



IIC Regional Meet Ahmedabad 2025 - Report

25th November, 2025, Tuesday

Organized by:

Innovation Cell, AICTE,

Ministry of Education, Govt. of India

Hosted by:

Entrepreneurship Development Institute of

India, Ahmedabad



Session Plan for the IIC Regional Meet

Time	Key Tracks/Activities		
08:00 AM – 09:00 AM	Registration & Signatory Campaign		
09.00 AM – 10.00 AM	Local Inauguration of IIC Regional Meet (in the Auditorium)		
10.00 AM – 10.30 AM	Central Inauguration of IIC Regional Meet (in the Auditorium) & Group Photo with the Invited Chief Guest, Guests, Ecosystem Enablers & Institutions		
10:30 AM Onwards	Inauguration of Open House Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">Product Demonstration/Exhibition of YUKTI Innovations/StartupsDisplay of IIC Posters by IIC InstitutionsSwadesh Udyami-Bazaar (Entrepreneurs Market) Stalls on the theme of “Vocal for Local”Swadeshi Bodh	11.00 AM -12.00 PM Evaluation of IIC Posters, & Innovation/Startups by Panel Members Constituted at Host Institution	
Open Networking & Discussions			
01:30 PM - 2:30 PM – Networking Lunch			
02: 30 PM - 04:30 PM	Knowledge /Best Practice Sharing Sessions by IIC Institutions for IIC Institutions -IIC Structure for Institutionalizing Innovation -Roll of Innovation Ambassador for Driving IIC -YUKTI Innovation & IPR Repository as Innovation Pipeline -Role of Mentor IIC and Linkage with Schools -Innovation Schemes for IIC Institutions	Training of Trainers (ToT) program for Innovation Ambassadors - Hybrid Role of Innovation Ambassador - Mentorship Techniques for IAs to Guide and Support Innovators & Start-ups -Key Innovation Strategies and Structured Approaches for Building Innovation & Startup Ecosystem in HEI	Two Masterclasses by Ecosystem Enabler for YUKTI Innovation Challenge Nominated Innovators & Early Stage Startup Founders <ul style="list-style-type: none">TRL, IRL & MRLLegal Entity Compliance (2:30-3:30 PM) One-to-One Mentoring cum Pitching Session for Innovators (Short presentations & Facilitating Discussion with Multiple Panels of Ecosystem Enablers) (3:30 – 04.30 PM)
04.30 PM – 05:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Felicitation of Best Innovators and IIC Posters (Regional)Recognizing Best Innovation Ambassadors (regional)Conclusion & High Tea		



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Chief Guest

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Special Guests

Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta
Chief Executive Officer, iHub, Gujarat

Mr. Mitesh Vadher
Innovation Fellow
Innovation Cell, AICTE,
Ministry of Education
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Date: Tuesday, 25 November, '25
Time: 10.00 am – 10.30 am

Venue: Prekshagruh,
EDII Auditorium

10.00 am – 10.02 am Saraswati Vandana

10.02 am – 10.07 am Felicitation & Welcome Address

Dr. Sunil Shukla
Director General-EDII

10.07 am – 10.12 am About the Regional Meet

Shri Mitesh Vadher



10.12 am – 10.17 am	Address by	Shri Hiranmay Mahanta
10.17 am -10.27 am	Address by the Chief Guest	Shri Bipin Talati, IAS
10.27 am -10.30 am	Vote-of-Thanks	Prof. Satya Acharya Director Entrepreneurship Education-EDII
10.30 AM to 10.32 AM	Welcoming Chief Guest & Introduction to the IIC Regional Meet 20025 by Dr. Dipan Sahu, Assistant Innovation Director, Innovation Cell, AICTE, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India	
10.32 AM to 10.47 AM	Inaugural Address by Prof. T G Sitharam Hon'ble Chairman, AICTE, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India	
10.47 AM to 10.48 AM	IIC Regional Meet Host Institution's Experience Sharing by PSG College of Arts and Science – Coimbatore	
10.48 AM to 10.49 AM	IIC Regional Meet Host Institution's Experience Sharing by KLE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY – Hubli	
10.49 AM to 10.50 AM	IIC Regional Meet Host Institution's Experience Sharing by VIVEKANANDA GLOBAL UNIVERSITY – Jaipur	
10.50 AM to 10.51 AM	IIC Regional Meet Host Institution's Experience Sharing by G L Bajaj Institute of Technology & Management – Noida	
10.51 AM to 10.52 AM	IIC Regional Meet Host Institution's Experience Sharing by JIS UNIVERSITY – Kolkata	
10.52 AM to 10.53 AM	IIC Regional Meet Host Institution's Experience Sharing by Gokaraju Rangaraju Institute of Engineering and Technology – Hyderabad	
10.53 AM to 10.54 AM	IIC Regional Meet Host Institution's Experience Sharing by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India – Ahmedabad	
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by Siksha 'O' Anusandhan – Bhubaneswar

