

Ismaili Professional Network Visit to PDEU IIC

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- ❖ **Location: PDEU IIC, UG Office**

ABOUT PDEU:

Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU), formerly known as Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDEU), was established by the PDEU Act, 2007; Acts of the Gujarat Legislature and Ordinances promulgated and Regulations made by the Governor, in the State of Gujarat, India. The primary thrust areas for the university are to ensure Energy for All, creating a Larger Social Impact and Prepare the Youth for tomorrow. PDEU has NAAC accreditation with "A++" Grade CGPA of 3.52 out of 4.00 & Graded Autonomy by UGC.

The University addresses the need for trained and specialised human resources for the energy industry worldwide. It intends to expand students' and professionals' opportunities to develop an intellectual knowledge base with leadership skills to compete globally. This objective is being addressed through several specialised and well-planned undergraduate and postgraduate energy education programs and intensive research initiatives, in management, engineering and humanities.

ABOUT PDEU IIC:

PDEU Innovation and Incubation Centre (formerly known as PDEU IIC) is an incubator at PDEU established in 2014. The Centre was formally established in 2017 u/s 8 of The Companies Act, 2013, with a vision to provide state-of-the-art support and service to innovators, technocrats and entrepreneurs who aim to create a social and economic pact in society through innovative solutions to existing problems. The centre acts complementary to the academic and research activities of the University.

PDEU IIC has also been approved to be a “**Technology Business Incubator**”, a recognition by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. It is recognized as a Nodal Institute by the Government of Gujarat. PDEU IIC has incubated **200+ start-ups across 10+ domains** and generated more than **400** employment opportunities through start-ups. The IIC Office has a specially designated area of **20,000 sq. ft** for the start-ups to work on.

ABOUT ISMAILI PROFESSIONAL NETWORK:

The Ismaili Professionals Network (IPN) India provides a central platform for Ismaili professionals and entrepreneurs to connect and learn from one another. With chapters across Mumbai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Saurashtra, IPN is founded on three primary goals: Career Advancement, Collaboration & Contribution.

Purpose of the Visit:

The purpose of the visit by the Ismaili Professionals Network India to PDEU Innovation and Incubation Centre(PDEU IIC) was to gain insights into the innovative work being conducted there and to establish connections within the entrepreneurial community. This included learning about the types of startups being incubated, the challenges they encounter, and the support provided by the centre. Networking with entrepreneurs, mentors, and investors associated with the centre aimed to enrich IPN India members' understanding of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Gandhinagar and explore avenues for collaboration and support.

About the Visit:

The Ismaili Professionals Network India (IPN India) conducted a visit to the PDEU Innovation and Incubation Centre in Gandhinagar. The primary objective of this visit was to gain a clear understanding of the innovative initiatives being pursued at the centre and to explore potential collaboration opportunities within the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

During their visit, IPN India members interacted with team PDEU IIC and various startups and explored the centre's facilities. They observed a diverse array of innovative projects spanning multiple sectors, including technology, healthcare, and sustainability. The centre's supportive environment—characterised by mentorship, resources, and infrastructure—fosters the growth of emerging startups.

Following the visit, IPN India put forth several recommendations. First, they expressed interest in exploring collaborative opportunities with the centre, such as joint mentorship programs or research initiatives. Additionally, IPN India members sought to engage with the startups at the centre to explore potential partnerships. Lastly, they proposed that the centre could serve as a venue for organising workshops or seminars aimed at facilitating knowledge sharing and networking among entrepreneurs.

Conclusion

The visit to PDEU IIC proved to be a valuable experience for IPN India members, deepening their understanding of the entrepreneurial landscape in Gandhinagar and identifying areas for collaboration. By fostering connections between IPN India

members and the startups at the centre, they can significantly contribute to the growth and development of the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem. By developing partnerships and facilitating knowledge exchange, IPN India is well-positioned to contribute to the advancement of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region.