



MTI-HUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

MTI-HUB STARTUP INCUBATION & MENTORING SESSION WITH FINALISTS OF MANFETE BUSINESS IDEA 2025

13th May 2025

As part of its mission to empower early-stage startups and innovators, **Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB)** organized a dedicated **Startup Incubation & Mentoring Session for the shortlisted startups of the Final Round of MANFETE Business Idea 2025**. Held on **13th May 2025** at the MTI-HUB office in IT Park, Imphal, the session saw active participation from around **15 shortlisted** startup teams representing diverse sectors and innovative ideas.

The session aimed to onboard these promising startups into the MTI-HUB incubation ecosystem and equip them with the knowledge, mentorship, and institutional support required to scale their ideas into viable enterprises.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION:

Ice-Breaking Session: “Know Your Fellow Founders”

The event commenced with an interactive ice-breaking activity, allowing the founders to introduce themselves, share their startup stories, and build camaraderie with fellow innovators.

Presentation on MTI-HUB Incubation Program

Participants were given a detailed orientation on the incubation offerings of MTI-HUB, including the structure, benefits, and support mechanisms available to incubated startups.

Open Discussion with Startups

Founders were encouraged to share:

- Expectations from MTI-HUB
- Challenges in product development, market access, and team building
- Suggestions for customized support
- Roadmap for incubation and scaling plans.

This interactive session provided valuable feedback and helped the MTI-HUB team align its services with the actual needs of startups.



MTI-HUB INCUBATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES:

Startups incubated at MTI-HUB gain access to a comprehensive suite of support systems that facilitate their growth journey. These include:

Physical Infrastructure

- Co-working space with high-speed internet
- Access to seminar halls for events and training

Mentoring and Capacity Building

- Regular mentoring sessions with industry experts and domain mentors
- One-on-one business advisory support
- Technical guidance for product development, prototyping, and scaling.

Funding and Investment Linkages

- Support in preparing pitch decks and investment-readiness assessments
- Linkages to government seed funds, grants (Startup India, Startup Manipur, RKVY RAFTAAR, DST, DBT, MeITY etc.)
- Access to investor networks and pitch events

Startup Toolkit and Resources

- Legal, IPR, and company registration support & business planning templates

Market and Networking Opportunities

- Exposure to local, regional, and national startup events
- Opportunity to participate in exhibitions, fairs, and startup summits.



MOU SIGNING AND ONBOARDING

At the conclusion of the session, **10 out of 15 participating** startups signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MTI-HUB and officially onboarded as incubatees. These startups will now benefit from customized incubation support tailored to their business stage.



BUSINESS MINDSET 02 : ONLINE WEBINAR ON EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEURS IN MANIPUR - EXPLORING SUPPORT SYSTEMS, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

10TH MAY, 2025

The Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB), in collaboration with BusinessK, one of its incubated startups, successfully hosted the second edition of the **“Business Mindset” webinar series titled “Empowering Entrepreneurs in Manipur: Exploring Support Systems, Challenges, and Opportunities.”** Held on 10th May, 2025, at the MTI-HUB office in Imphal, the event brought together emerging entrepreneurs, startup aspirants, and ecosystem stakeholders to deliberate on the entrepreneurial landscape of the region.

Key Speakers:

Dr. Thangjam Dhabali Singh

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), Babina Group of Companies

Dr. Rajiv Kangabam

Lead, Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB)

Moderated by **Dr. Heisnam Lakeshwar Singh, Editor and Co-Founder of BusinessK**, the session commenced with a brief introduction to the theme and objectives of the program.



Dr. Dhabli Thangjam delivered a detailed presentation sharing his inspiring entrepreneurial journey, highlighting key challenges, learnings, and opportunities for startups in Manipur. His session provided practical insights into building and sustaining businesses in a dynamic regional environment.

