

IAR VISIT TO PDEU IIC

Date:

Participants : 120+

Time:

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 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 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 Institute of Advanced Research:

The Institute of Advanced Research (IAR), Gandhinagar is an innovation driven university, which offers professionally focused undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programs. IAR had its foundation stone laid by Shri Narendra Modi, who was then serving as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, in 2003. The University is a not-for-profit institution and its sole purpose is to promote world class education, research and innovation for young people nationally and internationally.

PURPOSE OF THE VISIT:

The purpose of the IAR students' visit to PDEU IIC was to provide an educational and inspirational experience, showcasing the workings of a modern incubation center and the potential of startup ventures. Through demonstrations of facilities, interactions with founders and mentors, and discussions about the incubation process, the visit aimed to educate students about the startup ecosystem, foster networking opportunities, and promote a broader understanding of how innovation and entrepreneurship are supported.

ABOUT THE VISIT:

Students from IAR visited PDEU IIC to understand how the center fosters innovation and entrepreneurship. The tour's purpose was to demonstrate the workings of a modern incubation center and to inspire students with the potential of startup ventures. During the tour, students were shown PDEU IIC's modern facilities, including shared workspaces and labs designed to support startups at various stages. They learned about the incubation process, observing how the center provides practical support for startup growth.

Furthermore, students interacted with startup founders, gaining insights into their innovations, challenges, and successes. Meetings with staff and mentors clarified the support system and roles within the center. The tour concluded with a discussion session, allowing for questions and a deeper understanding of the startup landscape. This experience aimed to cultivate an understanding of how innovation and entrepreneurship are supported, and to provide valuable networking opportunities within the academic community.

CONCLUSION:

The IAR students' visit to PDEU IIC concluded successfully, leaving a lasting impression of the center's role in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. The tour effectively provided a practical and insightful overview of the incubation process, demonstrating the support and resources available to startups. Through interactions with founders and mentors, the students gained a realistic understanding of the startup journey. The visit fostered a greater appreciation for the entrepreneurial ecosystem and provided valuable networking opportunities, inspiring the students to

consider their own potential in the world of innovation. Ultimately, the experience served as a valuable educational tool, strengthening the connection between academic learning and practical application in the realm of entrepreneurship.