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## **E-CELL Students' Forum of SIES Graduate School of Technology**

### **Annual Report 2024-25**

#### **E-Cell SIES Graduate School of Technology (GST) – Annual Report 2025**

The **E-Cell of SIES Graduate School of Technology (GST)** proudly presents the **Annual Report 2025**, showcasing a year of **innovation, collaboration, and impactful initiatives**. With a strong vision to **cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset among students**, the cell organized a diverse range of **events, workshops, and outreach programs** aimed at inspiring and equipping budding entrepreneurs.

From **thought-provoking hackathons** and **skill-enhancing workshops** to **engaging speaker sessions** and **collaborative ideation platforms**, E-Cell SIESGST has consistently bridged the gap between **academia and industry**.

This report highlights the relentless efforts of our **students, mentors, and collaborators** in **driving entrepreneurial excellence and fostering a culture of innovation**. It stands as a testament to their **dedication, creativity, and resilience**, reinforcing our commitment to building a **thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem** that not only nurtures talent but also contributes to **societal progress and technological advancement**.

#### **World Entrepreneurship Day**

**Date:** 21st August 2024

The **E-Cell SIES GST** organized an **offline session** for **Semester 5 and 7 students** to celebrate **World Entrepreneurship Day**. The event featured **insightful sessions** by **Principal Dr. K. Lakshmisudha Kondaka**, **Vice Principal Dr. Aparna Bannore**, and **E-Cell Incharge Dr.**

**Kalyani Pampattiwar**, who emphasized the **importance of entrepreneurship**, the **required mindset**, and **overcoming challenges**.

Students had the opportunity to interact with **Ajay Sahu**, **founder of Greenox**, and **Daryl Thomas**, who shared their **entrepreneurial journeys**, offering **valuable lessons on innovation, perseverance, and business growth**. The event also highlighted the **startup boot at SIES GST's incubation center**, encouraging students to **explore entrepreneurship with institutional support**.

The event **inspired students to think innovatively**, instilled confidence in **pursuing entrepreneurial ventures**, and promoted **networking, collaboration, and a startup culture** within the college.



## IIC Innovators Summit

**Date:** 29th August 2024

The IIC Innovators Summit 2024 was a significant event aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship among students, startups, and industry professionals. The summit commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and a Ganesh Vandana, setting a positive and auspicious tone for the day.

Distinguished dignitaries, including Principal Dr. K. Lakshmisudha, Vice Principal Dr. Aparna Bannore, IIC Vice President Dr. Rizwana Shaikh, and E-Cell Coordinator Dr. Kalyani Pampattiwar, graced the occasion. The event saw participation from 5 faculty members and 28 IIC members, along with entrepreneurs, investors, and mentors.

The summit featured insightful sessions by industry experts such as Mr. Umesh Rathod, who discussed emerging trends in innovation and the importance of continuous learning. Mr. Koteswarrao Naik conducted an informative session on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), providing valuable guidance on protecting intellectual creations.

A key highlight of the event was the idea-pitching session, where nine startups presented their innovative concepts. This segment showcased the entrepreneurial potential within the community, with enthusiastic participation from 35 students. The event concluded with an engaging panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities in the innovation ecosystem.

The summit successfully provided a platform for learning, networking, and collaboration. A notable achievement was the funding secured by teams from AC Patil College of Engineering, Kharghar, and SIES Graduate School of Technology, Nerul, demonstrating the event's impact in turning ideas into entrepreneurial success.



## From Vision to Victory: A Story of Perseverance and Passion

**Date:** 4th October 2024

The motivational session *From Vision to Victory: A Story of Perseverance and Passion* featured an inspiring talk by Rajendra Kadam Sir, who shared his journey of resilience and overcoming failures. The event, organized by E-CELL, SIES GST, was attended by 60 students from Semester 1 and faculty member Dr. Kalyani Pampattiwar.

