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IIC REPORT 2026-2027

ABOUT INNOVATION AND INCUBATION CENTER

Innovation and Incubation Centre of Annamacharya University, Rajampet-516126 wishes to facilitate the creation of ideas and inventions that benefit the society. The goal of Innovation and Incubation Centre (IIC) is to promote and support technology based innovative spirit among the graduated and graduating students of Annamacharya University-Rajampet. IIC will leverage from past experiences and give entrepreneurship a stronger push as well as serve to coordinate and promote innovation-driven activities at the institute. IIC seeks to nurture technology and knowledge-based ventures through their startup phase by providing the necessary support to help entrepreneurs survive in the competitive market and reach a stage where they can scale-up their ventures further. The IIC aims to build and share resources including space and infrastructure, access to business support services, mentoring, training programmes to enhance the skills of entrepreneurs and seed funds.

IIC of Annamacharya University-Rajampet conducts workshops, guest lectures and awareness programmes regularly to motivate and increase the awareness among the students and faculty about the importance of developing innovative technologies, protecting them through Intellectual Property Rights and establishing startups for the benefit of society and for their own career development as entrepreneurs. IIC of AU-Rajampet also conducts ideas competitions regularly for bringing out the hidden talents of the students for developing innovative technology-based products. The necessary seed funding and mentoring for converting their ideas into working prototypes is done depending on the funds availability.

The interested students can work in the Innovation and Incubation Centre where 39 high end computers are provided with high-speed internet and CATIA modeling software. Two medium sized robots are also provided in the Innovation and Incubation Centre to do innovative projects related to robotic technology. IIC of Annamacharya University-Rajampet is also planning to establish the Business Incubator using the 7000 square feet built-up area.

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15	Dr. G. Thirumalaiah	ECE	Assistant Professor	Member Secretary

Events conducted for the academic year 2026-2027

Sl. No.	Name of the event	Event title	Total No. of Participants	Event date	Resource Person
1	Idea Hackathon	MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0 (Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India) – Theme: Frontier Technology in MSMEs	61 ideas received	03.07.2026 – 24.08.2026	Organized by the Innovation and Incubation Centre, AU, Rajampet (Host Institute); theme-wise Evaluation Committees.
2	Online Session (AICTE Fund Quest Series)	From Ideas to Impact: MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0 and MSME Schemes for HEIs & Innovators	42	08.07.2026	Ms. Preetika Sharma, Assistant Director, MSME Development & Facilitation Office (DFO) and Nucleus Cell, Puducherry. Organized by AICTE (MoE's Innovation Cell).
3	MIC-Driven Online Session (group viewing)	Strengthening Scientific Research and Innovation in HEIs: ANRF's Vision, Priorities, and Support Framework	272	31.07.2026	Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman, Chief Executive Officer, Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF). Organized by MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC), AICTE; group viewing arranged by IIC, AU, Rajampet.
4	MIC-Driven Online Session (group viewing)	India's IPR Policy and Provisions for Startups, Inventors and Innovators	240	24.08.2026	Prof. (Dr.) Unnat P. Pandit, CGPDTM, Govt. of India. Organized by MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC), AICTE; group viewing arranged by IIC, AU, Rajampet.
5	MIC-Driven Online Session (group viewing)	Initiatives & Programmes to Support Innovation in HEIs (Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog)	289	25.08.2026	Prof. (Dr.) Unnat P. Pandit, CGPDTM, Govt. of India. Organized by MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC), AICTE; group viewing arranged by IIC, AU, Rajampet.
6	MIC-Driven Online Session (group viewing)	Empowering Innovation & Startup Ecosystem in HEIs (MoE's Innovation Cell & AICTE)	270	28.08.2026	Prof. (Dr.) Unnat P. Pandit, CGPDTM, Govt. of India. Organized by MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC), AICTE; group viewing arranged by IIC, AU, Rajampet.
7	Awareness Session	Startup Kadapa – The Entrepreneurship Centre: Awareness Session on Entrepreneurship & Innovation	589	03.09.2026	Resource persons of Startup Kadapa – The Entrepreneurship Centre, District Administration, YSR Kadapa. Coordinated by the Innovation and Incubation Centre, AU, Rajampet.
8	Virtual Meeting	Interaction with the Executive Director, NCIE, Government of India, on Central Government Assistance Schemes (JNTUA Virtual Meeting)	18	07.10.2026	Executive Director, NCIE, Govt. of India, along with the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JNTUA. Organized by JNTUA, Ananthapuramu; attended at the IIC Lab, AU, Rajampet.
9	Orientation Session	Orientation Session on Seva First Innovation Challenge (SFIC) – Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, Viksit Bharat @2047	2	12.10.2026	Dr. Inja Naga Bheema Lingeswara Reddy, Manager, AICTE Innovation. Organized by AICTE (Ministry of Education, Govt. of India) at AITS, Kadapa.

