

Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), BIT Patna

The **Ministry of Education (MoE)** has established the *Innovation Cell* with a vision to work closely with Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across India. The primary objective is to harness the creative and entrepreneurial potential of students, encouraging them to innovate and initiate start-up ventures. The Innovation Cell aims to create a complete innovation ecosystem from ideation to incubation to successful start-ups. With this vision, BIT Patna has constituted its Institution Innovation Council (IIC) to promote, support, and scale innovation and entrepreneurial culture among its students and faculty. The council focuses on encouraging innovation-led practices across governance, research, and academics, making meaningful contributions to national development.

BIT Patna established its IIC in association with the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell during the academic year 2021–22, to actively foster entrepreneurship and technology-based innovation among students and faculty members.

Major Focus Areas of IIC at BIT Patna

- Cultivating a vibrant and inclusive innovation ecosystem.
- Creating a structured and effective mechanism to support start-ups.
- Aligning institutional practices with ARIIA evaluation criteria.
- Building a strong system for scouting and nurturing early-stage ideas.
- Strengthening the cognitive and design thinking abilities of technology students.

IIC at BIT Patna conducts a wide range of activities including workshops, seminars, hackathons, idea competitions, and mentorship sessions. Regular interactions with entrepreneurs, investors, and industry professionals are planned to build an active support network. The expected outcomes include successful innovative projects, creation of start-ups,

Functions of IIC, BIT Patna

1. Organize innovation and entrepreneurship-related activities as prescribed by MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC) in a timely manner.
2. Identify and reward innovative projects and share success stories within and beyond the campus.
3. Conduct workshops, seminars, and mentorship sessions involving entrepreneurs, professionals, and investors.
4. Build a network with peer institutions and national innovation organizations.
5. Develop and maintain an institutional innovation portal showcasing impactful student and faculty innovations.
6. Organize hackathons, idea competitions, and mini challenges with active participation from industries and alumni.