

Brief Report on: Launch of AICTE Productization Fellowship (APF) & YUKTI Innovation Challenge 2025

1.	Title	Launch of AICTE Productization Fellowship (APF) & YUKTI Innovation Challenge 2025
2.	Objective of an Event	To introduce and promote AICTE Productization Fellowship and YUKTI Innovation Challenge 2025, fostering innovation, productization, and entrepreneurial growth.
3.	About an Event	The event marks the official launch of the AICTE Productization Fellowship (APF) and YUKTI Innovation Challenge 2025, aiming to support student-led innovations and promote commercialization. It brings together innovators, academia, and industry to foster entrepreneurial growth, encourage problem-solving, and empower ideas through mentorship, funding, and recognition under AICTE's national innovation framework.
4.	Experts	AICTE Chairman Prof. T.G.Sitharam and Vice Chairman Dr. Abhay Jere
5.	Dates	14 May 2025
6.	Timing/Duration	12:00 pm Onwards
7.	Venue	Youtube Live Streaming
8.	Category of Event	Venturing
9.	Participants	10
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Annexure I : Creative

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Ministry of Education's
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 **14th May 2025**
Wednesday 12:00 PM

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STREAMING

Annexure II: Glimpse of Event







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AICTE Productization Fellowship (APF)




OBJECTIVE

- ② Supporting students to design impactful solutions for addressing societal challenges.
- ④ Financial assistance for developing products, scaling innovations, and commercialization efforts.
- ⑥ The scheme focuses on ideas that fuel growth and contribute to Atmanirbhar Bharat.









- ① AICTE Productization Fellowship helps students create innovative, society-serving products.
- ③ Helping projects develop and validate inventive technology proof of concepts.
- ⑤ Supporting innovators in IP, business modeling, product development, and technology transfer.

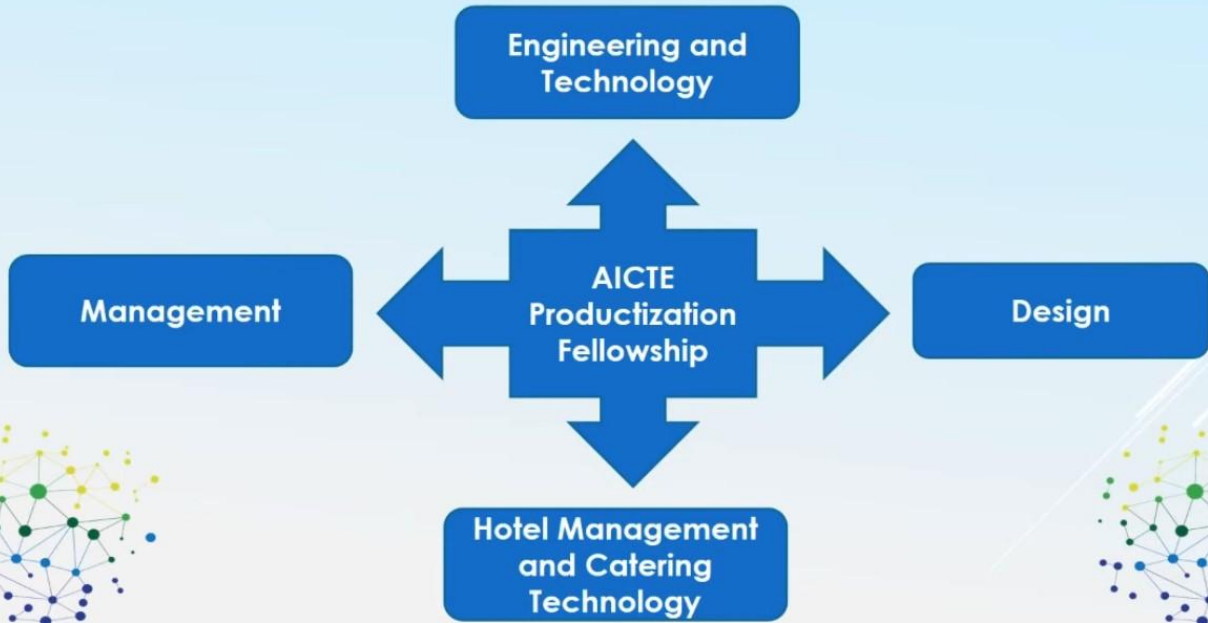
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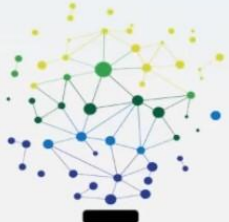

