation and prototyping to publishing.



Fablab: Cohort 4.0 Project Demo

Fab Lab, AIC-Nalanda organised the Project Demonstration of Innovation Club – Cohort 4.0 on 21st April 2026, providing a platform for members to showcase eight innovative projects and working prototypes before an expert jury. Participants received constructive feedback and mentorship to refine their solutions for real-world applications. The initiative strengthened problem-solving skills while encouraging innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial thinking among aspiring innovators.



Fablab: Cohort 5.0 Orientation

Fab Lab, AIC-Nalanda organised the Orientation Program for Innovation Club – Cohort 5.0 on 21st April 2026, engaging 50 Innovation Club members in an introduction to the upcoming innovation journey. The session highlighted the club's primary objectives, future engagement and activities.. The program encouraged participants to develop an innovation-driven mindset while fostering creativity, collaboration, and entrepreneurial thinking.





AIC-Nalanda's incubated startup, Tanumanasa Research Pvt. Ltd., secured ₹2.87 crore under the IndiaAI Initiative for its Himalaya LLM Project, aimed at advancing India's foundational AI infrastructure. Founded by Mr. Abinash Das, the startup is driving innovation in artificial intelligence and deep-tech research. This achievement highlights its strong technological capabilities and commitment to strengthening India's AI ecosystem through research-driven innovation.



AIC-Nalanda's incubated startup, Yellowings Delivery Services Pvt. Ltd., was honoured with the LEAPS 2025 Award under the "Startups – Logistics Operations Service Providers" category. Founded by Mr. Vinayak Gupta, the startup was recognised for its technology-driven and sustainable logistics solutions. The award reflects its commitment to electric mobility, clean energy adoption, and responsible logistics while strengthening India's innovation and startup ecosystem.

“Every breakthrough starts with a bold vision. Every success is built through relentless execution.”

Visit to AIC-Nalanda

Students from Srusti Academy of Management and Technology visited AIC-Nalanda on 27th June 2026. The engagement included an overview of AIC-Nalanda's infrastructure and facilities, along with insights into its flagship initiatives, programs, and events designed to support startups and innovators. The visit provided participants with a better understanding of incubation support mechanisms and entrepreneurial opportunities within the innovation ecosystem.



Employee Updates

Summer Internship Program



4 Interns joined AIC-Nalanda
during Summer Internship 2026

Outgoing Employee



Mr. Roshan Panigrahi

Incoming Employee



Mr. Om Prakash Nayak



Ms. Deepshikha Sarkar | 22nd May 2026



Mr. Raghumani Rohi Das | 24th May 2026



Mr. Bikhyat Kumar Senapati | 1st June 2026



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