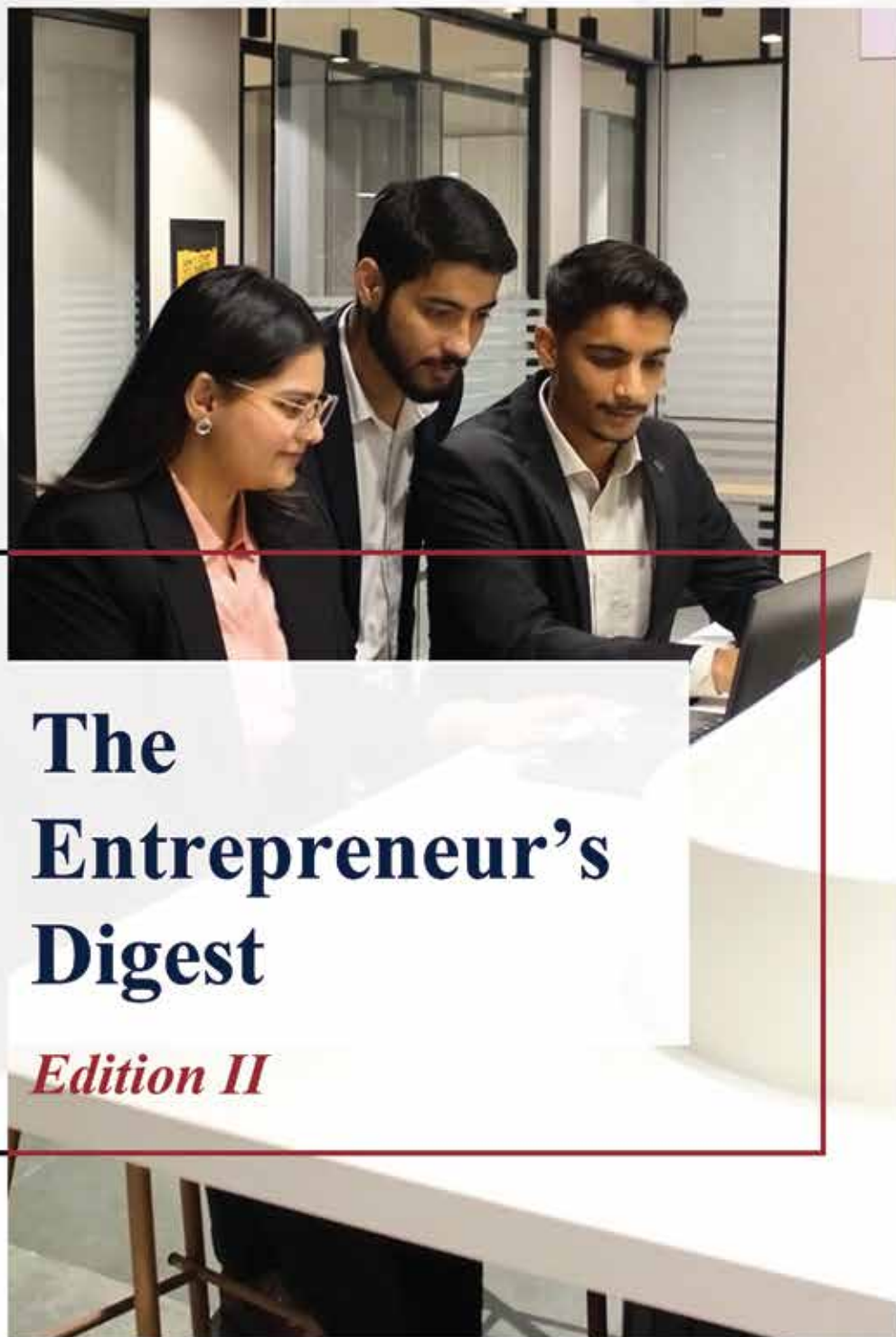




The Entrepreneur's Digest

Edition II

**Newsletter of IILM Innovation Lab
September 2025 - May 2026**

IILM Innovation Lab

IILM Entrepreneurship Foundation, School of Management, IILM University, Gurugram

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

When we published the inaugural edition of The Entrepreneur's Digest earlier this year, the IILM Innovation Lab was still finding its footing. Eight months on, the picture has changed remarkably.

What began as a vision is now a working ecosystem. We have 32 startups in active incubation, 10 mentors onboarded, more than 20 programmes delivered between September 2025 and April 2026, and a growing circle of strategic partners that now includes IIT Ropar, IIT Delhi, NASSCOM, NITI Aayog, MeitY Startup Hub, the Wadhvani Foundation, and the UAE-India CEPA Council.