10.55 AM to 10.57 AM	Vote of Thanks by Dr. N H Siddalinga Swamy, Adviser, AICTE
10.57 AM to 10.59 AM	National Anthem



Event Summary:

The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) in Ahmedabad, a national resource institution dedicated to entrepreneurship education, research, and development, hosted the Central Regional Meet-2025 on November 25, 2025. This event was supported by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, Government of India, and AICTE. The primary aim of the meet was to enhance the entrepreneurship ecosystem and promote innovation among students across the nation.

The event was graced by Shri B.H. Talati, IAS, Director of Technical Education, Government of Gujarat, joined as the Chief Guest.

The other distinguished guests at the event included:

- Shri Hiranmay Mahanta, CEO of iHub
- Shri Mitesh Vadher, Innovation Fellow at the Innovation Cell, AICTE, Ministry of Education, Government of India
- Dr. Sunil Shukla, Director General of EDII
- Dr. Satya Ranjan Acharya, Director of the Department of Entrepreneurship Education, EDII.

The one-day event attracted over 500 participants hailing from more than 100 institutions throughout Gujarat. Additionally, over 90 startup stalls displayed their innovative ideas, while more than 100 startups presented their concepts to a distinguished panel of investors.





Registration:

The registration desk was strategically located nearby auditorium (Prekshagruh) to facilitate seamless access for all attendees. The event recorded a total of 526 registrations, reflecting strong participation across multiple categories and tracks.

Of these,

- 271 delegates represented IIC
- 63 Innovation Ambassadors
- 11 delegates non-IIC institutions,
- 8 ATL Schools nominations
- 118 YUKTI Innovations, start-ups and
- 55 volunteers and students







Inauguration:

The inaugural ceremony commenced at 10:00 AM with Saraswathi Vandana and marking the formal beginning of the event.

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Glimpse of the Event:





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Shri Talati said that today's youth are full of ideas, and the state wants to support them from a young age. He also said that Gujarat is growing fast in sectors like climate technology, healthcare, sustainable materials, water conservation and artificial intelligence. Many colleges across urban and rural areas now have innovation labs, and this has helped students learn through hands-on problem-solving.





Other key guests at the event were Shri Hiranmay Mahanta, CEO of iHub; Shri Mitesh Vadher, Innovation Fellow at the Innovation Cell, AICTE; Dr Sunil Shukla, Director General of EDII; and Dr Satya Ranjan Acharya, Director of Entrepreneurship Education at EDII.









At 10.32 AM, a video message from Prof. T. G. Sitharam, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Government of India, was screened. In his message, he emphasized the transformative role of Institutions' Innovation Councils in promoting innovation-led learning, encouraging startups, and strengthening India's position in the global innovation landscape. He also highlighted AICTE's continued support for institutional innovation through policy initiatives and funding mechanisms.





Swadeshi Udyami Bazaar, Poster Expo and YIC

A major attraction of the event included:

(a) Swadeshi Udyami Bazaar:

Swadesh Udyami – Bazar (Entrepreneurs' Market) was conceptualized as a vibrant platform to promote indigenous entrepreneurship and self-reliant business initiatives, in alignment with the national vision of 'Vocal for Local'. The market showcased more than 15 entrepreneur-led stalls, each representing locally developed products, innovative ideas, and traditional crafts with contemporary relevance. The participating stalls featured a diverse range of offerings, including handmade and artisanal products, agri-based and food-processing items, sustainable and eco-friendly goods.





(b) Yukti Innovators

The event will feature over 51 Product Demonstrations and Exhibitions showcasing YUKTI-supported innovations and startups. These demonstrations will highlight a wide spectrum of innovative products, technologies, and solutions developed by entrepreneurs, startups, and innovators under the YUKTI initiative. The exhibition will provide a dedicated platform for innovators to present functional prototypes, market-ready products, and scalable solutions addressing real-world challenges across sectors such as technology, sustainability, manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, and social innovation.



(c) IIC Poster:

As part of the event, Institutions' Innovation Council (IIC) posters developed by participating institutes will be displayed to showcase their innovation, entrepreneurship, and startup-related activities. These posters will highlight key initiatives undertaken by the respective IIC institutions, including innovation programs, startup support mechanisms, incubation activities, student and faculty-led innovations, and notable achievements.





The event will also host three technical interaction sessions, including:

- Knowledge Sharing Sessions by IIC Institutions for peer learning,
- Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme for Innovation Ambassadors, and
- Masterclasses by Ecosystem Enablers for YUKTI Innovators.