1. A call for innovative ideas under **MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0** (Theme: Frontier Technology in MSMEs) announced by the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, was circulated to all students, faculty members and researchers vide Lr. No. IIC/Circular/01/2026-27 dated 03.07.2026. The last date for submission on the MSME portal was 14.07.2026 (11.59 P.M. IST), and the IIC extended guidance and

mentorship to interested applicants in preparing and submitting their entries. Annamacharya University, Rajampet acted as a Host Institute for the evaluation of the ideas received.

The theme-wise Evaluation Committees constituted at the Host Institute reviewed the ideas across all six themes, and a consolidated evaluation status report was prepared on 24.08.2026. A total of 61 ideas were received, of which 36 were evaluated and 25 were recorded as absent (the applicant did not present before the Evaluation Committee). As per Clause 4(xv) of the Instructions to Host Institutes issued by the O/o Development Commissioner (MSME), the 41 to 80 ideas bracket carries a cut-off of the top 50% of the ideas, i.e. 31 ideas. Accordingly, 31 ideas were recommended for forwarding to the O/o Development Commissioner (MSME) through the MIS portal for the next stage of evaluation, while the remaining 5 evaluated ideas fell below the cut-off. The highest average marks (91.00) were awarded to the idea on an AI-enabled autonomous drone for precision crop disease detection and targeted spraying (Robotics and Automation theme). The theme-wise position is given below.

Theme	Total received	Evaluated	Absent	Recommended
Renewable Energy	4	2	2	1
Energy Efficiency	7	3	4	3
Automotive Technology	1	0	1	0
Industry 4.0 and 5.0	26	16	10	14
Robotics and Automation	6	3	3	3
Other Frontier and Export-Oriented Technologies	17	12	5	10
TOTAL	**61**	**36**	**25**	**31**

2. An online session on **"From Ideas to Impact: MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0 and MSME Schemes for HEIs & Innovators"** was organized by AICTE (Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell) under the Fund Quest Series on 08.07.2026 (Wednesday) from 11.00 A.M. on the Webex platform. The series is designed to create awareness and facilitate discussion on funding opportunities available to academic researchers, innovators, startups and higher education institutions. The session was addressed by Ms. Preetika Sharma, Assistant Director, MSME Development & Facilitation Office (DFO) and Nucleus Cell, Puducherry. All faculty members and students were requested to attend vide Circular Lr. No. Registrar's Office/IIC/Circular/03/2026 dated 07.07.2026. Number of participants: [to be filled].

3. An online MIC-driven activity on **"Strengthening Scientific Research and Innovation in HEIs: ANRF's Vision, Priorities, and Support Framework"** was organized by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC), AICTE on 31.07.2026 (Friday) from 11.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M. IST. The session was addressed by Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman, Chief Executive Officer, Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), and covered ANRF's vision, mission and key priorities, its flagship programmes, research funding opportunities and the support mechanisms available for Higher Education Institutions, faculty, researchers, innovators and startups. As per Circular Lr. No. Registrar's Office/IIC/Circular/06/2026-27 dated 29.07.2026, the live streaming was viewed as a group in the Smart Rooms of the departments in coordination with the department IIC Coordinators. Number of participants: [to be filled].

4. An online MIC-driven activity on **"India's IPR Policy and Provisions for Startups, Inventors and Innovators"** was organized on 24.08.2026 at 11.30 A.M. by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC), AICTE, with Prof. (Dr.) Unnat P. Pandit, CGPDTM, Govt. of India as the speaker. It was the first of three MIC-driven sessions scheduled on 24, 25 and 28 August 2026, for which the HODs were requested to arrange group viewing of the live streaming in the department Smart Rooms in coordination with the department IIC Coordinators (Circular Lr. No. Registrar's Office/IIC/Circular/07/2026-27 dated

24.08.2026). The session gave insights into India's IPR policy and the provisions available for innovators and startups. Number of participants: [to be filled].

5. The second MIC-driven online session, on **"Initiatives & Programmes to Support Innovation in HEIs (Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog)"**, was held on 25.08.2026 at 11.30 A.M. by Prof. (Dr.) Unnat P. Pandit, CGPDTM, Govt. of India, and covered the key initiatives and programmes of the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog for Higher Education Institutions, faculty, researchers, innovators and startups. Group viewing was arranged in the department Smart Rooms. Number of participants: [to be filled].