This second edition tells that story along two threads. The first, Events and Workshops Recap, covers the flagship moments: SPRINT Haryana's Rs. 25 lakh cohort grant, A 434 strong student delegation at National Startup Day at Bharat Mandapam, 260 students at the India AI Impact Summit, the IDE Bootcamp for 148 PM SHRI school principals, and the Entrepreneurial Mindset Certification Program with 34 competing student teams.

The second, Lab Pulse, captures the operational rhythm that makes those flagship moments possible, the open-house mentoring sessions, ecosystem visits, partnership conversations, and outreach work that fills the weeks in between.

Together, they offer a complete picture of where we have come from and a sense of where we are headed.

Warm regards

Team IILM Innovation Lab

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S DESK

Innovation does not happen in a vacuum. It thrives in environments where curiosity is encouraged, where failure is reframed as feedback, and where students, faculty, and industry build alongside one another rather than in isolation. At the School of Management, IILM University, Gurugram, this is the principle that anchors everything we do at the IILM Innovation Lab.

The period covered in this edition has been one of genuine momentum. We hosted the SPRINT Haryana programme in collaboration with iHub-AWaDH, IIT Ropar, where 13 DeepTech startups received grant support of Rs. 25 lakhs. We forged meaningful partnerships with NHRDN, AIMS, NASSCOM, and MeitY Startup Hub. Our students walked the floor at Bharat Mandapam during National Startup Day 2026, met founders such as Aman Gupta of boAt and Ritesh Agarwal of OYO, and returned with a sharper understanding of what it takes to build at scale. Through the IDE Bootcamp, delivered in partnership with MoE's Innovation Cell and the Wadhvani Foundation, we brought entrepreneurial thinking to 148 educators across three states. We also watched with pride as our student startups claimed recognition at competitions such as ArthYukti 2.0.

What gives me the deepest satisfaction, however, is the breadth of what our founders are building. From quantum cryptography and climate analytics to healthcare logistics and satellite-based precision agriculture, the 32 startups currently in incubation reflect both the scale of India's unsolved challenges and the ambition of a new generation of founders willing to take them on.

To every founder, mentor, partner, and student who has placed their trust in this Lab, thank you. The road ahead is longer and more demanding. That is precisely why it matters.

With entrepreneurial regards,

Dr Ravi Kumar Jain

Vice Chancellor (Officiating)

IILM University, Gurugram

Where We Stand Today

The IILM Innovation Lab (IILM Entrepreneurship Foundation) is a state-of-the-art incubation centre established under the School of Management at IILM University, Gurugram. Registered as a Section 8 not-for-profit company, the Lab catalyses innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurship at the grassroots level, with a clear focus on translating ideas into ventures that can survive contact with the market.

Eight months into operations, the Lab has expanded across three meaningful dimensions: cohort, network, and programming.

A Snapshot of Edition II

- 32 startups in the incubation portfolio, spanning student-led ventures, external founders, and the SPRINT Haryana deep-tech cohort
- 10 mentors onboarded across DeepTech, AgriTech, ClimateTech, AI, and policy
- 23+ programmes delivered between September 2025 and May 2026
- Rs. 25 lakhs in cohort grant disbursed under SPRINT Haryana
- 148 PM SHRI principals & teachers from 3 states trained at the IDE Bootcamp
- 300 MBA students engaged at the Design Thinking Workshop, 110 Teams at Hackverse 2.0, 34 teams at the Entrepreneurial Mindset Certification Program
- 1,500+ students, faculty, and ecosystem stakeholders engaged across our flagship events
- Spoke Hub partner under MeitY's Electropreneur Park 2.0

What We Offer

- Modern infrastructure, including Mac and Dell labs, a Media Lab, and an Innovation Lab
- Robust mentorship from seasoned entrepreneurs, industry veterans, and domain experts
- Tailored support for prototyping, business model validation, and market entry
- Partnerships with FITT-IIT Delhi, IIT Ropar iHub-AWaDH, AIC-Sonipat, Sanchi Connect, IVY League Ventures, SACC, Wadhwani Foundation, and the UAE-India CEPA Council
- Workshops, bootcamps, hackathons, mentoring clinics, and industry roundtables across the academic calendar

VISION & MISSION

Vision

To establish a robust innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem at IILM University, Gurugram, that promotes grassroots innovation, fosters sustainable enterprise, and creates measurable societal impact through student, faculty, and community-driven ventures.

Mission

Empower Ideas

Facilitate an environment where students, faculty, and innovators can explore, prototype, and validate their entrepreneurial ideas with structured support.

Provide Essential Resources

Offer access to infrastructure, mentoring, lab facilities, and strategic guidance to enable innovation-led development.

Facilitate Investment & Growth

Act as a bridge to capital, both governmental and private, while nurturing ventures through each stage of growth and commercial readiness.

