A Report on

MIC Driven Activity:

National Technology Week

Inaugural Address of

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) of Parul University Celebrates National Technology Day on 11th May, 2023.Students and Faculty of Parul University Attended the online session of Honorable Prime Minister Shri.Narendra Modi.

Objective:

The major objective of the programme is to generate awareness among the students, academia, general public etc. about the importance of Technology, its utility for the overall development of the country and its benefit for mankind.

Activity Details:

The Prime Minister reiterated that today, at the initial period of Amrit Kaal, the goals of 2047 are clear before us. "We have to make the nation Viksit and Aatmanirbhar," said the Prime Minister emphasizing the need for creating an inclusive ecosystem for growth, innovation and Sustainable Development Goals. He underlined the importance of technology at every step and said, India is moving forward with a holistic and 360-degree approach in this regard. "India considers technology as a tool of the nation's progress, not a means to assert its dominance," the Prime Minister said.

Praising the theme of today's event 'School to Start-ups - igniting young minds to innovate', the Prime Minister said that India's future will be decided by the youth and children of today. He said that the passion, energy and capabilities of the children and youth today are India's big strengths. Quoting Dr APJ Abdul Kalam,

the Prime Minister underscored the importance of knowledge and said as India is developing as a Knowledge society; it is taking action with equal force. He elaborated on the strong foundation that has been created in the country during the last nine years to ignite young minds.

The Prime Minister said that more than 10 thousand ATAL tinkering labs in 700 districts have become innovation nurseries. More importantly, 60 percent of these labs are in government and rural schools. He informed that over 75 lakh students are working laboriously on more than 12 lakh innovation projects in Atal Tinkering Lab. This, the Prime Minister said, is a sign of young scientists coming right out of schools and reaching the far corners of the country and emphasising that it is everyone's duty to handhold them, nurture their talent and also assist them in implementing their ideas. He noted the hundreds of start-ups that have been incubated at Atal Innovation Centres (AIC) and said that it is emerging as the new laboratories of the 'New India'. "The Tinker-preneurs of India will soon become leading entrepreneurs of the world", the Prime Minister said.

Quoting Maharishi Patanjali on the importance of hard work, the Prime Minister said that measures taken after 2014 have resulted in big changes in the field of science and technology. "Start-up India Campaign, Digital India, and National Education Policy help India in gaining new heights in the field," Shri Modi said as he underlined that Science is coming out of the books and turning into patents through experiments."The number of patents has increased from 4,000 per year 10 years ago to more than 30,000 today. Registration of designs has grown from 10,000 to 15,000 in the same period. The number of trademarks has grown from less than 70,000 to more than 2, 50, 000," the Prime Minister informed.

"The India of today is moving forward in every direction that is necessary to become a tech leader", Shri Modi said. He noted that the number of tech incubation centers in the country has grown from roughly 150 in 2014 to more than 650 today. The Prime Minister also mentioned that India's Global Innovation Index Rank has gone from 81st to the 40th position where the youth of the country are setting up their own digital ventures and start-ups. Drawing comparisons with 2014, the Prime Minister mentioned that the number of start-ups in the country has increased from roughly 100 to one lakh recognized start-ups today and it has turned India into the third largest start-up ecosystem in the world. Noting India's capability and talent, the Prime Minister pointed out that the growth took place at a time when the world is dealing with economic uncertainty. Underlining that the present moment is extremely precious for policymakers, the scientific community, research labs spread across the country and the private sector, the Prime Minister reiterated that even though the School to Start-up journey will be made by the students, it is the stakeholders who must guide and encourage them at all times. The Prime Minister extended his entire support for the cause.

Referring to the rapid changes taking place in the world of technology, the Prime Minister expressed confidence that the youth of India will lead the country in matching this pace and also crossing it. He mentioned AI tools that have emerged as the new game changers, the limitless possibilities in the health sector, and new innovations taking place in drone technology, and the therapeutics sector and said that India must take a lead in such revolutionary technology.
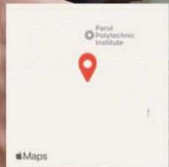
Throwing light on the role of hackathons in innovation and security, the Prime Minister underlined that the government is continuously promoting the hackathon culture where students take up new challenges and emphasised the need for hand-holding and creating a framework for this. He suggested that an institutionalised system be kept in place to address the youth coming out of Atal Tinkering Labs. "Can we similarly identify 100 labs in the country in different areas, which should be made youth driven?", the Prime Minister asked. Highlighting the special focus areas of clean energy and natural farming, the Prime Minister stressed promoting research and technology. Concluding the address, the Prime Minister expressed confidence that National Technology Week can play an important role in realizing these possibilities.

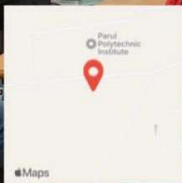**Benefits in terms of learning/Skill/Knowledge obtained:**

Students of Parul University are highly motivated after listing the speech of Prime minister how technology helps for startup and Innovation in today's world.

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Glimpses of activity

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