6. The third MIC-driven online session, on **"Empowering Innovation & Startup Ecosystem in HEIs (MoE's Innovation Cell & AICTE)"**, was held on 28.08.2026 at 11.30 A.M. by Prof. (Dr.) Unnat P. Pandit, CGPDTM, Govt. of India, and covered the flagship schemes and support frameworks of the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) and AICTE for Higher Education Institutions, faculty, researchers, innovators and startups. Group viewing was arranged in the department Smart Rooms. Number of participants: [to be filled].

7. An Awareness Session on **"Startup Kadapa – The Entrepreneurship Centre"**, an initiative of the District Administration, YSR Kadapa, was successfully conducted for the students of the University on 03.09.2026 (Thursday) in the University Auditorium. The session was organized in response to the request received vide Lr. No. C/614/2026 dated 23.07.2026 from Smt. H.S. Bhavana, IAS, Sub-Collector & SDM, Rajampet Division and Special Officer, Startup Kadapa, and was coordinated by the IIC through Circular Lr. No. Registrar's Office/IIC/Circular/09/2026-27 dated 01.09.2026. The Ratan Tata Innovation Hub (RTIH) and the Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society (APIS) are the collaborating agencies of Startup Kadapa.

The session was conducted in two batches. The forenoon batch (10.30 A.M. to 12.15 P.M.) was attended by 305 students of AI&ML (30), CSE (AI) (60), CSE (75), CSE (AI&ML) (15), CSE (IoT) (30), CSE (Data Science) (45) and EEE (50). The afternoon batch (2.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M.) was attended by 284 students of Civil (35), Mechanical (42), ECE (60), MBA (100) and MCA (47). A total of 589 students, along with the concerned faculty members, participated. The resource persons presented an overview and vision of Startup Kadapa, Startup India and Government support mechanisms for startups, incubation, mentoring, funding opportunities and industry partnerships, and innovation and career opportunities for students, followed by an interactive question-and-answer round. The students gained clarity on the Startup Kadapa ecosystem and the support available to them, and were motivated towards innovation, entrepreneurship and startup-driven career paths. The programme was also covered by the Surya Daily (page 12).

8. The IIC and EDC Coordinators and faculty members of the University participated in a virtual meeting organized by Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Anantapur (JNTUA), Ananthapuramu, on **"Interaction with the Executive Director, NCIE, Government of India, on Central Government Assistance Schemes"** on 07.10.2026 (Wednesday) at 4.00 P.M. through Cisco Webex. The participants joined from the IIC Lab, Annamacharya University, Rajampet, as requested vide Circular Lr. No. AUR/Registrar's Office/IIC/Circular/12/2026. The meeting was addressed by the Executive Director, National Council for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (NCIE), Government of India, along with the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JNTUA. Number of participants: [to be filled].

The presentation introduced NCIE as an ecosystem-building platform for innovation, entrepreneurship and enterprise development in line with Viksit Bharat @2047. The main points covered were the Student Startup Grant of ₹5 Lakh, provided as five milestone-based stages of ₹1 Lakh each (idea identification and validation; prototype/MVP development; market validation and customer testing; business development and startup readiness; scale preparation and investment readiness), the 180-Day Founder Development Programme that follows the grant pathway, the eight-step NCIE Student Founder Journey (Discover to Scale), and CSR-linked institutional support of ₹20–₹50 Lakh for innovation and entrepreneurship centres, incubation, labs and capacity building. The IIC and EDC will share the scheme details with students, identify and mentor promising

student teams, explore CSR-linked institutional support and track the scheme guidelines and timelines released by NCIE.

9. Dr. G. Thirumalaiah (ECE) and Dr. D. Gouse Peera (Civil Engineering) attended an **Orientation Session on Seva First Innovation Challenge (SFIC)** – Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, Viksit Bharat @2047, organized by AICTE (Ministry of Education, Govt. of India) on 12.10.2026 (Monday) at Annamacharya Institute of Technology and Sciences (AITS), Kadapa, on behalf of the Innovation and Incubation Centre. The session was handled by Dr. Inja Naga Bheema Lingeswara Reddy, Manager, AICTE Innovation.

