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MANIPUR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION HUB

2-DAY ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EDP) FOR SHORTLISTED BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE CHIEF MINISTER'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT SCHEME (CMESS). 2ND & 3RD JULY, 2025

The concluding two days of the **Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP)** under the **Chief Minister's Entrepreneur Support Scheme (CMESS)** were successfully conducted on **2nd and 3rd July 2025** at the **City Convention Centre, Imphal**. The program marked an important milestone in the state government's ongoing efforts to promote entrepreneurship and strengthen the MSME ecosystem in Manipur.

The sessions brought together all **932 shortlisted beneficiaries** from across the state, providing them with in-depth exposure to entrepreneurial opportunities, government support mechanisms, financial literacy, market access, and practical business strategies.

The program was designed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs with the necessary knowledge and confidence to translate their ideas into viable business ventures. The learning modules were delivered through expert lectures, interactive discussions, experience sharing, and case-based learning, with a strong emphasis on building self-reliant and sustainable enterprises suited to local conditions and resources.

The sessions also reinforced the Government of Manipur's vision of empowering MSMEs by effectively linking policy initiatives with grassroots-level entrepreneurial aspirations.



Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB) played an active role in the program. **Dr. Rajiv Kangabam, Lead of MTI-HUB**, addressed the participants and highlighted the critical importance of incubation support, structured mentoring, technology adoption, and access to institutional networks for early-stage entrepreneurs. He emphasized how incubation centres like **MTI-HUB** serve as a bridge between innovative ideas and successful enterprises by providing end-to-end support, including capacity building, business validation, regulatory guidance, and linkage with funding and market opportunities.

The two-day program concluded on a highly positive note, with participants expressing renewed motivation and clarity to apply the knowledge gained during the EDP. The exposure to real-world insights, institutional support systems, and success-oriented frameworks has encouraged beneficiaries to take concrete steps towards establishing impact-driven and economically viable enterprises, contributing to employment generation and inclusive economic development in Manipur.



INNOTECH FEST 2025 – ANNUAL FAIR-CUM-COMPETITION 18TH – 20TH JULY 2025

INNOTECH FEST 2025 was conceptualized as a landmark initiative to promote and celebrate science, technology, innovation, and creative thinking in Manipur. The three-day **Annual Fair-cum-Competition** was organized by the **Department of Science & Technology, Government of Manipur**, through the **Innovation Hub of the Manipur Science Centre**, with the objective of fostering a culture of innovation and encouraging problem-solving approaches among students, researchers, startups, and grassroots innovators.

The festival served as a dynamic convergence platform, bringing together school and college students, academic researchers, early-stage startups, innovators, and the general public for a vibrant exchange of ideas, technologies, and solutions. A wide range of activities—including exhibitions, innovation challenges, interactive sessions, and competitions—enabled participants to demonstrate scientific temperament, technological ingenuity, and entrepreneurial potential.

The inaugural session of INNOTECH FEST 2025 was graced by Shri **Vivek Kumar Dewangan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur**, who formally inaugurated the event. In his address, he emphasized the importance of nurturing innovation-driven ecosystems and encouraged young innovators to translate scientific ideas into scalable and sustainable solutions that can contribute to the socio-economic development of the state. Other dignitaries who graced the inaugural session includes **Shri Th. Kiran Kumar, IAS**, Secretary, DIT, Government of Manipur, **Prof. (Dr.) Yumnam Jayanta Singh**, Executive Director, NIELIT, Akampat, Imphal, **Smt. Kengoo Zuringla, IAS**, Secretary, Science & Technology, Government of Manipur & **Smt. Chingakhom Sachi, MCS**, Director, Department of Science & Technology, Government of Manipur.



As the Knowledge Partner, the **Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB)** played a pivotal and strategic role in shaping the intellectual framework of the festival. MTI-HUB was actively involved in conceptualizing and curating the Innovative Idea Challenge, mentoring participating startups and innovators, providing jury and evaluation support, and facilitating knowledge-driven sessions aimed at linking innovation with entrepreneurship. Through these efforts, MTI-HUB ensured that the festival went beyond exhibition and competition, and instead functioned as a pathway for innovators to explore commercialization and incubation opportunities.



A key highlight of the festival was the **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Awareness Workshop, conducted by Dr. Rajiv Kangabam, Lead of MTI-HUB**. The session significantly enhanced participants' understanding of innovation protection, patents, trademarks, copyrights, and the strategic importance of IPR in building sustainable enterprises. The workshop was particularly beneficial for student innovators and early-stage startups, equipping them with essential knowledge to safeguard and monetize their innovations.



