

## **Assam Skill University(ASU) VISIT TO PDEU IIC**

**Date: 29th January, 2025**

**Dignitaries : 3**

**Time: 2:00 PM-3.30PM**

### **ABOUT PDEU:**

Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU), formerly known as Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU), was established by the PDPU 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 specialized 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 specialized 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 PDPU 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 ASU:**

Assam Skill University is a public state university located at Mangaldai, Darrang district, Assam, India. It was established by *The Assam Skill University Act, 2020* which was passed by the Assam Legislative Assembly on 3 September 2020 and received the assent of the Governor of Assam on 12 October 2020. The university offers various undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma, and certificate courses in various fields, such as agriculture, engineering, healthcare, hospitality, tourism, media, and communication. The university also provides various facilities and services for the overall development of the students, such as sports facilities, hostel accommodation, medical facilities, and career counseling services.

## **PURPOSE OF THE VISIT:**

The ASU delegation's primary objective was to gain a better understanding of the Gujarat entrepreneurial ecosystem. Following an introduction to the PDEU Innovation and Incubation Centre (PDEU IIC), their focus shifted to its specific contributions to this ecosystem and its mechanisms for supporting startups. This included examining the PDEU IIC's strategies for fostering a culture of innovation and its provision of resources and mentorship to aspiring entrepreneurs. Furthermore, the delegation expressed significant interest in exploring recent advancements in 3D printing technology and its application by startups across various sectors to develop innovative products and services, as demonstrated at the PDEU IIC.

## **ABOUT THE VISIT:**

The visit provided the dignitaries with a thorough understanding of the PDEU Innovation and Incubation Centre's (PDEU IIC) facilities, resources, and services. They gained valuable insights into the incubation process, observing how the centre supports startups throughout their development. Interactions with founders and their teams of currently incubated startups provided them knowledge of their innovations, challenges and achievements. The visit also showcased the centre's dedication to cultivating a supportive ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship, enhancing the dignitaries' understanding of the startup landscape and creating valuable networking opportunities for both the academic and entrepreneurial communities.

A guided tour highlighted the centre's state-of-the-art facilities, including co-working spaces and prototyping labs, designed to support startups at all stages. Meetings with staff and mentors provided insights into their roles and responsibilities within the incubation ecosystem. The visit concluded with a productive feedback session, where the professors shared their perspectives, posed insightful questions, and explored potential collaborations and improvements between their institutions and PDEU IIC.

**OUTCOMES:**

In conclusion, the ASU delegation's visit to the PDEU Innovation and Incubation Centre (PDEU IIC) provided an opportunity for knowledge exchange and collaboration. The delegation gained an in-depth understanding of the Gujarat entrepreneurial ecosystem, with a particular focus on the PDEU IIC's role in supporting and nurturing startups. The discussions surrounding innovation, mentorship, and the application of emerging technologies like 3D printing proved particularly insightful, with specific examples of successful startups and innovative products being shared.