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS RECAP (SEP 2025 – MAY 2026)

Twenty Three programmes. Thousands of stakeholders. A single thread turning entrepreneurial intent into entrepreneurial action.

September 2025 —

SPRINT Haryana : 100 Startups, 100 Days | 12 September 2025

The SPRINT North Edition under the “100 Startups, 100 Days” programme, an initiative of IIT Ropar TIF (iHub-AWADH), Annam.AI, and TBIF was hosted at IILM Innovation Lab. The day brought together over 200 industry leaders, government officials, investors, and academics to strengthen India’s deep-tech startup ecosystem.

The Chief Guest, Smt. Rekha Sharma (Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha), praised the speed at which SPRINT Haryana had scaled — from launch in May to selecting 13 promising startups across the northern region in under three months. Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director of IIT Ropar, described 100 Startups 100 Days in his virtual address as a movement built on speed, scale, and sustainability.

Headline outcomes:

- 13 startups and 3 GENESIS EIR innovators received a combined grant of Rs. 25 lakhs
- A panel “Beyond Borders: Unlocking the Future of DeepTech Investment” featured Maya Sherman (Embassy of Israel), Nemesisa Ujjain (The Circle FC), Neha Malhotra (MeritX Ventures), Mayank Kumar (NASSCOM), and Himanshu Joshi (NITI Aayog AIM)
- Support of 50+ VC partners, 40+ incubators, and government anchors including MeitY Startup Hub, Startup India, IndiaAI, Bhashini, and Seafund
- 130+ stakeholders from industry, startups, and government participated



Future Ready HR: Insights and Inspiration | 12 September 2025

In partnership with the NHRDN Delhi & NCR Chapter, the Lab co-hosted a special session bringing together 100+ professionals, academic leaders, and students to examine how HR is evolving with conversations anchored in leadership, institution-building, and people innovation. The session offered students direct exposure to leaders such as Dr Santrupt Misra and connected classroom learning with industry expectations.



Launch of MSME Experiential Learning Lab | 20 September 2025

Co-organised with the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS) Delhi & Haryana Chapter, the MSME Experiential Learning Lab was launched to empower MSMEs through hands-on mentorship, live projects, and innovation-driven training. Dr Kumar's keynote on "MSME 2030: Vision for the Future of Small Business" set the tone, followed by a panel on the MBA advantage in driving MSME innovation.

- 80 students participated actively
- 25 MSMEs committed to engaging 100 - 150 students on live problem statements
- Established a long-term platform for academia - MSME collaboration



Race to Funds | September 2025

IILM Innovation Lab hosted Race to Funds, a fast-paced platform where around 10 dynamic startups showcased their innovative ideas and pitched to a panel of esteemed investors. For founders, the session was a golden opportunity to gain visibility, receive structured feedback, and explore funding avenues. For students in the audience, it served as real-world exposure to the startup ecosystem, entrepreneurial thinking, and investor perspectives - all in a single afternoon.



November 2025

Tribal Business Conclave 2025 at Yashobhoomi | 10–15 November 2025

IILM Innovation Lab, along with its incubated startups, participated in the Tribal Business Conclave 2025 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi. The team showcased innovative solutions and engaged directly with stakeholders from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, DPIIT, and FICCI. The conclave provided meaningful networking, market insights, and collaboration opportunities for the incubated ventures and reinforced the Lab's commitment to fostering tribal entrepreneurship and inclusive innovation.



Unicorn in 2026 : Startup Summit | 15 November 2025

IILM Innovation Lab hosted the Unicorn in 2026 Startup Summit at IILM University, Gurugram, creating a dynamic platform for innovation and collaboration. The summit brought together 50+ startup founders alongside 10+ investors, speakers, and startup influencers. Engaging sessions featured AI discussions, creator economy insights, Shark Tank-style interactions, and investor panels. A curated networking lunch enabled meaningful connections and concrete opportunities for emerging entrepreneurs.



Pitchathon 2025: Pitch Your Startup in 180 Seconds | 29 November 2025

Designed as a high-pressure showcase, Pitchathon 2025 invited founders to pitch their ventures within a strict three-minute window. Around 26 startup teams pitched their ideas, drawing 150+ founders, investors, and speakers into the audience. The format compelled clarity problem, solution, market, ask and gave participants direct, structured feedback from the panel. A curated networking lunch followed, with several portfolio founders using the platform to refine their narrative ahead of investor conversations.



December 2025 —

Design Thinking Workshop for MBA Students | 1-5 December 2025

IILM Innovation Lab organised a Design Thinking Workshop for nearly 300 MBA students at IILM. Working in groups, students identified real problem statements and developed practical, user-focused solutions. The workshop walked them through empathy mapping, ideation, and rapid prototyping with around 35+ teams ultimately presenting their concepts. The energy in the room reflected how quickly students absorbed the design-thinking framework and saw how it could be applied to everyday business and social challenges.



