



Faculty Development Program



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Vellore Institute of Technology
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Event Outcome

Title : Faculty as Ecosystem Builders:
Cultivating Student Start-ups and Innovation in
Higher Education

Date : 2025-10-06 - 2025-10-10

Time : 10:00 - 17:30

Venue : PRP404

- Faculty members develop a deeper understanding of entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Faculty members will be empowered to create a supportive ecosystem for student start-ups
- Faculty members could integrate entrepreneurship and innovation into teaching and learning practices.
- Then can foster interdisciplinary collaboration for innovation.
- Students benefit from mentorship and guidance, leading to successful start-ups

	<p>Resource Person 1 - Details Name : Ms Vishnupriya V Designation : Entrepreneur Educator, Wadhvani Foundation University/ Company : Wadhvani Foundation, Bengaluru Address : India, 560001.</p>
	<p>Resource Person 2 - Details Name : Mr Gopukumar V Designation : Entrepreneur Educator, Wadhvani Foundation University/ Company : Wadhvani Foundation, Kerala Address : India, 560001.</p>
	<p>Resource Person 3 - Details Name : Dr Sherin Sam Jose Designation : Faculty Entrepreneur, Amal Jothi College University/ Company : Amal Jothi College, Koovappally Address : India, 686518.</p>
	<p>Resource Person 4 - Details Name : Ms Pramothuni D Designation : Senior Associate Patent, Altacit Global University/ Company : Altacit Global, Chennai Address : India, 600032.</p>
	<p>Resource Person 5 - Details Name : Ashok Kurian Panjikaran Designation : Senior Manager, Kerala Startup Mission University/ Company : Kerala Startup Mission , Trivandrum Address : India, 695581.</p>
	<p>Resource Person 6 - Details Name : Dr Ravi Kiran Manapuram Designation : Founder and Director, Medev Plus University/ Company : Medev Plus, Bangalore Address : India, 560058.</p>
	<p>Resource Person 7 - Details Name : Dr Jakulin Divya Mary Designation : Assistant Professor, Centre for Rural and Entrepreneurship Development University/ Company : NITTTR, Chennai Address : India, 600113.</p>
	<p>Resource Person 8 - Details Name : Chitra A Designation : Professor Grade 1, School of Electrical Engineering University/ Company : VIT, Vellore Address : India, 632014.</p>



Resource Person 9 - Details

Name : Mr Diwakar

Designation : Founder, Diwakar and Associates

University/ Company : Diwakar and Associates, Chennai

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Resource Person 10 - Details

Name : Renold Elsen S

Designation : Professor Grade 1, School of Mechanical Engineering

University/ Company : VIT, Vellore

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Resource Person's Profile :

1. Profile of Ms Vishnupriya V

She is an Entrepreneurship educator and certified career counsellor and has vast experience in Entrepreneurship development and student startup mentorship. She is involved in social impact design, which involves creating solutions that make a real difference, often using a deep understanding of user needs and behaviors. She is also working on digital solutions and platforms for civic engagement and public awareness.

2. Profile of Mr Gopukumar V

He is an Entrepreneurship Educator and is mentoring hundreds of student-founders and training faculty across India helping them transform ideas into impactful ventures. He has a strong foundation in consumer research, marketing strategy, the language of sales, and theatre, bridge business, technology and education by delivering value to both students and faculty.

3. Profile of Dr Sherin Sam Jose

He is a Professor and Director of Incubation and Industry Connect at Amal Jyothi College of Engineering, Kanjirappally, and the CEO of Startups Valley Amal Jyothi TBI. He has received many product development grants from different funding agencies. He is a trainer and motivator and had took over 400 training sessions in various public sector organizations and agencies, educational institutions like NIT Calicut, and universities in Kerala and Tamilnadu.

4. Profile of Ms Pramothuni D

She is a Senior IPR Associate at Altacit Global and a Registered Patent and Trademark Agent with over 7 years of experience in Intellectual Property Rights. Her expertise spans patent drafting and prosecution, prior art searches, design and copyright registrations, trademark filings and prosecutions, IP portfolio management, and IP risk strategy. She was recognized as an IP Protector during the Startup Leadership Program for her significant contributions to guiding startups on IP protection.

5. Profile of Ashok Kurian Panjikanan

He is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in building robust technology startup ecosystems, demonstrating expertise in driving impactful initiatives across government and corporate sectors. Skilled in startup engagement, policy formulation, and program implementation, with a focus on nurturing startups through their entire lifecycle. Proficient in designing incubation and accelerator programs, creating international market access initiatives, and establishing launchpads for s

6. Profile of Dr Ravi Kiran Manapuram

He is a seasoned Biomedical Engineering Ph.D. graduate with over eight years of unparalleled expertise in the intricate realm of designing and instrumenting optical imaging systems. Beyond technological advancements, his vision encompasses the creation of a professional environment where we collaboratively solve real-life social problems using the power of optics and innovation.

7. Profile of Dr Jakulin Divya Mary

She is an assistant professor at the Centre for Rural and Entrepreneurship Development, NITTTR, Chennai. She has co-ordinated and served as a resource person in various professional development program such as Enabling Entrepreneurship and Start-Up Mindset, Redefining HR for Academic Brilliance, Contemporary Marketing Management, Sustainable Development, E Business Management, Marketing Automation, Innovative HR Approaches, Modern Marketing Techniques, etc.

8. Profile of Chitra A

She is a highly accomplished Professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Assistant Director Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy at Vellore Institute of Technology. She is a Managing Director of VIT alumni owned startup Kuppismart Solutions Pvt. Ltd., which is a startup in livestock automation domain.

9. Profile of Mr Diwakar

He is the Founder of Diwakar and Associates, a Cost and Management Accountant firm based in Chennai, India, established in 2021. The firm's core competencies include Cost Records Preparation and Maintenance, Cost Audit, and Internal Audit. They also offer a comprehensive range of services, including Taxation including Income Tax and GST, Business Advisory, and solutions related to the Registrar of Companies and Corporate Finance.

10. Profile of Renold Elsen S

With more than 15 years of teaching experience, he has 10 years of hands-on experience in the areas of Design, Advanced Ceramics, Additive manufacturing, bio-scaffolds and Finite Element Analysis. He worked in design and analysis of boiler components for a BHEL sponsored consultancy project in Association with National Institute of Technology-Trichy (NITT).

Faculty members play an important role in supporting innovative ideas and mentoring student start-ups. Their role goes beyond traditional teaching and helps students travel through on their entire entrepreneurial journey, from ideation and Design Thinking to product development, IP management, and securing funding. By mentoring students on these critical aspects, faculty bridge the gap between academic theory and real-world applications, empowering the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs. This Faculty Development Programme (FDP) aims to equip educators with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives needed to support student-led innovations and start-up ventures.

Case Studies, Ideation, Business Model Canvas

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