Kadam Sir recounted his early struggles, from failing in the 3rd standard to facing challenges in securing admission to his desired school after the 10th grade. His story continued through hardships such as unemployment after graduating in 2006 and setbacks in his entrepreneurial ventures, including a failed poultry business in 2008. He emphasized the importance of learning from failures, seeking advice from experienced mentors, and staying persistent despite difficulties.

The session highlighted the significance of perseverance, adaptability, and viewing failures as stepping stones to success. It had a profound impact on students, inspiring them to explore entrepreneurship, develop leadership and problem-solving skills, and embrace challenges with a positive mindset. Many students expressed increased interest in E-Cell activities and entrepreneurship workshops following the event.

By sharing his experiences, Rajendra Kadam Sir provided valuable insights into overcoming adversity, reinforcing the message that failure is not an endpoint but a redirection toward a better path.





## National Entrepreneurship Day

**Date:** 9th November 2024

The **E-Cell SIES GST** celebrated **National Entrepreneurship Day** to **raise awareness about entrepreneurship** and inspire students to explore **innovation as a career path**. The session introduced students to the **college's incubation center**, which provides **mentorship and resources** for budding entrepreneurs.

Around **2-5 Semester 5 students** participated in **brainstorming activities**, demonstrating **creativity and problem-solving skills**. Many students **engaged in discussions, asked questions, and sought guidance** on starting their entrepreneurial journey.

The event **successfully sparked interest in entrepreneurship**, helping students recognize the **support and opportunities** available for their ideas. It encouraged them to **think innovatively** and consider **entrepreneurship as a viable career choice**.



## **Basics of Intellectual Property Rights and Its Importance for Innovators and Entrepreneurs**

**Date:** 26th November 2024

The speaker session *Basics of Intellectual Property Rights and Its Importance for Innovators and Entrepreneurs*, organized by E-CELL, SIES GST, aimed to educate students about the significance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in protecting innovative ideas. The session was conducted by Ms. Becky Elizabeth Abraham, an expert in IPR, and was attended by 120 Semester 2 students.

Ms. Becky introduced various forms of intellectual property, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets, explaining their role in safeguarding creative works from unauthorized use. She emphasized the importance of IPR for students and aspiring entrepreneurs, illustrating how it fosters innovation, supports business growth, and provides a competitive advantage.

Real-life examples demonstrated the benefits of securing IPR and the risks of neglecting it. Students engaged in a brainstorming activity where they identified innovative ideas and assessed their IPR potential, receiving insightful feedback from Ms. Becky and faculty members. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A segment, providing students with practical guidance on filing patents and navigating IPR-related processes.

The session significantly enhanced students' understanding of IPR, inspiring them to protect their innovations and explore entrepreneurial opportunities with confidence. By fostering creativity, teamwork, and practical knowledge, the event equipped students with essential tools to safeguard their intellectual assets and leverage innovation for long-term success.



## **LAUNCHPAD – Student Startup Innovation**

**Date:** 16th January 2025

The **E-Cell SIES GST** celebrated **National Startup Day** with **LAUNCHPAD**, an inspiring **interview session** featuring startup founders **Aditya Dikonda** and **Krishna** from **AVBORT** and **Nandini Singh** from **Tripify**. Around **100 students** from **Semester 2** and **Semester 4**, along with **two faculty members**, attended the event.

The speakers shared their **entrepreneurial journeys**, discussing **challenges, strategies, and lessons learned** while building their startups. **Dr. Kalyani Pampattiwar** and **Dr. Aparna Bannore** also joined the session, adding valuable insights.

The event **motivated students** by providing **firsthand accounts of entrepreneurship**, fostering **innovation and resilience**. Attendees gained **practical knowledge on risk management and business growth**, with many expressing **increased enthusiasm for startups**.



