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NAAC Accreditation Grade 'A'

Recipient of Centre of Excellence Award by the Government of Gujarat

3.3.1 Institution has created an eco system for innovations including Incubation centre and other initiatives for creation and transfer of knowledge

DA-IICT Center for Entrepreneurship and Incubation (DCEI) provides an innovation ecosystem to support both students and faculty members with an entrepreneurial bent of mind to come up with innovative ideas and channelise their efforts to give birth to new ventures in the ICT domain. It aims to create entrepreneurial environments that facilitate connections and speed innovative ideas from concept to reality.

The DCEI is currently supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to nurture and develop business ideas based on the latest and emerging technology. It has received following grants:

- A grant of Rs. 150.0 lakhs under the scheme 'Expansion of Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE)' from MeitY.
- A grant of Rs. 15.0 lakhs from the Industries Commissionerate.
- First installment of Rs. 10.0 lakhs out of a total sanctioned grant of Rs. 100.0 lakhs for five years under SSIP.

The DCEI has also been recognised as a Nodal Institute for Start-up/Innovation to mentor the innovators by the Industries Commissionerate, Government of Gujarat. It is also a Partner to Govt. of Gujarat (Ministry of Education) under SSIP (Student Startup and Innovation Policy).

The funding disbursed by the DCEI to Start-ups has resulted in many incubates out of which two are started by DA-IICT faculty. For example, Almaconnect Solutions Private Limited creates a network for educational institutions and tracks its alumni members.

DCEI conducts various activities throughout the year through its Student Executive Council. Some of them include 10x Challenge, Entrepreneur's Talks, Guest Lectures, other workshops. Recently on 28th November 2021, DCEI organized "SellOut 2021", a fruitful event to give platform to the students to showcase their marketing skills and to make them think about solutions to real-life problems and present them with their own creativity. The online chat session with Mr. Tikam Singh Alma, alumnus of DA-IICT and Accelerator talk session with Mr. Saurabh Jain, Founder, Fun2Do Labs have taken place in January-February 2022.

Link: https://ceid.daiict.ac.in/incubated_till_date.html