

E-CHAI X PDEU IIC

GROWTH THAT MATTERS



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15+
Participants



PDEU IIC Office

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About Pandit Deendayal Energy University (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 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.



9500+
Students

500+
Faculty &
Staff

200+
Guest
Faculty

75+
Ongoing
Project

450+
Patents

250+
Students
Research
Project

98%
Faculty with PhD
from premier
institutes

50+
Professional Body
Association



About PDEU Innovation and Incubation Centre (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 **220+** start-ups across **10+** domains and generated more than **500** 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.



3500+

Application
received

220+

Start-up
Incubated

230+

Events
Organised

35,000+

Students
Sensitized

30+

Startups with
INR 50L+ revenue

12+

NISP
Startups

45 CR+

Funding
Raised

150+

IPR
FILED

500+

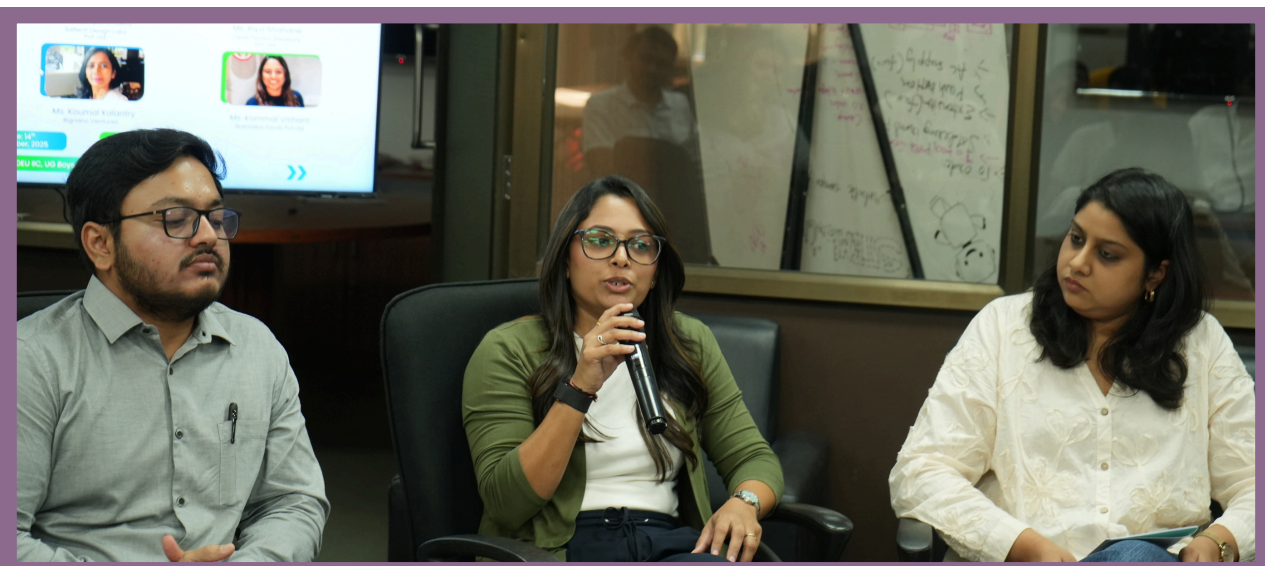
Employment
Generated



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National Institutional Ranking Framework for Innovation
Ministry of Education, Government of India

ABOUT ECHAI VENTURES

- eChai Ventures is a startup community that helps entrepreneurs connect, learn, and grow together. It began in India in 2009 and has now spread to many cities and countries. The platform encourages collaboration over competition and makes it easier for startups to find guidance, connections, and confidence. It supports new and growing startups by creating a space for real learning, networking, and collaboration.
- eChai Ventures is known for building a global network of entrepreneurs through meetups and knowledge-sharing sessions and this partnership helped create a space where learning happened through real stories rather than just theory.



PURPOSE OF THE SESSION

- The primary objective of the event was to offer a practical and honest perspective on what it truly takes to build and grow a startup by bringing together founders, startup teams, ecosystem members, and students on a common platform. While entrepreneurship is often discussed in theory, this session provided participants with the opportunity to learn directly from founders about the challenges, failures, learnings, and successes they encounter throughout their journeys. The discussions emphasized building businesses that create meaningful impact and address real-world problems, while maintaining a balance between purpose, value creation, and profitability.



ABOUT THE SESSION

- PDEU Innovation and Incubation Centre, in collaboration with eChai Ventures, organized a startup panel discussion centered around the theme Growth That Matters: Balancing Profit and Purpose. The session brought together founders, startup teams, ecosystem members, and students for an open and engaging conversation on real startup journeys. Moderated by Ms. Koumal Kalantry from Bignano Ventures, the discussion encouraged honest sharing and meaningful dialogue. The following founders shared their experiences and insights during the panel discussion:

Mr. Aditya Dave- Founder, Cibos Techno Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Aditya Shukla- Founder, Saltech Design Labs Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Dhruvesh Patel- Founder, Flood Lab Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Pratik Patel- Founder, Atomo Innovations Pvt. Ltd.



ABOUT THE SESSION

- During the session, the panelists spoke about how their startups began, the challenges they faced, and the lessons they learned along the way. They shared insights on product development, understanding customers, running sustainable businesses, and balancing financial goals with creating meaningful impact. The discussion was relatable, and insightful, allowing participants to connect closely with the real-world experiences of the founders.



OUTCOMES OF THE SESSION

- The event turned out to be a truly valuable learning experience for everyone who attended. Students left with a better understanding of how startups grow, not just through ideas or funding, but through patience, teamwork, and constant learning. Many participants mentioned that hearing directly from real founders made them feel more confident and inspired to explore entrepreneurship themselves. The session also helped build meaningful connections between students, startup founders, and ecosystem enablers like eChai Ventures and PDEU IIC. Overall, it created an encouraging and engaging environment where learning, networking, and real startup experiences came together in a simple and impactful way.





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