



**Reconstitution of Institution's
Innovation Council (IIC)**

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Preamble:

In 2018, the Ministry of Education (MoE), through its Innovation Cell (MIC) and in collaboration with AICTE, launched the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) programme to systematically foster a culture of innovation and a Startup ecosystem in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The primary role of IIC is to engage faculty, students, and staff in various innovation and entrepreneurship-related activities such as ideation, problem-solving, proof-of-concept development, design thinking, intellectual property rights (IPR), project handling, and management at the pre-incubation/incubation stages. This ensures the establishment and stabilization of innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems within HEIs.

GSFC University is dedicated to cultivating the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship among students, innovators, and entrepreneurs. In August 2020, the university established the GU Innovation Incubation Technology and Applied Research (GUIITAR) Council, a Section 8 Company registered under the Companies Act, 2013. As per the IIC guidelines, GSFC University's incubation centre, GUIITAR Council, fulfills the criteria to establish an IIC.

Accordingly, the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) was first constituted through Office Order No. GUIITAR Council/0002 dated 10th June 2021 and has since been revised from time to time. Furthermore, GSFC University established the Entrepreneurship Club (E-Club) on 16th December 2024, a student-managed professional body under the SM Club. The E-Club serves as a catalyst for nurturing entrepreneurial talent through interdisciplinary collaboration, experiential learning, and practical problem-solving.



Since the objectives of the E-Club and the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) are closely aligned—fostering a culture of innovation and promoting a startup ecosystem within the institution—E-Club members are considered part of the IIC. Accordingly, one student representative from each school's E-Club is included in the IIC for each role.

Through this Office Order No. Provost/092025/144 dated 11th September, 2025, the IIC is hereby reconstituted as follows:

The earlier Office Order No. Registrar/012025/07 dated 10th January 2025 stands dissolved with immediate effect.

Institution's Innovation Council (IIC):

1. Faculty Representation:

Sr No	Name	Designation	Nomination
1	Prof. G. R. Sinha	CEO, GUIITAR Council	President
2	Shri Amit Parikh	Director, Harmony International	Vice President
3	Shri Bhuvan Vyas	Manager, GUIITAR Council, GSFCU	Convenor
4	Shri Kirankumar Parmar	Sr. Manager, GUIITAR Council, GSFCU	Start-up Activity Coordinator
5	Dr. Akhilesh Prajapati	Associate Professor, SoS, GSFCU	Innovation Activity Coordinator
6	Dr. Chandra Has	Assistant Professor, SoT, GSFCU	Internship Coordinator
7	Shri Amit Duggal	Sr. Executive (Technical), GUIITAR Council	IPR Activity Coordinator
8	Dr. Jignesh Valand	Assistant Professor, SoM&LA, GSFCU	Social Media Coordinator
9	Dr. Mihir Trivedi	Sr. Assistant Professor, SoS, GSFCU	ARIIA Coordinator
10	Dr. Rahul Sharma	Sr. Assistant Professor, SoM&LA, GSFCU	NIRF Coordinator
11	Shri Abidhusain Lodha	Assistant Professor, F&EHS, GSFCU	Member
12	Ms. Charmi Mehta	Assistant Professor, SoT, GSFCU	Member



2. Experts Representation:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Nomination
13	Shri Amit Patel	Managing Partner, PATectual IP Law Services LLP	IP Expert
14	Shri Meet Chaudhari	Co-Founder, Nullpreneurs LLP	Alumni Entrepreneur
15	Shri Rupesh Shah	Founder & Director, Barodaweb	An expert from the nearby Industry
16	Shri Parthiv Gandhi	Assistant Vice President, IDFC First Bank	Bank
17	Shri Yagndeep Gohil	Manager - Startup Engagement, NASSCOM, Centre of Excellence for IoT & AI	An expert from the nearby Incubation Centre

