

A Report on “WORLD ENTREPRENEUR DAY CELEBRATION”

ACTIVITY TYPE	Expert Session on- Accelerators/Incubation – Opportunities for Students & Faculties: Early-Stage Entrepreneurs.		
DATE & TIME	23/08/2025, 7:30 am-9:30 am	Duration	2 hours
SEMESTER	5 th Sem	No. of participants	54
EXPERT NAME WITH DESIGNATION	Prof. Nirali Bhaliya, Assistant Professor , CSE,PIT		

Objective:

The objective of the session, “Accelerators/Incubation – Opportunities for Students & Faculties: Early-Stage Entrepreneurs”, delivered by Prof. Nirali Bhaliya, Assistant Professor PIT, CSE, was to equip participants with insights into startup development, including access to funding, mentorship, infrastructure, and networking support. The session highlights how incubators and accelerators play a crucial role in transforming innovative ideas into viable business models, thereby encourages students and faculties to explore entrepreneurial pathways and leverage the incubation ecosystem to successfully convert their concepts into impactful startups.

Activity Details:

On 23rd August 2025, a expert session was conducted on “Accelerators/Incubation – Opportunities for Students & Faculties: Early-Stage Entrepreneurs” on the occasion of “World Entrepreneur’s Day” celebration. The aim of this session is to help participants understand the Start-up approach and the concept of startup, funding, infrastructure and networking support. How Speaker gives full idea of how incubators and accelerators play a crucial role in transforming innovative ideas into viable business model.

Key Discussion Points of the session:

- **Introduction to Incubators and Accelerators**
Speaker explain the role of incubation and accelerator programs in supporting early-stage startups and nurturing innovative ideas.
- **Opportunities for Students and Faculties**
Students get idea about incubation centers to transform their concepts into scalable business ventures.
- **Startup Ecosystem and Support Services**
Students understands the Overview of resources such as mentorship, infrastructure, technical support, and investor connections offered by incubators and accelerators.
- **Funding and Investment Opportunities**
Get Insights about seed funding, venture capital, and government grants available for startups through incubation programs.
- **From Idea to Market: Startup Journey**
Gained knowledge through Step-by-step guidance on converting innovative ideas into market-ready products and sustainable business models.
- **Case Studies and Success Stories**
Speaker Shared real-life examples of successful startups that began their journey through incubation and accelerator programs.
- **Government Initiatives and Policies**
Discussion on government schemes, policies, and support systems designed to encourage student and faculty entrepreneurship.
- **Collaboration and Networking Opportunities**
Speaker Highlighted the importance of building connections with industry experts, investors, and peer innovators through incubation platforms.

Learning Outcomes:

- **Enhanced Knowledge of Incubation Programs**
Students developed a comprehensive understanding of how incubation centers function and the role they play in supporting early-stage startups. They learned how these programs provide structured guidance, mentorship, and resources to transform innovative ideas into business models. The session also highlighted the importance of incubation in minimizing risks and accelerating startup growth effectively.

- **Exploration of Entrepreneurial Pathways**

The session encouraged students to explore various entrepreneurial opportunities and motivated them to convert innovative ideas into reality.

- **Understanding of the Startup Ecosystem**

Participants learned about the support ecosystem, including mentorship, infrastructure, technical assistance, and investor access, provided by incubators.

- **Awareness of Financial Support Mechanisms**

Students gained insights into multiple funding avenues such as seed capital, venture funds, and government-sponsored financial schemes.

- **Familiarity with the Startup Journey**

The session explained the complete process of transforming an idea into a market-ready product, from ideation to scaling.

- **Inspiration from Success Stories**

By learning about real-life examples of startups nurtured through incubators, students were inspired to pursue their entrepreneurial goals.

- **Insights into Government Policies and Initiatives**

Students became aware of various government programs, policies, and incentives designed to foster innovation and promote entrepreneurship.

- **Importance of Networking and Collaboration**

The session emphasized the value of collaborating with mentors, investors, and industry leaders to build successful and sustainable ventures.

Conclusion:

The session successfully empowered students with valuable insights into accelerators, incubation opportunities, and entrepreneurial growth, fostering innovation and preparing them to transform ideas into impactful startups effectively. It highlighted the role of incubation centers in nurturing early-stage entrepreneurs and providing essential resources for business development. Participants gained practical knowledge about mentorship, funding support, and networking opportunities offered by accelerators. The session also encouraged students to develop innovative mindsets and explore potential startup ventures. Overall, it served as a guiding platform to inspire future entrepreneurs and strengthen the innovation ecosystem.

Glimpses of the Program