The resource person explained the concept of the Challenge and its two solution tracks of equal standing (Track A – Product & Technology; Track B – Business Model & Governance), the three levels of participation (Junior, Technical and Open) and the five national themes (Swachh & Sustainable Bharat; Samriddh Annadata, Samriddh Bharat; Swasth & Samavesh Bharat; Shikshit & Kaushal Bharat; Surakshit Bharat). The submission window runs from 25.09.2026 to 24.10.2026, followed by Stage-1 and Stage-2 evaluations and an indicative National Finale on 10–17 December 2026. Andhra Pradesh falls under the Karnataka Zone, and the prize money is ₹10 lakh, ₹5 lakh and ₹3 lakh for the first three positions in each theme. A walkthrough of the portal (sevafirst.mic.gov.in) covered institute registration, team formation (up to 5 teams per institute, each with 2–5 students), idea submission and status tracking. The IIC will register the University on the portal and encourage departments to form teams, mentor them in preparing the Concept Note and guide promising ideas towards prototype development and incubation. [Status of portal registration and team submissions (closing date 24.10.2026) to be updated.]

Other IIC initiatives during 2026-27

- **Submission of ideas through Department IIC Coordinators.** As per Circular Lr. No. IIC/Circular/02/2026-27 dated 06.07.2026, the IIC accepts submission of innovative ideas throughout the year through the respective Department IIC Coordinators. Evaluation of the submitted ideas is held department-wise during the fourth week of every month.
- **RTIH – Inno Tribe Programme.** Nominations of Student Ambassadors (up to 2 per department) and a Faculty Ambassador (1 per department) were called for from the departments vide Circular Lr. No. Registrar's Office/IIC/Circular/05/2026-27 dated 24.07.2026, for the RTIH–Inno Tribe Programme of the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub (RTIH), Amaravati Foundation. Nominations were to reach the IIC office by 24.07.2026 (5.00 P.M.) for scrutiny at the University level, leading to the selection of two Student Ambassadors and one Faculty Ambassador for recommendation to RTIH (RTIH deadline: 25.07.2026).

Glimpses:

03-09-2026 – Startup Kadapa awareness session



Fig. 1: Students attentively following the awareness session at the University Auditorium



Fig. 2: Resource person presenting the "Core Verticals" of Startup Kadapa – The Entrepreneurship Centre



Fig. 3: Forenoon batch in session in the University Auditorium (11:11 AM)



Fig. 4: Wide view of the forenoon batch attending the awareness session (11:11 AM)



Fig. 5: Afternoon batch in session – students and faculty in the University Auditorium (3:35 PM)



Fig. 6: Faculty members and students during the afternoon batch session (3:35 PM)



Fig. 7: Wide view of the afternoon batch attending the awareness session (3:35 PM)

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ఎం.చంద్రమౌళి – సూర్య బ్యూరో రాజంపేట అన్నమాచార్య విశ్వవిద్యాలయం అడిటోరియంలో గురువారం "స్టార్టప్ కడప – ది ఎంటర్‌ప్రెన్యూర్‌షిప్ సెంటర్" ఆధ్వర్యంలో విద్యార్థుల కోసం అవగాహన సదస్సు ఘనంగా నిర్వహించారు. వైఎస్ఆర్ జిల్లా యంత్రాంగం చొరవతో, రాజంపేట డివిజన్ ఉప కలెక్టర్, స్టార్టప్ కడప ప్రత్యేకాధికారి హెచ్.ఎస్.భవానీ ఆదేశాల మేరకు ఈ కార్యక్రమాన్ని చేపట్టారు. జిల్లాలో నూతన ఆవిష్కరణలు, స్టార్టప్‌లు, వైవిధ్యాభివృద్ధి, ఉపాధి కల్పనకు ఊతమిచ్చేలా జిల్లా యంత్రాంగం స్టార్టప్ కడప కేంద్రాన్ని ఏర్పాటు చేసిన సంగతి తెలిసిందే. రతన్ టాటా ఇన్నోవేషన్ హబ్ (ఆర్‌టీఐహెచ్), ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ ఇన్నోవేషన్ సొసైటీ (ఏపీఐఎస్) సహా పలు సంస్థల భాగస్వామ్యంతో ఈ కేంద్రం సేవలందిస్తోంది.ఇందులో భాగంగా