(1) Knowledge Sharing Sessions by IIC Institutions for peer learning:

Knowledge Sharing Sessions by IIC Institutions will be organized during the IIC Regional Meet to promote structured peer learning and collaborative exchange among participating institutions. These sessions will provide a dedicated platform for IIC institutions to share their experiences, best practices, and successful models in implementing innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives on their campuses.

Experts for the session

- (1) Dr. Tusharkumar K Panchal, Incubation Centre Head, GTU
- (2) Mr. Sandip Takwani, IIC Coordinator & Innovation Ambassador, Karnavati Innovation & Incubation Foundation - KIIF
- (3) Dr. Kavita R. Shah, IIC Coordinator & IA, Dharmsinh Desai University
- (4) Mr. Jay Sudani, CEO, Parul Innovation & Entrepreneurship Research Centre (PIERC)
- (5) Dr. T.A Nikita, Associate Faculty, EDII





(2) Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme for Innovation Ambassadors:

The Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme for Innovation Ambassadors was organized as a focused capacity-building initiative to strengthen the role of Innovation Ambassadors in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship within their respective institutions. The programme witnessed active participation from 63 Innovation Ambassadors, reflecting strong regional engagement and commitment toward building a robust innovation ecosystem.

Experts for the session

(1) Ramnath Prabhu, Faculty - School of Design Thinking

Senior Manager - Intellect Design Arena, Faculty - School of Design Thinking





(3) Masterclasses by Ecosystem Enablers for YUKTI Innovators:

Masterclasses by Ecosystem Enablers for YUKTI Innovators were organized with the objective of strengthening the innovation-to-market capabilities of emerging startups and innovators under the YUKTI initiative. These masterclasses were delivered by experienced ecosystem enablers, including industry practitioners, startup mentors, legal experts, and incubation professionals, and focused on two critical themes essential for venture development and sustainability.

Topic -1 Master Class on TRL, IRL, and MRL

This master class provided a comprehensive understanding of Technology Readiness Level (TRL), Innovation Readiness Level (IRL), and Market Readiness Level (MRL) as structured frameworks to assess the maturity of innovations.

Topic 2: Master Class on Legal Entity Compliances

The master class on Legal Entity Compliances focused on equipping YUKTI innovators with essential knowledge of legal and regulatory frameworks required for establishing and operating startups.

Experts for the sessions

(1) Prof. Dr. Shiv Kant Shukla,

RTTP, Professor - Life Science & Head, Kaushalya - The Skills University

(2) CA Kenil Thakkar

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(4) One to One mentoring and Pitching- Yukti Innovation Challenge & AICTE Productization Fellowship

Under the YUKTI Innovation Challenge (YIC) 2025 and the AICTE Productisation Fellowship (APF) 2025, more than 3,500 innovators and startup teams shortlisted for the subsequent stage participated in regional review meetings conducted across various locations in the country. The objective of these meetings was to facilitate the transition of innovation teams from the ideation and prototype stages to the development of sustainable startup ventures through structured incubation, mentoring, and evaluation support. During the programme, participating teams showcased their innovations, received expert guidance, and took part in structured pitching and evaluation sessions, which constituted a key criterion for selection for the next level of AICTE financial assistance. As part of the evaluation process, a total of 118 teams presented their business ideas before an expert panel for assessment and recommendations.







Felicitations of Best Innovators and IIC Posters & Recognizing Best Innovation Ambassadors:

The event will conclude with a formal felicitation ceremony honoring the Best Innovators for their exemplary contributions to innovation and entrepreneurship. This will be complemented by the display of roll-up standees and posters highlighting the achievements and contributions of Institutions' Innovation Councils (IICs). Subsequently, the Best Innovation Ambassadors (Regional) will be recognized for their outstanding efforts in promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, and startup activities within their respective regions, in alignment with the objectives of AICTE and the IIC framework.







Conclusion:

The IIC Regional Meet Mumbai 2025 concluded on a highly positive and motivating note, reflecting a strong sense of enthusiasm and renewed commitment among the participants. The event effectively aligned national innovation priorities with institutional capacity-building efforts by offering a comprehensive platform that included expert interactions, student-led innovation exhibitions, collaborative learning sessions, and structured mentoring engagements. The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), as the host institution, ensured meticulous planning and execution, facilitating seamless coordination and meaningful knowledge exchange among all stakeholders.

Through its well-structured and outcome-oriented programme, the Regional Meet reaffirmed the pivotal role of Higher Educational Institutions in fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and startup development in the country. Participants concluded the programme in the late evening with strengthened professional networks, enhanced insights into the innovation ecosystem, and a reinforced commitment to actively contribute to India's evolving innovation-driven growth agenda.

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