



Mahatma Education Society's

Pillai HOC College of Engineering and Technology, Rasayani

PHCET has established the "NexGen Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program" to build an Innovation Ecosystem. The aim of this initiative is to provide opportunities and support to students and faculty to engage in various innovation activities.

In the AY 2020-21, PHCET also established the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MoE's MIC) and AICTE. This initiative was designed to create a vibrant local innovation ecosystem, develop a startup-supporting mechanism, establish a functional ecosystem for scouting ideas and pre-incubating them, and enhance the cognitive abilities of technology students.

Through this initiative, PHCET received funding support from IIC, MIC, in the academic year 2023-24 to conduct an IIC regional meet, Mentor-Mentee support, and an IDE boot camp for students and faculty from higher engineering institutes (HEIs) and schools. These events were successfully conducted to provide a networking platform for IIC institutions, schools, industries, and professional societies to showcase their innovation potential and achievements, share best practices, and exchange knowledge for the development of a stronger innovation and startup ecosystem within HEIs. These events provided a platform for students and faculty with intensive experiential learning opportunities in design thinking, business modeling, and enterprise planning.