## Outreach Activity at Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr. College, Vashi

**Date:** 11th February 2025

The E-Cell SIES GST conducted an **outreach session** for **250 students of Class 11** at **Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr. College, Vashi**, introducing them to **entrepreneurship, innovation, and leadership**. Led by **Dr. Kalyani Pampattiwar** and the **E-Cell team**, the session focused on **startup fundamentals, problem-solving, and adaptability** through **interactive discussions** that encouraged **critical thinking and curiosity** about business challenges.

Additionally, the team **visited the Centre for Incubation and Business Acceleration (CIBA)**, a **Technology Business Incubator**, to provide students with insights into **mentorship, startup incubation, and business growth opportunities**.

The event successfully **inspired young minds**, boosting their **motivation, problem-solving skills, and confidence** to explore **entrepreneurial opportunities**.





## Field Visit at SPTBI

**Date:** 12th February 2025

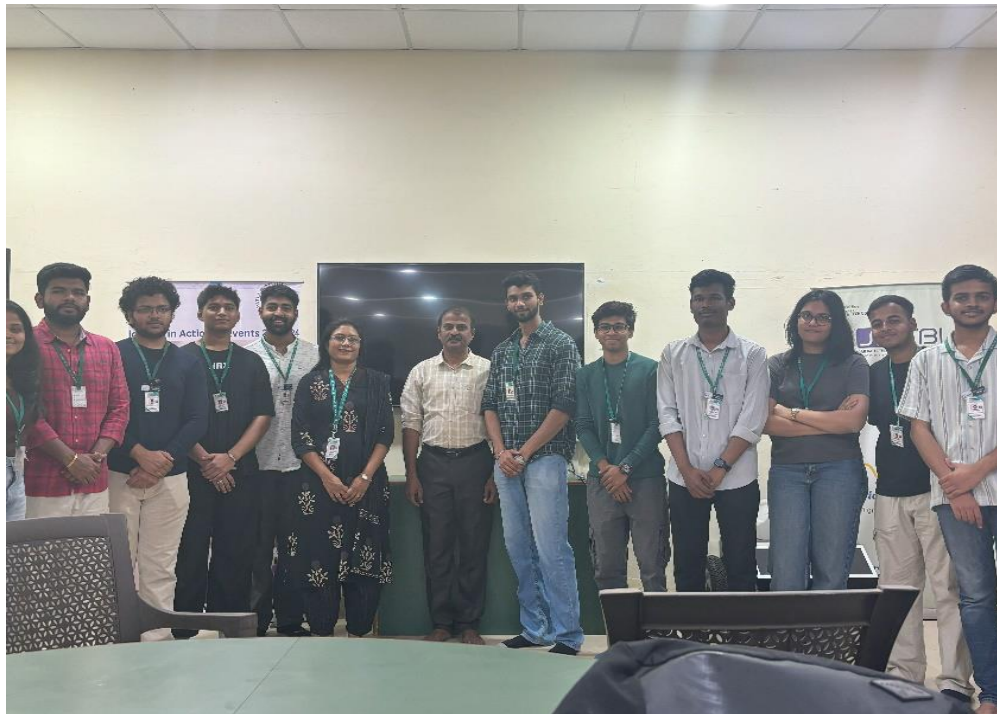
The E-Cell SIES GST organized an **industrial visit** to the **Sardar Patel Institute of Technology (SPIT)** for **students of E-Cell SIES GST**, accompanied by **Dr. Kalyani Pampattiwar**. The visit aimed to provide **insights into entrepreneurship, patents, startup funding, and the role of business incubators** in fostering innovation.

A key highlight was an interaction with **Dr. Y S Rao**, former Vice Principal of SPIT, who shared **valuable knowledge on the startup ecosystem, challenges in entrepreneurship, and funding strategies**. Students also explored the **Sardar Patel Technology Business Incubator (SP-TBI)**, learning how incubators support early-stage startups through **mentorship, funding, networking, and scaling opportunities**.

The visit provided **hands-on exposure to emerging technologies and innovative projects** within incubation labs. It encouraged discussions on **entrepreneurship, collaboration, and research**,

motivating students to **pursue innovative career paths and leverage incubation centers** for their own startup ventures.