AWARD CEREMONY AND RECOGNITION

The Award Ceremony of **INNOTECH FEST 2025** marked the culmination of the three-day Annual Fair-cum-Competition, recognizing outstanding innovation, creativity, and technical excellence demonstrated by participants across multiple competition categories. Winners were felicitated for their exceptional ideas, practical solutions, and artistic expression

Innovative Idea Challenge	Exhibition Stall Competition
1st Prize: Extrive Innovations	1st Prize: Extrive Innovations
2nd Prize: Atingba	2nd Prize: Kumsungba Pvt. Ltd.
3rd Prize: CodeXP	3rd Prize: Atingba
Innovative Idea Challenge - Category: Students / Research Scholars	Spot Painting Competition
1st Prize: Wangkheimayum Paikhomba	1st Prize: Seram Jairaj Meitei
2nd Prize: Thoudam Kheljeet Singh	3rd Prize: Brikrama Lourembam
3rd Prize: Raj Ningthoujam	Consolation Prizes: • Sanahen Oinam • Sunaina Saikhom



Furthermore, several startups incubated at **MTI-HUB** utilized the platform to showcase their products, prototypes, and services to a diverse audience, including policymakers, academicians, and potential collaborators. Their participation not only highlighted the innovative capacity emerging from Manipur but also reinforced MTI-HUB's role as a key enabler and catalyst in strengthening the state's startup and innovation ecosystem.

Overall, INNOTECH FEST 2025 successfully emerged as a comprehensive platform that blended science education, technological innovation, and entrepreneurial thinking, contributing meaningfully to the Government of Manipur's vision of building a knowledge-driven and innovation-led economy.



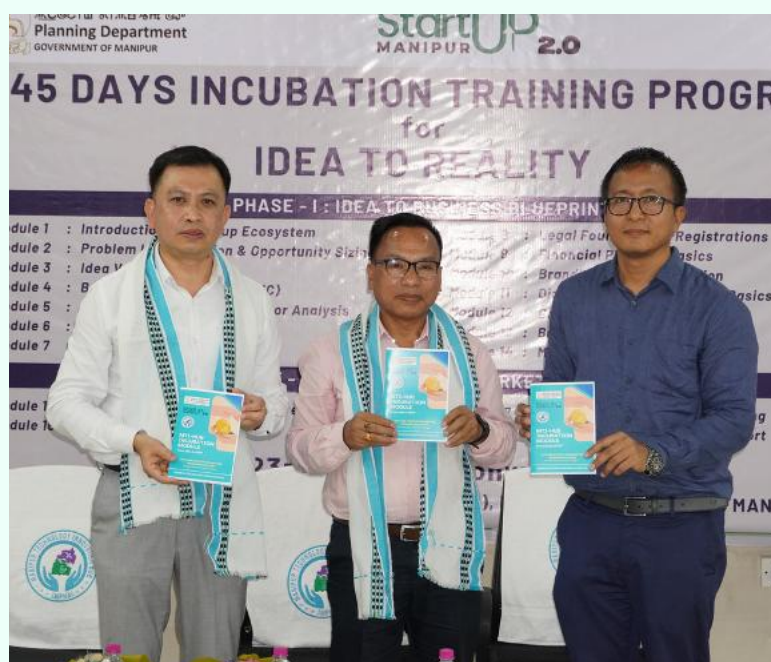
45 DAYS INCUBATION TRAINING PROGRAM (IDEA STAGE) 2.0 INAUGURATED ON 23RD JULY 2025

The **45 Days Incubation Training Program (Idea Stage) 2.0** was successfully inaugurated on **23rd July 2025** at the Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB), located at Manipur IT Park, Mantripukhri, Imphal. The program marks a significant step towards strengthening the early-stage startup ecosystem in Manipur by providing structured incubation support to aspiring entrepreneurs.

The inaugural session was graced by **Dr. R.K. Tombisana Singh, Joint Director, Planning Department, Government of Manipur**, as the **Chief Guest**, and **Shri Haobam Joyremba, CEO & Managing Director, CubeTen Technologies Pvt. Ltd.**, as the **Guest of Honour**. Their presence underscored the Government's commitment to promoting innovation-led entrepreneurship and supporting idea-stage startups through institutional mechanisms.

A key highlight of the inaugural ceremony was the formal launch of the **MTI-HUB Incubation Module**, developed to provide a comprehensive and structured learning framework for idea-stage entrepreneurs. In their addresses, the dignitaries emphasized the importance of nurturing innovation at the grassroots level, encouraging participants to adopt problem-solving approaches, market-oriented thinking, and sustainable business practices.