3. Students Representation:

Sr. No.	Name	School	Student Coordinator
18	Bhargav Umetiya	SoT	Innovation Activity Coordinator
19	Nirjala J Gohil	SoS	
20	Maahimaa Chauhan	SoM&LA	
21	Krishay M Shah	SoT	Start-up Activity Coordinator
22	Foram Piyushkumar Mistry	SoS	
23	Nishita Navlani	SoM&LA	
24	A Manav Prasath	SoT	Internship Coordinator
25	Maithili Amin	SoS	
26	Riya Manohar Mistry	SoM&LA	
27	Maitrey B. Thanki	SoT	IPR Activity Coordinator
28	Bhargavi Makwana	SoS	
29	Manmath Kariya	SoM&LA	
30	Yagnik Bhogayta	SoT	Social Media Coordinator
31	Pratham Patel	SoS	
32	Vrushti Trivedi	SoM&LA	



33	Manthan Chawda	SoT	Convenor Coordinator
34	Bhavya Shah	SoS	
35	Arsh Vohra	SoM&LA	
36	Ved Vyas	SoT	ARIIA Coordinator
37	Ummesalma Rampurwala	SoS	
38	Jill Patel	SoM&LA	
39	Ayush Singh	SoT	NIRF Coordinator
40	Eric Sonagadhwala	SoS	
41	Vidhi Rajendrakumar Dave	SoM&LA	

IIC shall meet at least once in every calendar quarter. Any decision in the IIC meeting will be taken in quorum, wherein 40% IIC member's attendance is essential. In the future, if IIC wishes to add or remove any members from the council, it needs to pass a resolution.

The Function, Role, and Responsibilities of the IIC are mentioned in Annexure-1 attached.

The IIC Council shall remain in force till further order.


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To,
All Concerned Members

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Annexure-1

Function of Institution's Innovation Council (IIC):

1. To conduct various innovation and entrepreneurship-related activities prescribed by Central MIC in time time-bound fashion.
2. Identify and reward innovations and share success stories.
3. Organize periodic workshops/ seminars/ interactions with entrepreneurs, investors, professionals and create a mentor pool for student innovators.
4. Network with peers and national entrepreneurship development organizations.
5. Create an Institution's Innovation portal to highlight innovative projects carried out by the institution's faculty and students.
6. Organize Hackathons, idea competitions, mini-challenges etc., with the involvement of industries.

Role and Responsibilities of IIC:

A. Faculty Representation:

1.1 President:

- The President will constitute the IIC council and appoint its members. He/She is responsible for ensuring that the Quarterly Council Meeting is planned effectively. Conduct Council Meeting in accordance with prescribed rules and ensure that matters are dealt with in an orderly, efficient manner.
- He/ She will lead the IIC Council.
- He/ She will have the IIC portal Login ID and will be the custodian of the IIC portal login and data/ reports uploaded therein.
- He/ She will call the meetings, set the meeting agenda and monitor the deliverables.
- He/ She will be the main point of contact with the MHRD Innovation Cell.
- He/ She will respond to all communication from the IIC National Coordination team (MHRD Innovation Cell) and will be responsible for ensuring decent performance of IIC.
- He/ She will coordinate with the MHRD innovation cell and be responsible for all the IIC activities in the institute.
- He/ She will ensure the Institution's participation in IIC calendar activity and take the lead in the institution-driven activities (own initiatives).
- He/ She will ensure the effective implementation of IIC activities with the help of the Convenor.
- He could change the council members as per the decision taken in council meetings and update the information on the portal.



- He/ She will be responsible for submitting the monthly progress/activity reports on the IIC portal.

1.1.1 Vice President:

- It is an Honorary post for a senior expert representative from the Industry/Ecosystem enablers. He/She can be from the faculty representative as well in case no experts are available.