Dr. Rajiv Kangabam discussed the comprehensive support system provided by MTI-HUB, including incubation services, technical and business mentoring, access to funding, and ecosystem-building initiatives. He emphasized MTI-HUB's mission of nurturing a vibrant startup ecosystem in the state by empowering local innovators and entrepreneurs.

As part of the engagement, **Dr. Dhabli Thangjam** was officially hosted by **MTI-HUB officials at its office premises**, further fostering collaboration between industry leaders and incubation support institutions.

The session concluded with an open discussion and Q&A, offering participants a platform to interact directly with the speakers and gain valuable guidance for their entrepreneurial journey.



DR. MRUTYUNJAY SUAR, CEO OF KIIT TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS INCUBATOR (KIIT-TBI) AND CHAIRMAN OF BHUBANESWAR CITY KNOWLEDGE INNOVATION CLUSTER FOUNDATION (BCKIC) VISIT AT MTI-HUB 17TH MAY, 2025

Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar, CEO of KIIT Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI) and Chairman of Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster Foundation (BCKIC), paid an official visit to Manipur with the goal of strengthening the regional innovation ecosystem. Recognized nationally for his extensive experience in building startup ecosystems, **Dr. Suar's** visit marked a significant milestone for the Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB). His agenda focused on two key areas: **exploring the expansion prospects of MTI-HUB through infrastructure development and resource mobilization in collaboration with the Government of Manipur, and engaging with early-stage startups from various sectors to understand their innovations, challenges, and support requirements.**



A special Startup Interaction Program was organized at MTI-HUB, where Dr. Suar interacted with over **30 promising startups**. The session included one-on-one discussions, feedback on startup ideas, and guidance on leveraging funding opportunities and government schemes. Dr. Suar also emphasized the importance of the “**Art of Giving,**” a global initiative that encourages sharing knowledge and support to build stronger communities. In a warm gesture, several startups presented their products to Dr. Suar as a token of appreciation for his support and encouragement. The MTI-HUB team actively participated in coordinating the program, showcasing its incubatees’ work and engaging in collaborative dialogue to identify areas for strategic support and scaling.



The visit concluded with a high-level strategic meeting attended by **Shri Th. Kirankumar, IAS, Secretary (IT)**, and **Shri N. Deben Singh, Director, Department of IT, Government of Manipur**.

Discussions revolved around expanding MTI-HUB's footprint, promoting entrepreneurship with a focus on youth and women, and introducing central government-backed programs to support the region's startups.

The meeting ended on a promising note with dignitaries receiving indigenous gift items made by MTI-HUB-supported startups. Dr. Suar's visit not only inspired local entrepreneurs but also laid the groundwork for long-term partnerships.

The MTI-HUB team extends sincere gratitude to Dr. Suar and looks forward to deepening collaboration with KIIT-TBI and BCKIC to further strengthen the innovation landscape in Manipur.



MOU WITH DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR

12TH MAY, 2025

The Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Department of Science and Technology, Government of Manipur**, to collaborate on a series of science and innovation-focused events and activities in the state. This strategic partnership aims to strengthen the regional innovation ecosystem by jointly organizing programs that nurture creativity, promote scientific thinking, and support emerging talents, particularly among the youth. As part of this collaboration, MTI-HUB has joined as the Knowledge Partner for the upcoming INNOTECH Fest 2025, scheduled to be held from **18th to 20th July 2025** in Imphal.

INNOTECH FEST 2025 is a flagship science and technology celebration designed to showcase innovation, talent, and creativity through a variety of engaging activities. Key highlights of the event will include an **Innovative Idea Challenge**, an **exhibition featuring stalls** from innovators, startups, and institutions, a **spot painting competition** for students, and a **Creative Robo Design** segment aimed at fostering interest in robotics and design thinking. Through this collaboration, MTI-HUB will provide knowledge support, mentoring, and startup facilitation, further reinforcing its commitment to building a vibrant innovation-driven ecosystem in Manipur.



