

Introduction : The ‘National Innovation and Start-up Policy 2019 for students and faculty in HEIs was launched by Former Minister of Education, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ on 11th September 2019 at AICTE, New Delhi.

This policy intends to guide HEIs for promoting students’ driven innovations & start-ups and to engage the students and faculty in innovation and start up activities in campus. The policy aims at enabling HEIs to build, streamline and strengthen the innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem in campus and will be instrumental in leveraging the potential of student’s creative problem solving and entrepreneurial mind-set, and promoting a strong intra and inter institutional partnerships with ecosystem enablers and different stakeholders at regional, national and international level. The policy is being implemented by MoE’s Innovation Cell and in coordination AICTE, UGC, state/ UT governments and universities. Implementation of policy has been undertaken for quick adoption by HEIs. The present policy is a way forward to the earlier version of AICTE’s Start-up Policy which was launched in the year 2016 to complement the Startup Action Plan under the Startup India and Stand-up India Program launched by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India.

The National Innovation and start up policy laid down guiding framework for HEIs and it highlights various important and practical aspects for promoting and supporting innovation, technology commercialization and start up as mentioned below: Innovation and Startup Policy laid down guiding framework for m

- Creating Innovation Pipeline and Pathways for Entrepreneur
- : HEIs Strategies & Governance for Promoting Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Building Organizational Capacity, Human Resources and Incentives to support and promote Collaboration, Co-creation, Business Relationship and Knowledge Exchange within campus and among the ecosystem enablers co-exist at regional and national level
- Norms for Faculty & Students Driven Innovations and Startup
- innovative and entrepreneurial activities

- Incentivizing Students for Entrepreneurship and Startup pursuits
- Incentivizing faculty and Staff for Entrepreneurship and Startup pursuits
- Incubation & Pre-incubation support and facility creation in HEIs
- IP ownership rights for technologies Development and transfer in HEIs
- Pedagogy and Learning Interventions for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development
- Entrepreneurial Performance Impact Assessment