1.2 Convenor:

- The Convenor will work in close coordination with the IIC president and will provide help wherever required for the smooth conduction of activities.
- He/ She will ensure the participation in the meeting and will prepare the meeting agenda at least 10 days prior to the meeting with the inputs from all valuable council members and the President.
- He/ She will ensure that the internal examination dates would not interfere with the IIC activities and coordinate with all departments to ensure the same.
- He/ She will collect the inputs from all the members of the council at regular intervals, especially external members for better planning of IIC activities and effective delivery of results.

1.3 Faculty Member/Faculty representatives/Non-teaching staff:

- The following members will work in close coordination with the President and Convener to develop a comprehensive ecosystem of innovation and synergy in efforts to boost entrepreneurship. They will work as per the responsibilities assigned in the council meeting.

1.4 Innovation activity coordinator:

- Will work to promote innovation-related activities on campus or as mandated in the IIC council meeting.

1.5 Start-up activity coordinator:

- Will work to boost startup generation among students and related activities, or as mandated in the IIC council meeting.

1.6 Internship coordinator:

- Will work to arrange student internships in startups, so as to expose them to the startup ecosystem in India, real-life challenges in startups and their success stories, or as mandated in the IIC council meeting.



1.7 IPR activity coordinator:

- To promote awareness about IPRs and conduct related activities on campus or as mandated in the IIC council meeting.

1.8 Social Media Coordinator:

- Will create and manage IIC page/account on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other relevant social media platforms. He / She will be responsible for posting all the relevant information about council meeting resolution and action plan, IIC activities and follow/tag the MIC/IIC page and posts on these platforms. He/ She will also ensure that all students follow the MIC/IIC page/account on social media to get first-hand information.

1.9 ARIIA Coordinator: Coordinate for ARIIA-related activities.

1.10 NIRF coordinator: Coordinate for NIRF-related activities.

1.11 Members: They will work as per the responsibilities assigned in the council meeting.

B. Expert Representation:

2.1 IP Expert/ Patent Expert:

- A patent expert could be any registered patent agent/lawyer or the subject matter expert/faculty who has sufficient years of experience in the IPR domain.
- He/ She would suggest points related to patents and technology transfer in the council meeting.
- He/ She would also play a key role in the IPR workshops scheduled in the IIC calendar within that institute.

2.2 Startup / Alumni entrepreneur:

- The alumni network of any institution is the most valuable resource of any Institution. The role of an alumni entrepreneur is to guide not only the council in the matters of the startup ecosystem but to also guide the students of the institution. He/ She can share his success story as an entrepreneur/innovator.



2.3 Expert from nearby Industry/ Industry association/ Ecosystem Enablers:

- He/ She will attend the council meeting on a regular basis (quarterly).
- The Technical Expert would play the role of mentor/guide to the institute students.
- He/ She will help in organizing institute-level idea Competition/Hackathon by suggesting suitable problem statements or themes.
- He/ She will give their inputs in council meetings about the latest trends in technologies and the feasibility of the idea/point discussed.

2.4 FI/Bank/Investor/Angel Investor/VC:

- He/ She will attend the council meeting regularly (quarterly).
- His/ Her role is to give information about loan schemes, grants, and investments regarding startups and entrepreneurship.
- He/ She will also arrange meetings with investors/sponsors for the events organized by the institute based on the IIC calendar/guidelines.

2.5 Expert from Nearby Incubation Center:

- He/ She will attend the general council meeting regularly (quarterly).
- He/ She will help the IIC in conducting idea workshops/competitions/Hackathons/ bootcamps, etc.
- He/ She will also help the IIC in identifying ideas from IIC events and provide mentoring, incubation guidance, and business network support.

C. Student Representative:

- Student coordinators will act as a medium of communication between IIC and the institute's students. He/She will understand the concept, idea, and method of participation in IIC activities and disseminate it to all students. He/ She will act as a volunteer for IIC programs and will support respective faculty coordinators.

D. Special Invitee:

- The President can nominate any person as a special invitee to IIC council meetings. A Special Invitee could be any eminent person in the fields of academia, industry/research/innovation, etc.