

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP – INDIA

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR **NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP (NCIE)**

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Subject:Implementation of NCIE Activities under the Viksit Bharat @2047 Innovation Mission in Affiliated Colleges and Higher Educational Institutions – Orders Issued.

Ref:

1. NCIE Vision Document – Viksit Bharat @2047.
2. National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

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ORDER

Whereas the National Council for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (NCIE) has been established to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, startup development, employability, research, leadership, and industry collaboration among students, faculty members, and educational institutions;

And whereas it is considered necessary to create a vibrant innovation ecosystem in Higher Educational Institutions in alignment with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in the Executive Director, National Council for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (NCIE), the following orders are hereby issued for implementation by all affiliated colleges and participating institutions with immediate effect.

1. Viksit Bharat @2047 Innovation Mission

All participating institutions shall actively promote innovation, entrepreneurship, startup culture, leadership, design thinking, research, problem-solving, industry engagement, and technology-based learning among students and faculty members through NCIE programmes.

2. NCIE Student Registration Programme

Eligible students, faculty members, and institutions shall register under the NCIE Student Registration Programme to participate in innovation, entrepreneurship, startup, leadership, employability, and skill development initiatives conducted by NCIE.

3. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Startup Validation Programme

Student innovators, research teams, and early-stage startups shall be encouraged to participate in the Startup Validation Programme conducted by NCIE.

Startups selected through the prescribed evaluation process may be considered for financial assistance of **up to ₹5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lakh Only)**, subject to programme guidelines, availability of funds, due diligence, and approval of the Competent Authority

4. Establishment of Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development Cell (IEDC)

Every participating institution shall establish or strengthen an **Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development Cell (IEDC)** to undertake activities relating to:

- Innovation promotion
- Startup incubation
- Entrepreneurship development
- Research commercialization
- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) awareness
- Industry collaboration
- Startup mentoring
- Capacity building

5. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Collaboration

NCIE shall facilitate collaboration with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partners for supporting eligible innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives.

Institutions may submit proposals relating to:

- Innovation Laboratories
- Startup Incubation Centres
- Entrepreneurship Development Programmes
- Research & Innovation Projects

- Institutional Capacity Building
- Technology Development Activities

CSR assistance shall be considered subject to applicable laws, CSR policies, donor approvals, and availability of resources.

6. Faculty Development & Student Capacity Building

Institutions shall organize, in coordination with NCIE:

- Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs)
- Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs)
- Innovation Boot Camps
- Startup Workshops
- Hackathons
- Leadership Development Programmes
- Skill Development Training
- Mentoring Sessions
- Industry Interaction Programmes

7. Institutional Responsibilities

The Heads of Institutions shall ensure that:

1. An NCIE Institutional Coordinator is nominated.
2. The Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development Cell (IEDC) is established or strengthened.
3. Maximum student participation is ensured.
4. Innovation and entrepreneurship awareness programmes are conducted periodically.
5. Progress reports and programme details are submitted to NCIE as prescribed.
6. All NCIE operational guidelines and instructions are complied with.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. These proceedings shall come into force with immediate effect.
2. All affiliated colleges and participating institutions shall extend full cooperation for effective implementation of the above programmes.
3. The Executive Director, NCIE, reserves the right to issue further operational guidelines, programme schedules, standard operating procedures, and administrative instructions from time to time.
4. Any clarification required for implementation shall be obtained from the Office of the Executive Director, NCIE.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP (NCIE)**

To

1. All Vice-Chancellors of Universities.
2. All Registrars of Universities.
3. All Principals of Engineering, Degree, Pharmacy, Polytechnic, Management and Professional Colleges.
4. All NCIE Regional Offices.
5. All NCIE Institutional Coordinators.
6. Concerned File.

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- Chairman, NCIE.
- All Members of the NCIE Governing Council.
- All State Coordinators, NCIE.
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