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KEY THRUST AREAS FOR INNOVATION LEADING TO PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



Some of the broad areas (but not limited to) identified for the Innovation are as follows:



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP



Student Status:-

- Must be from AICTE-approved institutions or university departments.
- All team members must be full-time students in undergraduate, postgraduate, or doctoral programs.
- If from different institutions, a bonafide certificate from each is required.

Recent Graduates:-

- Students who passed out within the last 2 years from AICTE-approved institutions are also eligible.

Preferred Candidates:-

- Preference will be given to participants/winners of:
 - National / International / State-level Hackathons
 - Grand Challenges or similar innovation events

Project Support Criteria:-

- Only one innovative product development proposal per student/team.
- Support duration: Minimum of one year
- Applicable during academic tenure or post-tenure (with mandatory association to an Incubation Centre in any AICTE-approved institute).

Team Composition:-

- Maximum of 3 members per team.
- In exceptional cases, a 4-member team may be considered.

Project Readiness:-

- Project must be at Proof of Concept (POC) level or beyond.
- Idea-stage projects will not be accepted.



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DURATION OF SCHEME/FELLOWSHIP



The duration of the Programme/Project/fellowship will be for a period of **ONE Year** and Extendable for ONE More Year including stage-II of proposal

The innovative Product Development project can be incubated at the nearest incubation center hosted in any of the AICTE Approved Institute and can be continued there even after the project duration is over.

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS



Stage 1: Initial Funding for PoC to Prototype Development: In the form of Fellowship, Rs 37,000/- per month for a maximum period of one year.

Stage 2: Fellowship will be continued during Stage-II for a maximum period of one year, for Product development, Testing, Market Validation and Commercialization after successful completion of Prototype Development in Stage-1.

CONTINGENCY GRANT: APF student / students team shall be entitled for a Contingency Grant limited to maximum of **Rs. 50,000/- per year (per team).**

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NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS



Stage 1: 500 Teams (Average Students in Each Team =3).

Stage 2: 150 Teams (Average Students in Each Team =3).

RESERVATION: As per Government of India norms.

Processing / Selection Methodology

The proposal shall be submitted in the online mode on AICTE portal (<https://yukti.mic.gov.in/aicte-fellowship>).

Proposal shall be assessed by an expert committee constituted by AICTE on merit basis. The decision of the Competent Authority, AICTE, shall be final in this regard.



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YUKTI INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2025

TRANSFORM INNOVATIONS INTO SUCCESSFUL, SCALABLE START-UPS



Stages & Action Items	Timeline
Awareness and Sensitization on YUKTI Innovation Challenge 2025	14 th May – 15 th June 2025
Accepting Nominations from IIC Institutions through YUKTI Portal.	
First round of Verification & Shortlisting Innovations for the IIC Regional Meet	16 th June – 30 th June 2025
Capacity Building Workshop for the Shortlisted Innovation	1 st July– 15 th July 2025
Demonstration of Innovations, Mentoring, Pitching	During the IIC Regional Meets (August 2025)
Evaluation & Declaration of Regional Finalists	
Organise a Boot camp on Business Plan Development for all Regional Finalists	Post IIC Regional Meet (September 2025)
Funding Assessment: Pitching and Demonstration of B-plan Submission	October 2025
Grant Release and Incubation Linkage Support to Selected Innovations/Start-ups	October 2025
Milestone based Fund Utilization Progress Follow-up for Funded Innovations/Start-ups	October 2025 – September 2026

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Glimpse of the Launch of AICTE Productization Fellowship (APF) & YUKTI Innovation Challenge 2025 on Youtube live.

Annexure III: Involved Agencies