The experience **enhanced students' knowledge** of the **startup ecosystem, patents, and funding**, inspiring them to think beyond conventional career choices and explore **entrepreneurship-driven opportunities**.



## **Mumbai Matrix 2025**

**Date:** 15th and 16th March 2025

Mumbai Matrix 2025, organized by **E-Cell, SIES GST**, was a landmark **startup expo** aimed at fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and collaboration. The event brought together **entrepreneurs, investors, students, and industry professionals**, providing a platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and startup growth.

The event commenced with an **inauguration ceremony** led by **Dr. K. Lakshmi Sudha** and **Chief Guest Sandeep Dandekar Sir**, followed by a **ribbon-cutting ceremony** marking the official launch. Startups from diverse domains showcased their innovations, engaging with **industry experts and investors**.

Key highlights included **panel discussions** on emerging market trends, investment strategies, and startup scalability, featuring renowned speakers. Attendees gained practical knowledge, strategic insights, and valuable networking opportunities.

Mumbai Matrix 2025 significantly impacted the **startup ecosystem**, helping startups secure **investor interest**, enhancing **knowledge exchange**, and fostering **collaborations**. The event encouraged **innovation, business growth, and problem-solving**, equipping attendees with the tools to succeed in the entrepreneurial landscape.



## **PRE-INCUBATION / ECELL REPORT**

**2024-25**

### **E-CELL ACTIVITY CONDUCTED:**

- **World Entrepreneurship Day – 21st August 2024**
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- **National Entrepreneurship Day – 9th November 2024**
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**Plan of Activities (2024-25) – MHRD-IIC Guidelines**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Mode of Conduct</b>
<b>Videography &amp; Documentation of Events</b>	Throughout the Year	Institutional & Outreach	All key events will be recorded and uploaded on YouTube to increase reach and impact.	Online (YouTube)
<b>Motivational Talk by a Successful Entrepreneur</b>	4th October 2024	Motivational Session	A prominent entrepreneur will share their journey, challenges, and key lessons to inspire students.	Offline & Online
<b>National Entrepreneurship Day Celebration</b>	9th November 2024	Awareness & Inspiration	Sessions on entrepreneurship, startup culture, and success stories, featuring guest speakers.	Offline & Online
<b>LAUNCHPAD – Student Startup Innovation</b>	16th January 2025	Startup & Innovation	A platform for student-led startup ideas, with mentorship, pitching sessions, and networking.	Offline

<b>Outreach Activity at Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr. College, Vashi</b>	11th February 2025	Community Engagement	Interactive workshops and awareness sessions for school students on entrepreneurship.	Offline
<b>Field Visit to SPTBI (Startup Incubator)</b>	12th February 2025	Incubation & Exposure	A guided visit to SPTBI for hands-on learning about incubation and startup support.	Offline
<b>Mumbai Matrix 2025 – Startup Expo &amp; Hackathon</b>	15th & 16th March 2025	Major Flagship Event	A large-scale event featuring startup exhibitions, panel discussions, and a hackathon.	Offline & Hybrid

### Students' Achievements (2024-25)

Sr. No.	Name of Student	Branch/ Year	Achievement/Activity	Hosted by	Prize	Date
1	Mr. Ujwal Rai	SE AIML	Fellowship under MSSU-AMRUT Entrepreneurship Scheme	GST	₹3,00,000/- (3 Lakhs)	4th September 2024
2	Mr. Aditya Dikonda	Te EXTC	<b>Idea Name:</b> AVBORT (AVOT) <i>"Business Plan Competition" and "Bootcamp"</i>	Incubation Center, SIES	₹10,000/-	14th September 2024
3	Mr. Rohan Ramakrishnan	TE CE	<b>Idea Name:</b> Panthera <i>"Business Plan Competition" and "Bootcamp"</i>	Incubation Center, SIES	₹5,000/-	14th September 2024