

Session on Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Start-ups

A session on “Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Start-ups” with an aim to provide exposure to the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem of MAHE for PG students was organised at MIT, Manipal on 3rd November 2023. The program organized by the Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC), focused on exposing postgraduate students from the Dept. of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering to the resources available for innovation and start-ups. Dr. Vishwanath Managuli, the Program Coordinator and IIC Coordinator at MIT led the initiative with the support of Dr. Sucheta Kolekar, IIC Institute Coordinator, who discussed the array of support schemes available to MAHE students.



The event featured insights from Dr. Y. Shrihari Upadhyaya, former CEO, Manipal University Technology Business Incubator (MUTBI), who narrated the success stories of postgraduate and PhD students. The session included a demonstration of Blackfrog Technologies, an incubated company at MUTBI, founded by MIT Manipal students, showcasing their innovative product, Envólio. The program highlighted recent developments and government policies fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, facilities available at MAHE and the funding ecosystem offered by the Government of India for empowering students with knowledge and skills to embark on entrepreneurial journeys. A total of 26 students participated in the programme.



One more event was conducted on 11th November 2023 by IIC for students from the Dept. of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and other departments from the Mechanical stream to empower their entrepreneurial journey. The event focused on imparting a comprehensive coverage of the qualities essential for success in entrepreneurship and emphasized the significance of team building. The session explored schemes like Nidhi-EIR and Nidhi-Prayas, as a means of financial support. Dr. Y. Shrihari Upadhyaya provided an overview of bio-incubators across India and explained how such incubators could play a pivotal role in helping the start-ups to succeed. He also imparted valuable knowledge and guidance for their future endeavours in the entrepreneurial landscape.