Institute Innovation Council

Annual Report 2020-21



The Institution Innovation Council (IIC) at the TERI SAS is working towards fostering an ecosystem of innovation at the institute in areas related to sustainable development. The IIC at TERI SAS has members from the faculty, industry (external experts with expertise in technical, financial and legal aspects) as well as student coordinators from all programmes.

The IIC at TERI SAS has been meeting at regular intervals to chart out the quarterly activities and plans. Necessary details are being uploaded on the IIC portal. Information as received from MoE-IIC is being regularly shared with the students as well as the faculty members.

A number of activities have been organized by the IIC at TERI SAS students to inspire them towards thinking big and innovatively. This includes workshops and webinars on innovation and entrepreneurship, IPR as well as project management. Founders of several start-ups have been invited to deliver pep-talks and share their entrepreneurial journey with the students.

The curriculum has been updated to include courses focusing on entrepreneurship and design thinking, which are offered to students from all disciplines as electives. The administration has been extending facilities to the interested students, enabling them utilize facilities at the Campus - library, laboratories and dedicated seating facilities, besides mentoring support from the experts. Students are further being encouraged to participate in design competitions and hackhatons.

Details of Activities: 2020-21

- The IIC at TERI SAS conducted 4 quarterly meetings in the academic year 2020-21, involving both internal as well as external members –
 - a. June 20, 2020
 - b. December 28, 2020
 - c. March 31, 2021
 - d. July 06, 2021
- 2) The IIC at TERI SAS conducted the following activities/ workshops in the academic year 2020-21 -
 - a. Pep-talk by start-up founders
 - b. Legal and Financial Issues in Start-up (SS Rana- Law firm)
 - c. Use of Blockchain in Energy (Smart Grid Foundation)
 - d. Opportunities in solar rooftop sector for beginners (SunAlpha)
 - e. Prospects in the Indian Energy Transition (Bloomberg)
- 3) The IIC at TERI SAS conducted an upskilling week from 'Employment to Employability' with an aim to inculcate and nurture the employability skills in its students
- 4) The IIC invited several start-up founders to share their journey with the students including
 - a. Mr Mukul Chabbra SWAPECO (e-waste collection)
 - b. Ms Arshi Chadda SOLAR (Rooftop startup)
 - c. Dr Vanita Prasad, REVY (Environmental Solutions)
- 5) The IIC organized sessions by TERI SAS alumni who have started their own ventures
 - a. Ms. Devakshi Nayar Hope Collective
 - b. Mr Lucky Aggarwal SolarTech Saarthi
 - c. Mr. Alok Raj Gupta Envecologic

- 6) The IIC at TERI SAS conducted a meeting with the student coordinators to understand their requirements and explain to them the mandate of IIC

 a. July 22, 2021
- 7) A global challenge 'Energy for Access', spearheaded under the aegis of IIC enabled a team of TERI SAS students a Bronze Medal
- 8) The IIC at TERI SAS conducted consultations with the following stakeholders were conducted to strengthen innovation eco-system at the University
 - a. Ms Rupali Shinde, Tata Capital
 - b. Ms Devakshi Nayar, Social Alpha
 - c. Ms Swani Ramchandani Invest India
 - d. TiE (The Indus Entrepreneurs)
- 9) Faculty and students are being regularly updated on IIC related activities. Besides, faculty members are being encouraged to enrol under the Innovation Ambassador Programme
- 10) The IIC at TERI SAS has been uploading the required information on the MoE portal
- 11) A dedicated page has been created on the university portal highlighting the IIC mandate and its activities <u>https://www.terisas.ac.in/iic.php</u>
- 12) Plans of IIC TERI SAS for the academic year 2021-22
 - a. Student competition, inviting business plans on themes related to sustainability
 - b. Workshop on start-up involving alumni, founders, law firms and government agencies

Workshops/ Activities-

Upskilling Week



Workshop on Energy Transition

	People	
	Invite someone	
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renewables	ST Sapan Thapar	
1. Evolution of auctions	AS Akash Sondhi	
8. Stepping up 2. Increasing	AG Akshay Gattu	
manufacturing system flexibility	Animesh Khandelwal	
7. Managing coal 450GW 3. Scaling up	AS Anubhav Sheoran	
renewables investments	AN Apoorv Nandwana Guest	
6. Addressing discoms' finances	AK Arjun Khara	
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Pep-talk by Start-up founder





Student Competition



IIC Meetings

Participants

- Dr Akash
- Dr Abhijeet
- Dr Aviruch
- Mr Devinder
- Dr Sapan
- Dr Seema
- Dr Shruti
- Ms Sonika







Student Coordinators Meeting



MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: 4th, July 2020Venue/Platform: Microsoft TeamsTime: 18:00 HRS to 19:00 HRS

ATTENDEES PRESENT		
NAME	Course	
Anshula Singh	M.S.c Plant biotechnology	
Chandan Kumar	M.S.c. ESRM	
Charan V	M.Tech REEM	
Deepak Kalra	M.Tech REEM	
Kritika Chauhan	M.S.c. Climate Science and Policy	
Kunwarpreet Singh	M.S.c. Economics	
Manasvi Bansal	MBA Business Sustainability	
Nivedita Krishnamurthy	M.A SDP	
Piyush kumar	M.S.c. Geoinformatics	
Pooja Choudhary	M.Tech Urban Development Management	
Preethi Vasudevan	M. Tech Water Resource Engineering and Management	
Shubhangi Singh	M.S.c. Plant biotechnology	

MEETING CONTENT		
AGENDA	Description	
	Key points	
	To start with the IIC activity in campus first students should know what is	
	innovation and entrepreneurship so it requires some seminars and workshops.	
	Hence we are planning for the below activities	
	Webinar on entrepreneurship and its need	
	Webinar on start-up struggle	
IIC Student Coordinators meet	Idea competition	
	Webinar on impact of IT on business	