Innovation, Design & Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamp | 17- 19 December 2025

Conducted under the aegis of the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), AICTE, and the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) in collaboration with the Wadhvani Foundation the IDE Bootcamp brought together more than 148 principals and teachers from PM SHRI Schools across three states. The programme aimed to strengthen innovation-led pedagogical practices and leadership capabilities among school educators in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

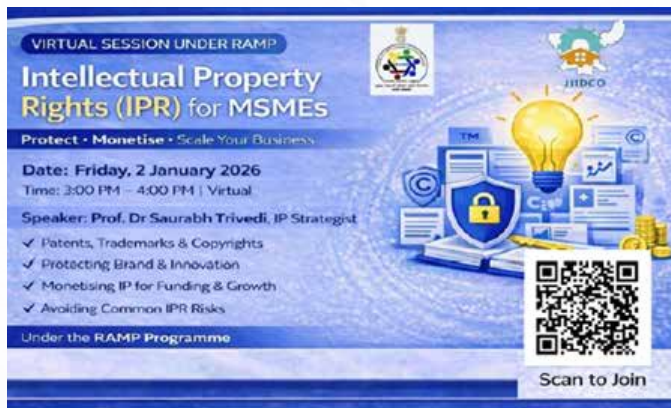
Structured around three thematic pillars across three days:

- **Day 1:** Human-centred innovation and problem-solving (Spark Quest, the D.I.S.R.U.P.T model, panel with young founders)
- **Day 2:** Ideas to Impact: customer persona development, the Jobs-to-Be-Done framework, value proposition design, and an exposure visit to the IILM incubation centre
- **Day 3:** Launch Sprint: prototyping, financial literacy, business model canvas, funding pathways, and a closing pitch session



Workshop on IPR for MSMEs (RAMP) | 29 December 2025 – 2 January 2026

IILM Innovation Lab organised a Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for MSMEs under the RAMP Programme, led by Dr Saurabh Trivedi. The session familiarised participants with the fundamentals of innovation, startup thinking, and the importance of IPR with a focus on protecting and commercialising innovative ideas, monitoring IP for funding and growth, and avoiding common pitfalls.



In the same week, the Lab held a partnership meeting with KEIC Foundation regarding the launch of the Open Challenge Programme 2.0 under MeitY's Electropreneur Park (EP). Through this collaboration, IILM Innovation Lab joined the EP 2.0 network as a Spoke Hub supporting students and early-stage startups with structured pre-incubation assistance in ESDM, Cognitive Computing, and Social Sensing.



January 2026

National Startup Day 2026 at Bharat Mandapam | 16 January 2026

IILM Innovation Lab participated in the National Startup Day Festival 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi the festival commemorating ten years of the Startup India initiative. The national celebration featured a special address by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, in the presence of Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry.

IILM University fielded one of its largest-ever delegations to a national event:

- 434 students and 10 faculty coordinators across the Gurugram, Greater Noida, and Lodhi Road campuses
- Direct interactions with Mr Aman Gupta (Co-founder, BoAt), Mr Ritesh Aggarwal (Founder & CEO, OYO), and Mr Mohit Yadav (Founder, Minimalist)
- Cross-disciplinary representation from BBA, B.Tech, and MBA programmes



Sensitisation & Awareness Workshops for Startups & Incubators | 21–22 January 2026

Across two days, the Lab team and three IILM University startups participated in workshops organised by the Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Haryana. Day one (21 January, HARTRON-NASSCOM Incubation Centre, Gurugram) focused on the Haryana State Startup Policy 2022 and incubator support frameworks. Day two (22 January, Gurugram University) covered portal sensitisation, startup registration, and direct Q&A with government officials.



Think Tank Live | 29 January 2026

The IILM Innovation Club hosted Think Tank Live, an interactive session featuring two distinguished speakers, Ms Akanksha Sharma (Founder, Young Speakers Guild of India), who led a session on leadership, soft skills, and emotional intelligence; and Mr Ayush Saraf (Innovation Ambassador & E-Cell President), who walked students through brainstorming techniques and the design-thinking framework. The event combined real-life corporate examples, role plays, and structured ideation exercises.



February 2026

Meet the Experts: Venture Ideation | 5 February 2026

Under the Meet the Experts lecture series, the Lab hosted Mr Himangshu Watts (Advisor, Ministry of Commerce & Industry) and Mr Chaahat Khattar (Consultant, Startup India) for a session on the Indian startup ecosystem. The conversation moved from the macro government frameworks, policy initiatives, institutional support to the granular, real-world challenges founders face when ideating, incubating, and scaling.



