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Report

Institute Innovation Council,

Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur

Conducted

Expert Session

On

**Accelerators/Incubation -Opportunities for Students &
Faculties -Early-Stage Entrepreneurs**

On

20th August 2025

In association with

Innovation & Incubation Centre,

S.o.S. in Biotechnology and

S.o.S. in Electronics & Photonics

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Welcomes You

to the expert session on

**"Accelerators/ Incubation - Opportunities for Students &
Faculties - Early Stage Entrepreneurs "**

on

August 20, 2025 | 02:00 PM Onwards



Venue

Seminar Hall, S.o.S in Biotechnology, PRSU, Raipur

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Details of Event

Name of Program Type	Lecture Session on Accelerators/Incubation - Opportunities for Students & Faculties -Early-Stage Entrepreneurs (Calendar activity under IIC 7.0)
Name of Program Theme	Empowering Innovation and Entrepreneurial Growth Through Accelerators and Incubators
Objective	Facilitate the growth of students, faculty, and entrepreneurs by providing mentorship, acceleration, and incubation.
Benefit	Gain mentorship, funding, and resources to turn innovative ideas into successful ventures.
Duration of Activity	2 hours
Mode of Event	Offline
No. of Students Participants	75
No. of Faculty Participants	8
No. of External Participants	NIL
Expenditure Amount	3000



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About the Speaker

Shri Ashish Verma, Chief Operating Officer, IGKV R-ABI, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, addressed the audience as the keynote speaker and shared his insights on the evolving startup ecosystem in India. In his lecture, Shri Verma highlighted that India has now emerged as the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world. He elaborated on the definition of a startup as per the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and emphasized the multiple benefits of engaging in the startup ecosystem.

He informed that over 1,86,562 startups are currently registered with the Government of India, with more than half of them originating from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. In Chhattisgarh alone, 1,760 startups have been registered, out of which 300 are incubated at IGKV R-ABI. Shri Verma provided a comprehensive overview of the startup policy and the overall startup ecosystem. He also explained the roles and functions of startup enablers such as incubators and accelerators. Furthermore, he shed light on various government schemes including the Startup Seed Fund Scheme, Dairy Development Scheme, RKVY-RAFTAAR, NABARD Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, BIRAC, PRISM, MSME schemes, and more.

A significant part of his address was dedicated to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), spin-offs, and the opportunities available for educators in the startup ecosystem. He emphasized that teachers are not just knowledge providers but can also serve as mentors and catalysts, guiding students towards innovation and entrepreneurship. He encouraged educators to play a key role in nurturing a startup culture within academic institutions, which he believes could propel India to a leading position globally.

Shri Verma also shared that Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur has been recognized under the Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – RAFTAAR (RKVY-RAFTAAR) by the Government of India, for establishing an Agri-Business Incubation Centre (R-ABI). The centre aims to promote startups, innovation, and entrepreneurship in agriculture and allied sectors. It offers technical guidance, training, business model development, funding support, and mentorship to farmers, students, and entrepreneurs.



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Conclusion/Outcomes

We are deeply thankful to Shri Ashish Verma for delivering such an enlightening and inspiring lecture. It provided a comprehensive understanding of the startup ecosystem in India, government policies, funding opportunities, and the role of academic institutions in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. Shri Verma's emphasis on the proactive role of educators and the potential of students in transforming ideas into viable startups was particularly inspiring. The session successfully encouraged participants to explore Agri-based entrepreneurship and leverage incubation facilities like IGKV R-ABI. Overall, the program was a valuable step toward nurturing a vibrant startup culture within the university.

Dr. Kavita Thakur
President, IIC PRSU