జిల్లాలోని ఉన్నత విద్యానంస్థల్లో అవగాహన సదస్సులు నిర్వహిస్తున్నారు. వర్సిటీలోని ఇన్నోవేషన్ అండ్ ఇంక్యుబేషన్ సెంటర్ (ఐఐసీ) డీన్ ఎన్.శివ రామిరెడ్డి అధ్యర్యంలో ఉదయం, మధ్యాహ్నం రెండు విడతలుగా ఈ సదస్సు జరిగింది. ఏఐఎంఎల్, సీఎస్ఈ (ఆర్టిఫిషియల్ ఇంటెలిజెన్స్), సీఎస్ఈ, సీఎస్ఈ (ఏఐ అండ్ ఎంఎల్), సీఎస్ఈ (ఐఓటీ), సీఎస్ఈ (డేటా సైన్స్), ఈఈఈ, సివిల్, మెకానికల్, ఈసీఈ, ఎంబీఏ, ఎంసీఏ తదితర విభాగాలకు చెందిన సుమారు 589 మంది విద్యార్థులు, సంబంధిత అధ్యాపకులు సదస్సులో పాల్గొన్నారు. స్టార్టప్ కడప లక్ష్యాలు, ఇంక్యుబేషన్ మద్దతు, వర్క్రమ భాగస్వామ్యాలు, పెట్టుబడి అవకాశాలు, స్టార్టప్ ఇండియా కింద లభించే ప్రభుత్వ మద్దతు పథకాల గురించి నిర్వాహకులు విద్యార్థులకు వివరించారు. విద్యార్థుల్లో వ్యాపారవేత్త స్ఫూర్తిని పెంపొందించేందుకు, కెరీర్ అవకాశాలపై అవగాహన కల్పించేందుకు ఈ కార్యక్రమం దోహదపడుతుందని పేర్కొన్నారు. చివరిలో విద్యార్థుల సందేహాలకు నిర్వాహకులు సమాధానమిచ్చారు. సదస్సు విజయవంతం కావడంలో వర్సిటీ ఛాన్సలర్ డాక్టర్ జి.చొప్ప గంగిరెడ్డి, ప్రో-ఛాన్సలర్ చొప్ప అభిషేక్‌రెడ్డి, వైస్ ఛైర్మన్ చొప్ప ఎల్లారెడ్డి, వైస్ ఛాన్సలర్ (ప్రొఫెసర్ ఇ.సాయిబాబారెడ్డి, రిజిస్ట్రార్ డాక్టర్ ఎన్.మల్లికార్జునరావు నేతృత్వంలోని వర్సిటీ యాజమాన్యంతో పాటు స్కూల్ ఆఫ్ ఇంజినీరింగ్ డీన్ డాక్టర్ ఎన్.ఎం.వి.నారాయణ, ఐఐసీ డీన్ ఎన్.శివ రామిరెడ్డి, వివిధ విభాగాధిపతులు, అధ్యాపకులు కీలక పాత్ర పోషించారు.

Newspaper coverage of the Startup Kadapa awareness session – Surya Daily (epaper.surya.news), Page 12

07-10-2026 – JNTUA virtual meeting with the Executive Director, NCIE, GoI (IIC Lab)



Fig. 1: Faculty members attending the virtual meeting in the IIC Lab (04:12 PM)



Fig. 2: Faculty members following the live session on the projector screen (04:13 PM)



Fig. 3: Participants in the IIC Lab during the session (04:16 PM)

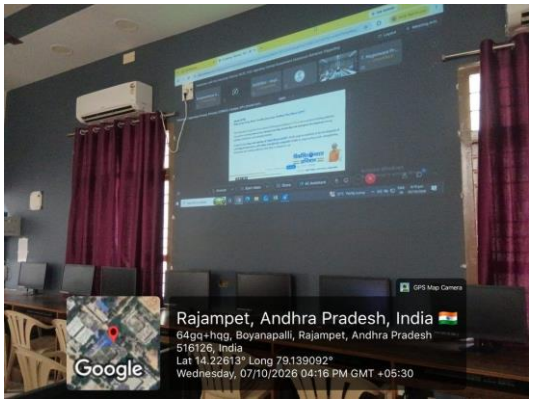


Fig. 4: Webex session with the NCIE presentation projected in the IIC Lab (04:16 PM)

12-10-2026 – SFIC orientation session, AITS Kadapa

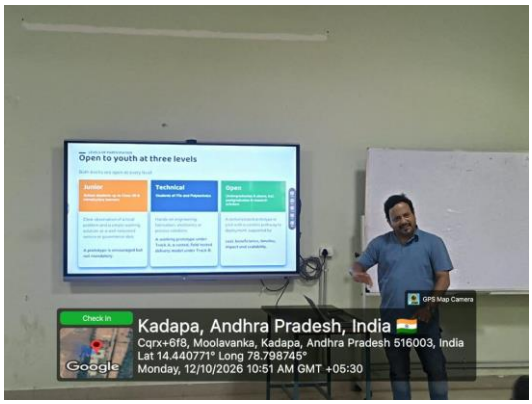


Fig. 1: Resource person presenting the three levels of participation



Fig. 2: Orientation session in progress – faculty participants



Fig. 3: Faculty members attending the session



Fig. 4: Participants listening to the orientation



Fig. 5: Participants taking notes during the session