India AI Impact Summit 2026 | 16–21 February 2026

IILM University participated in the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi, a global platform for responsible, inclusive, and innovation-driven artificial intelligence. The summit was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India under the theme “Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya.”

- 260 students and 35 faculty members attended across MBA, B.Tech, and BBA programmes
- Engagement across exhibitions, knowledge sessions, and policy discussions at Bharat Mandapam
- Thematic focus on inclusive AI, trusted and safe AI, scientific advancement, and democratisation of AI resources



Panel Discussion on Transforming Academia Through AI | 18 February 2026

Held at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi, under the AI Impact Summit, this panel examined how universities must transition toward innovation-driven, AI-integrated academic ecosystems. Moderated by Mr Rohit Bansal (Honorary Chair, AI Area, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan-DK), the panel featured:

- Prof. Ashish Sinha, ISB
- Dr Pavan Duggal, AI Law Hub on legal
- Mr Jai Krishnan, Beyond Next Ventures
- Prof. (Dr) Munish Sabharwal, COO & Dean (Engineering), IILM University
- The session drew approximately 95 students and 25 faculty members.



National Seminar on India's Startup Ecosystem | 26 February 2026

Held at the IILM Lodhi Road Campus, the One Day National Seminar on “India's Startup Ecosystem: Opportunities and Challenges” brought together academia, industry, and policymakers. The inaugural session was graced by Chief Guest Shri Satish Kumar (Co-Organising Secretary, Swadeshi Jagran Manch), with Mr Srinivas Rao Mahankali (Advisor, Aabyro Capital and CEO, T-Hub) and Dr Nikhil Agarwal (Managing Director, FITT-IIT Delhi).

A major highlight was the recognition of IGNITE 2026 winners, who showcased innovations spanning business, social impact, policy, and product development. Around 55 IILM University students attended.



March 2026

Restoring the Equiverse: International Women's Day 2026 | 11 March 2026

In collaboration with TalentNomics India, the School of Management hosted “Restoring the Equiverse – The Future of Gender Equity Starts with You” to commemorate International Women's Day. Around 75 students attended in the Main Auditorium.

The agenda included a panel discussion “Partnering for Parity: Thriving in an Unequal World” moderated by Ms Lavang Khare (AdFactors PR), with Mr Sanjay Chaturvedi (Founder, People2Value) and Mr Arun Nagapal (Co-founder & Director, Mrida Group). A fireside chat — “Bias to Balance” followed, with Ms Binoo Wadhwa (former CPO, Yum! Restaurants & Sapient) and Dr Saurabh Trivedi (CEO, IILM Innovation Lab).

The takeaway: building an equitable future requires collective responsibility, and young professionals can play a critical role as “Equiverse Architects”.



Entrepreneurial Mindset Certification Program (EMCP) | 16–19 March 2026

Organised jointly by the School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences and IILM Innovation Lab, the four-day EMCP equipped students with a comprehensive understanding of entrepreneurial thinking - from opportunity recognition and design thinking to customer discovery, risk management, team building, and pitching skills. Real-world practitioners across technology, FMCG, renewable energy, and creative industries shared diverse perspectives.

Outcomes:

- 34 student teams presented their ideas to the jury
- Top 3 teams awarded Rs. 5,100, Rs. 2,100, and Rs. 1,100 respectively
- Students made aware of incubation support and funding opportunities of up to Rs. 2.5 lakhs available through the IILM Incubation Centre



April 2026

Hackverse 2.0 | April 2026

Hackverse 2.0 brought together some of the sharpest technical minds at IILM University, Gurugram, for a hackathon that tested problem-solving, innovation, and the ability to build meaningful solutions under real pressure. Hosted by the School of Computer Science and Engineering, the event saw students compete, collaborate, and demonstrate exactly the kind of thinking the technology industry demands. The IILM Innovation Lab team participated in evaluating 110 competing teams a clear marker of the depth of technical talent across the campus.



May 2026

IP Catalyst : From Patent 2 Product | 12 May 2026

IILM Innovation Team was honoured to be part of the launch of IP Catalyst during the National Conference on “From Patent to Product: Accelerating IP Commercialization in Electronics & IT” at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, organized by MeitY and C-DAC.

The event brought together eminent policymakers, IP experts, startup enablers, academicians, and industry leaders driving India’s innovation and technology ecosystem forward. The government also launched the digital platform, cipie.in, which will serve as a unified gateway for IP and commercialization support services. The platform will also function as a national repository of technologies developed through MeitY-supported R&D initiatives, enabling startups, MSMEs, and industry stakeholders to identify deployable indigenous technologies, IILM will explore collaboration opportunities in this initiative.

It was inspiring to witness insightful discussions on IP commercialization, technology transfer, deep-tech innovation, and industry-academia collaboration. Congratulations to the entire MeitY and C-DAC team for this visionary initiative.