The Planning Department, Government of Manipur, has entrusted MTI-HUB with the responsibility of conducting the 45-day startup incubation training for startups selected under the Manipur Startup Idea Stage 2.0 initiative.



The program is designed to equip participants with essential entrepreneurial knowledge, mentoring support, and practical exposure required to transform innovative ideas into viable business models.

Following the inaugural session, the technical sessions commenced with an overview of the incubation structure, program objectives, and expected outcomes by **Shri Robinson Longjam, Business Development Manager, MTI-HUB**. The session provided participants with a clear understanding of the program roadmap, learning modules, mentorship framework, and performance milestones to be achieved during the incubation period.

This was followed by :

MODULE 1:
Introduction to the Startup Ecosystem, delivered by **Dr. Rajiv Kangabam, Lead, MTI-HUB**. The session offered participants foundational insights into the startup journey, including entrepreneurial pathways, ecosystem enablers, government support mechanisms, funding opportunities, and the role of incubation centers in startup growth.



The inauguration of the **45 Days Incubation Training Program (Idea Stage) 2.0** marked a significant milestone in Manipur's ongoing efforts to build a robust and inclusive startup ecosystem. The program reflects the strategic vision of the Planning Department, Government of Manipur, in empowering aspiring entrepreneurs at the idea stage by providing them with structured incubation support, mentorship, and capacity-building interventions through **MTI-HUB**.

As the program progresses over the next 45 days, participants will be exposed to thematic modules covering business model development, market validation, financial literacy, legal and regulatory compliance, digital tools, and mentorship support. The program is expected to culminate in the development of well-structured, market-ready startup ideas with enhanced potential for sustainability and scalability.

Overall, **the 45 Days Incubation Training Program (Idea Stage) 2.0** is poised to play a crucial role in strengthening Manipur's startup ecosystem by nurturing innovative ideas, promoting self-employment, and contributing to economic growth and job creation in the state. **MTI-HUB** remains committed to supporting the participants beyond the incubation period through continued mentoring, networking opportunities, and access to funding and government schemes, thereby ensuring long-term impact and entrepreneurial success.



NUTS AND BOLTS OF MSME IDEA HACKATHON 5.0

8TH JULY, 2025

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) form the backbone of India's small business ecosystem, significantly contributing to economic growth, innovation, and employment generation. Among the North-Eastern states, Manipur holds a prominent position, ranking second with 1,48,932 registered MSME units. This strong MSME presence reflects the growing entrepreneurial potential of the state and highlights the sector's crucial role in enhancing livelihoods and fostering inclusive socio-economic development.

In alignment with its mandate to promote innovation-driven entrepreneurship and to create awareness about government-supported initiatives, the Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB) organized a one-day sensitization and capacity-building program titled **"Nuts and Bolts of MSME Idea Hackathon 5.0"** on **8th July, 2025** at its premises located at Manipur IT Park, Mantripukhri, Imphal.

The session was designed to introduce and familiarize aspiring entrepreneurs, innovators, students, and early-stage startup founders with the MSME Idea Hackathon Scheme, an initiative supported by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME), Government of India.

The primary objective of the program was to provide participants with a clear understanding of the MSME Idea Hackathon framework

and to demystify various aspects of the scheme, including its objectives, eligibility norms, financial assistance, application process, evaluation criteria, and post-selection support mechanisms.



The session emphasized how the scheme acts as a catalyst for nurturing innovative ideas at the ideation stage by offering structured funding support, mentoring, and technical guidance, thereby reducing early-stage risks faced by young entrepreneurs.

During the program, participants were sensitized on identifying problem statements, aligning innovative solutions with market needs, and developing feasible business concepts capable of attracting institutional support. The session also highlighted the importance of innovation in addressing local and regional challenges, encouraging participants to focus on solutions that leverage Manipur's unique resources, skills, and emerging market opportunities. Practical guidance was shared on proposal preparation, pitching ideas, and complying with scheme requirements to enhance the chances of selection under the Hackathon.

The program witnessed the participation of **30 motivated** and enthusiastic individuals, representing diverse academic and professional backgrounds. The interactive nature of the session allowed participants to engage in meaningful discussions, seek clarifications, and gain first-hand insights into government funding mechanisms and support systems available for early-stage innovators. The knowledge shared during the session helped participants build confidence in navigating government schemes and understanding the institutional processes involved in transforming an idea into a structured enterprise.



MEETINGS & COLLABORATIONS



Dr. Rajiv Kangabam, Lead, MTI-HUB meeting with Smt. Chingakham Sachi, MCS, Director, Department of Science & Technology, Government of Manipur along with Shri T.D. Kom, Joint Director, Department of Science & Technology, Government of Manipur

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