THREE-DAY STATE-LEVEL TRAINING WORKSHOP & INNOVATORS' MEET

18TH - 20TH MAY, 2025

The Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB) team actively participated in the three-day State-Level Training Workshop & Innovators' Meet held from 18th to 20th May, 2025 at the MASTEC Complex, Takyelpat, Imphal. Organized by the Manipur Science & Technology Council (MASTEC) in collaboration with the National Innovation Foundation (NIF), the event brought together grassroots innovators, scientists, and farmers to deliberate on innovation-driven solutions for local challenges.

As part of its mission to nurture innovation and entrepreneurship, the MTI-HUB team engaged with 24 grassroots innovators and 70 farmers participating in the event to understand their ideas and explore potential incubation support. The team also showcased MTI-HUB's initiatives and ongoing programs supporting early-stage innovators, particularly in agriculture, health, and rural engineering. Meaningful interactions with NIF officials and MASTEC leadership further helped strengthen collaboration and identify synergies for future joint programs.



INCUBATEES HIGHLIGHT

EXtrive Innovations Shines at NE Innovation Week, Wins Pitch Challenge

We are proud to share that **EXtrive Innovations**, a startup incubated at MTI-HUB, has emerged as the winner of the Pitch Challenge during the North East Innovation Week held at NIELIT Kohima. This remarkable achievement highlights the growing potential of homegrown innovators from Manipur on regional platforms.

A special note of appreciation goes to **Mr. Timothy Kamei Mallangmei** for his outstanding contributions in steering EXtrive Innovations toward this success. We also extend our sincere thanks to NIELIT Manipur for nominating and providing this invaluable opportunity for our incubated startup to participate and shine at such a prestigious event.



WELCOME ABOARD



Onboarding New Startup **Dona Fermentary**



Onboarding New Startup **Quantora Labs Pvt. Ltd.**



Onboarding New Startup **Shihra Naturals Pvt. Ltd**

WELCOME ABOARD



Onboarding New Startup **Khangembam Romio Singh**



Onboarding New Startup **Black Rice**



Onboarding New Startup **Konjengbam Nirmala Chanu**

WELCOME ABOARD



Onboarding New Startup **Shivananda Thiyam**



Onboarding New Startup **Aishwary Rai**



Onboarding New Startup **Rahul Shrama**

EMINENT VISITOR



MTI-HUB team with **Dr. Thangjam Dhabali Singh**
Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), Babina Group of Companies

UPCOMING EVENT



Department of Science &
Technology
Government of Manipur

INNOTECH FEST 2025



(Annual Exhibition-Cum-Competition)

18th – 20th July 2025

Manipur Science Centre, Takyelpat, Imphal – 795004

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Innovative Idea Challenge

Eligibility: Innovators, startups, institutions, or students/researchers with a product or prototype

Exhibition Stalls

Cat 1: Students/Research Scholar

Cat 2: Startup/Existing Business

Spot Painting Competition

Open to students from
Class 5 to 10

Creative ROBO Design

Team size: 2–4 students
(LEGO Mindstorms basics needed)

EXCITING SUB-EVENTS

- Science Demonstration/Hands on Activities
- Magic Show
- IPR Workshop

AWARDS

- Cash Prizes for Top Performers
- Certificates for All Participants
- Free Membership to Innovation HUB, DST, Govt. of Manipur
- Pro bono Incubation Support at MTI-HUB

REGISTRATION FEE

Exhibition Stalls :

₹ 500/- (refundable)

Innovative Idea Challenge :

₹ 500/- (refundable)

Spot Painting Competition : ₹ 100/-

Creative ROBO Design : ₹ 100/-

Organised by:

**INNOVATION HUB, MANIPUR SCIENCE CENTRE,
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DST), GOVT. OF MANIPUR**

Knowledge Partner:

MANIPUR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION HUB (MTI-HUB)

Scan to
Register

Submission Deadline : 10 July 2025

Final Pitch
(Shortlisted) : 14 July 2025

Selected ideas from the Innovative
Idea Challenge will get a dedicated
exhibition stall

Form will also be available at dst.mn.gov.in

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