US-India Science & Technology Endowment Fund | 15 May 2026

The IILM Incubation Team was privileged to attend the prestigious USISTEF Award Ceremony on “Transforming Technology Solutions through Advanced Materials & Critical Minerals” at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

The event provided valuable insights into emerging opportunities across deep-tech sectors including Quantum Computing, Semiconductors, AI Systems, Cybersecurity, Biomanufacturing, and Energy Solutions through Indo-US collaboration.

For the IILM Incubator, such platforms create meaningful opportunities to connect startups with global innovation ecosystems, commercialization pathways, research collaborations, policy insights, and international funding avenues for deep-tech ventures. We look forward to leveraging these learnings and networks to further strengthen innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology commercialization within the startup ecosystem.

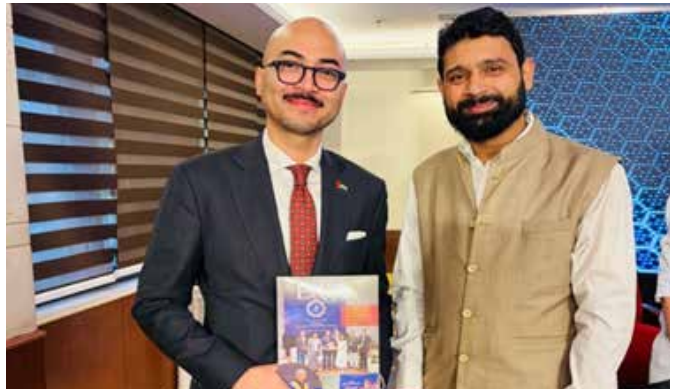


Open Majlis: UAE-India CEPA Fourth Anniversary Edition | 20 May 2026

The IILM Innovation Team was delighted to attend the Open Majlis: UAE-India CEPA - Fourth Anniversary Edition at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, as an Ecosystem Partner.

The event brought together policymakers, industry leaders, innovators, and startup ecosystem enablers to strengthen India-UAE collaboration across trade, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

Insightful discussions on startups, policy innovation, and cross-border partnerships made the experience truly enriching. Looking forward to fostering stronger global innovation and incubation collaborations between India and the UAE.



LAB PULSE — OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Beyond the marquee programmes, much of the work that builds an incubator happens between events in mentoring sessions, ecosystem visits, partnership conversations, and outreach across schools and colleges. Lab Pulse captures that operational rhythm the quieter, accumulating work that turns the headline numbers into real outcomes.

Mentoring Clinics & Open-House Discussions

Throughout the period, the Lab ran a steady cadence of one-on-one mentoring sessions and Friday Clinics with founders exploring incubation. Notable conversations included:

- **CureFleet:** Friday Clinic with the founding team on healthcare logistics aggregation
- **Fintolit:** Open-House discussion with founders Mr Abhishek and Mr Siddharth (IILM alumni) on legal-tech and Bar Council-verified lawyer matching
- **ResQ.AI:** Mentoring with founder Vaibhav Sharma on a Smart Emergency Traffic and Digital Payment Solution; under consideration for the Pre-Incubation Programme
- **Spotrental:** Open-House on a digital vehicle rental platform serving Tier 2/Tier 3 cities (Bhopal, Indore, Jhansi)
- **TVISSA:** Open-House on an aspirational occasion-wear saree brand blending tradition with contemporary design
- **Ruchs:** Open-House on a sustainable fashion brand for climate-conscious consumers
- **SlideTake:** Open-House with founder Mr Himang on a mentorship and consultation platform
- **E-Wardrobe:** Open-House with founder Mr Dhanjay on a circular-fashion startup
- **Conqr.AI:** Demo session with founder Mr Shivansh Sachdeva on AI-driven legal documentation reducing contract drafting and review timelines
- **Gatisheel:** Startup case study visit and discussion with founder Mr Aman Kumar on Agri-tech



Internal Assessment of Startups

The IILM Innovation Lab convened a formal Internal Assessment by Dr Ravi Kumar Jain, Dr Saurabh Trivedi, Dr Umang Garg, Dr Akshat Agrawal, Mr Amit Kale, and Mr Tushar Bagchi. Eight startups (4 external and 4 internal) were assessed across DeepTech, MedTech, SaaS, Business Solutions, and Arts & Crafts:

External

- Aaizel Tech (Mr Gagan Preet),
- CybraneX (Mr Ashwin Saxena),
- Machphy (Mr Pradeep Rout),
- Crafting Memories (Mr Naman Bansal)

Internal

- QNN (Mr Sidharth Kumar),
- SkillSync (Mr Ujjwal Nigam),
- Bharat Vyapari (Mr Manoraj Singh),
- CureFleet (Mr Nikhil Gupta)



Ecosystem Visits and National Forums

The IILM Incubator maintained an active presence in national-level forums, ensuring our incubatees stay plugged into the broader policy and investor conversation:

- **World Food India 2025:** Innovation Club students represented IILM University on a global platform showcasing sustainable food practices
- **Roadshow of Startup Chile in India:** Attended at FICCI Office, New Delhi for international collaboration insights
- **UAE-India Startup Series Pitch Session:** Top 20 finale at Taj Mahal Hotel, Delhi, with strong founders across climate tech, fintech, agritech, and deep-tech
- **FICCI's Annual Innovation Summit 2025:** Attended at Bharat Mandapam for sessions on building a self-reliant, sustainable economy
- **Bharat Ke Maharathi Conference:** Dr Saurabh Trivedi joined a panel highlighting IILM's early-stage startup support, hosted by IBSEA at NDMC Convention Centre, Connaught Place
- **Startup Haryana Live Session:** Portal sensitisation and overview of startup policy and schemes for the team



Outreach: Schools, Colleges & Aspirants

The IILM Innovation Lab also stepped well beyond the IILM campus to seed entrepreneurial thinking earlier in the talent pipeline:

- **DPS Maruti Kunj:** Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme introducing students to innovation and startup thinking
- **Delhi International School Edge (DISE):** Awareness session for Students and Teachers on innovation basics and structured ideation
- **Bon Maharaj Institute, Faculty of Management:** Session on “Entrepreneurial Mindset & Ecosystem Support” by Dr Saurabh Trivedi to 70+ students
- **Scholars Global School, Bahadurgarh:** Session on “Entrepreneurial Mindset & New Age Programmes” by Dr Saurabh Trivedi to 50+ students
- **ISL Coaching, Lajpat Nagar:** “VentureX” outreach session for 60 prospective BBA students by Dr Saurabh Trivedi
- **Fundamakers Lucknow Centre:** Session on “Entrepreneurial Mindset & Ecosystem Support” for 150+ MBA/PGDM aspirants
- **DAV Police public school Faridabad:** EDP Awareness session for Students and Teachers on Innovation Basics and Structured Ideation



Partnership with MeitY Startup Hub (MSH)

IILM Innovation Lab collaborates with MeitY Startup Hub to strengthen India’s innovation and startup ecosystem. This MoU will enable startups to access structured incubation, mentorship, innovation challenges, and industry-academia networks.

With a focus on deep-tech, AI, semiconductors, and emerging sectors, we aim to support founders from ideation to commercialization.

Together, we are committed to empowering startups to build scalable solutions for India and the world.



STARTUP SPOTLIGHTS

QNN

Founder: Mr Sidharth Kumar

Sector: DeepTech

QNN focuses on post-quantum cryptography and quantum algorithm simulation, building secure, quantum-resistant solutions and tools for quantum computing research and development. The startup has shared its incubation documents and MoU with the Lab, marking one of our most technically advanced student ventures.

CureFleet Technologies

Founder: Mr Nikhil Gupta

Sector: Healthcare SaaS

CureFleet is building a healthcare logistics aggregation platform that connects hospitals, clinics, diagnostics, pharmacies, ambulances, and patients - enabling faster, more affordable, and more accessible healthcare delivery in India's fragmented care landscape.

Fintolit

Founder: Mr Abhishek Tripathi

Sector: Legal Tech / SaaS

Fintolit is a legal-tech platform making legal advice accessible, affordable, and human - connecting users with Bar Council-verified lawyers across India and reducing the friction that has historically defined legal access for individuals and small businesses.

Medibridge

Founder: Ms Jasnoor Kaur

Sector: AI in Healthcare

MediBridge is a real-time emergency healthcare coordination platform connecting users with nearby ambulances, hospitals, blood banks, and pharmacies. It reduces response delays through location-based resource mapping and provider dashboards - a tangible attempt at solving one of India's most persistent healthcare gaps.

MENTOR'S NETWORK

A high-quality mentor's pool is one of the most consequential assets an incubator can build. Over the period covered by this edition, IILM Innovation Lab has formally onboarded 10 mentors across DeepTech, AgriTech, ClimateTech, AI, government, and international diplomacy. Their backgrounds and current roles are summarised below.



Mr Kishan Goenka

*Chairperson, Water Council
Wheels Global Foundation*

PAN-IIT Alumni Initiative for Rural Transformation



Ms Neha Malhotra

*Founder & Managing Partner
MeritX Ventures*



Ms Maya Sherman

*Innovation Attaché
Embassy of Israel in India*



Ms Nemesisa Ujjain

*VP and Head
The Circle FC*



Mr Himanshu Joshi

*Programme Lead
Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog*



Mr Mayank Kumar

*Lead, DeepTech Club
NASSCOM*



Mr Santosh Sharma

Founder & CEO
Bookmyjet / Foresee Aviation



Mr Khalid Wani

Founder & CEO
KWCG



Dr Preet Sandhu

Founder & MD
AVPL International / Startup Stairs

Each mentor brings a distinct edge from policy and grants to international partnerships, from rural transformation to deep-tech investment. Together they form the connective tissue that takes our founders from idea to execution.

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iHub-AWaDH, IIT Ropar (SPRINT Haryana)

Funded by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS), iHub-AWaDH at IIT Ropar focuses on technological solutions in agriculture, water, and rural development. Through the SPRINT Haryana programme, the Lab now hosts 13 deep-tech startups from this cohort with grants of Rs. 25 lakhs disbursed in our presence.

FITT - IIT Delhi

The Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer is the industry interface and innovation arm of IIT Delhi. Established in 1992, FITT remains one of India's premier technology-transfer organisations transforming academic research into real-world applications. Our collaboration enables incubatees to access mentorship, industry-academic linkages, and acceleration pathways through IIT Delhi's ecosystem. Dr Nikhil Agarwal, MD of FITT, also served as a distinguished speaker at the National Seminar on India's Startup Ecosystem in February 2026.

AIC - IIT Delhi (Sonipat Innovation Foundation)

A premier startup incubator under the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, hosted at IIT Delhi. AIC-IIT Delhi offers world-class infrastructure, sector-specific mentoring, and funding support through government and private channels, with a particular focus on deep-tech, health-tech, AI/ML, and sustainability ventures.

Wadhwani Foundation - IDE Bootcamp Collaboration

In collaboration with the Wadhwani Foundation, the Lab delivered the Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamp for 148 principals and teachers from PM SHRI Schools across three states - conducted under the aegis of the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), AICTE, and the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC). The collaboration represents a significant alignment between IILM's incubation infrastructure and Wadhwani's nationally proven entrepreneurship-education curriculum.

UAE-India CEPA Council (UICC)

Established under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement signed between India and the UAE in 2022, the UICC enables cross-border scaling, UAE market entry, and strategic investment partnerships for Indian startups. The UAE-India Startup Series integrated into the Lab's programmes offers selected Indian startups a fully sponsored soft-landing package in the UAE, including incubation at a UAE-based accelerator, investor access, and round-trip flights, accommodation, and local transport. The Lab also participated in the Top-20 finale pitch session at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Delhi in November 2025.

IILM INNOVATION LAB TEAM

The success of IILM Innovation Lab is driven by a committed team of academics, operators, and community-builders dedicated to the entrepreneurial mission of the University.



Dr Ravi Kumar Jain

Vice Chancellor (Officiating), IILM University, Gurugra

A thought leader in innovation-led education and entrepreneurship, Dr Jain provides strategic oversight and academic direction to the Lab's vision and operations.



Dr Saurabh Trivedi

CEO, IILM Incubation Centre
Associate Professor, School of Management
President, Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)
IILM University, Gurugram

Spearheading the Lab's developmental initiatives, Dr Trivedi bridges academia and enterprise to cultivate an enabling environment for startup growth.



Mr Amit Kale

Incubation Manager

Responsible for operational execution, programme design, and mentor engagement, Amit is the primary point of contact for incubatees and partners across the Lab's daily operations.

LOOKING AHEAD

What's next:

Over the next two quarters, IILM Innovation Lab will deepen its programming around three key priorities: cohort scaling, mentor activation, and international soft-landing support for startups.

The Lab is also expanding its modern infrastructure to better support emerging ventures, with dedicated facilities for startups working in AI, robotics, and next-generation technologies. An exciting new pipeline of initiatives is taking shape, stay tuned for more updates.

We are also actively scoping our upcoming Acceleration Programme: a fast-paced, founder-focused track designed for ventures that have moved beyond the prototype stage. While details remain under wraps for now, we look forward to sharing more in the next edition.

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

Peter Drucker

This second edition of The Entrepreneur's Digest closes with the same belief that opened the first: ideas backed by action, community, and courage can change the world. Our role is to give those ideas the conditions they need to take root and the network they need to scale.

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ENGAGE WITH US

Apply for Incubation: Have an idea? We want to hear it. Our incubation programme offers access to mentoring, co-working spaces, and funding opportunities.

Attend Our Events: Stay tuned for workshops, expert panels, startup expos, and innovation summits, where knowledge meets networking.

Join the Mentor Network: Industry leaders, founders, and policy professionals reach out if you'd like to mentor our cohort.

Partner With Us: For collaborations spanning corporate innovation, CSR-funded incubation, or international soft-landing programmes.

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