



CRESCENT INNOVATION & INCUBATION COUNCIL

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FOREWORD & MESSAGES

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DR. NISHA MUKUND

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council

There is a particular way a mother watches her child grow — with pride, with worry, and with the quiet knowledge that every stumble is preparing them for something greater. That is exactly how I have watched our startups at CIIC. I have seen them take their first uncertain steps, fall, dust themselves off, and rise again — each time a little wiser, a little bolder, and a little closer to the impossible things they set out to achieve.

Startups, to me, are curious children. They ask the questions the rest of us have stopped asking. They take risks that seasoned minds would call reckless, and in doing so, they achieve what conventional wisdom insists cannot be done. Our role at CIIC has never been to shield them from failure — no good parent can, and no good incubator should. Our role is to make sure that when they fall, they fall forward.

What fills me with the deepest satisfaction this year is watching science walk out of the laboratory and into the marketplace. For decades, extraordinary research sat locked inside our labs, admired but untouched by the world it was meant to serve. Today, that has changed. Deep science is commercialising — becoming products, services, jobs, and livelihoods. CIIC has taught me the rare and valuable skill of identifying which lab technologies are truly ready for the market, and of building the bridge that carries them across. With 157 startups incubated, over 2,100 jobs created, and a portfolio that has generated more than Rs 1,690 crore in sales turnover, our children are not merely growing — they are giving back.

If there is one fundamental truth CIIC has reinforced in me, it is this: network is networth. No startup succeeds alone, and no incubator does either. Our external stakeholders — mentors, investors, industry partners, academic collaborators, and alumni — have played an extraordinary role in moulding this incubator and, in turn, our pride: our startups. Every partnership we have built, every door our well-wishers have opened, has shaped who we are today.

And then there is the cherry on the pudding — the strong conviction of our government. The belief that policymakers at the state and national level have placed in deep-tech entrepreneurship, through grants, schemes, and unwavering institutional support, has been nothing short of transformational. It tells our young founders that the nation stands behind them, and that their audacity is not just tolerated but celebrated.

As I look ahead, my heart is full but my work is far from done. There are more curious children waiting at our doors — more technologies waiting to leave the lab, more founders waiting to fall and rise again. We look forward to nurturing them all, with the same patience, discipline, and unconditional belief that has brought us this far.

To every founder, partner, mentor, and supporter who is part of the CIIC family — thank you. This report is your story as much as it is ours.



Dr. M. PARVEZ ALAM

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CRESCENT INNOVATION & INCUBATION COUNCIL & AIC - CRESCENT INNOVATION & INCUBATION COUNCIL

As Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council (CIIC) completes 7 transformative years, it's a moment of pride to look back on the journey that began with a simple mission focused on fueling innovation and empowering startups with the tools to scale and succeed. CIIC was established as the innovation and incubation ambit of B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology (BSACIST), a university with over 40 years of excellence in research, technology, and entrepreneurship. Over these years, CIIC has become a dynamic launchpad for startups working in high-impact sectors such as Life Sciences, Industry 4.0, Smart & Clean Mobility, and Aerospace & Defence. In just 7 years, CIIC has supported over 300+ startups, facilitated ₹ 517 crore in funding through government and private channels, and contributed to the creation of over 2,100 jobs. Backed by grants totaling ₹54 crore from eight Union Ministries and the Government of Tamil Nadu, CIIC has built an ecosystem where deep-tech ideas turn into scalable, sustainable businesses. This success has been made possible through the extraordinary support of our Chairman, the Board of Directors, and the Board of Advisors, whose vision and leadership have been instrumental in guiding CIIC to where it is today.

Our success is rooted in our core framework, the Five M Strategy:

- Money-Access to government grants, private funding, and angel investments.
- Machinery-Access to world-class labs, prototyping, and testing infrastructure.
- Market - Support in validating and commercializing products.
- Mentorship - Connecting founders with industry and academic experts.
- More -IP support, regulatory guidance, co-working spaces, and networking.

CIIC has been a pillar of support for startups, helping them not only survive but thrive, even through global challenges like economic slowdowns. Our unwavering focus has always been on building impactful solutions, particularly in high-growth areas like AI, Biotechnology, Climate Innovation, and Advanced Manufacturing. CIIC is expanding beyond Chennai to Madurai and Bengaluru, bringing deep-tech innovation closer to Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. By supporting MSMEs and local entrepreneurs, we aim to decentralize innovation and ensure equitable access to resources, empowering talent from underserved regions and driving inclusive growth across the startup ecosystem. CIIC's recent journey has been truly dynamic, beginning with an inspiring session by Prof. Satya Chakravarthy, whose insights sparked innovation and ambition among BSACIST faculty. We strengthened our commitment to deep-tech by signing an MoU with GDC and Expanding our global footprint, we also connected with co-incubation centers and investors in the USA & Saudi unlocking international opportunities for our growing startup community. Looking ahead to 2030, CIIC is set to play a pivotal role in India's innovation story. With the rise of regional incubators, strong digital infrastructure, and robust government support, we believe the next wave of unicorns and global changemakers will come from beyond the metros, and CIIC will be right there to guide them. As we celebrate six years of purpose and progress, I extend heartfelt thanks to every innovator, partner, mentor, and supporter who has contributed to this journey. Together, we will continue to build a future where innovation is inclusive, impactful, and unstoppable.



MR. ABDUL QADIR A. RAHMAN BUHARI

**FOUNDING CHAIRMAN - Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council &
PRO CHANCELLOR - B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute Of Science And Technology**

India's startup landscape has undergone a transformative journey from a visionary corpus of ₹10,000 crores in 2016 to a commitment of ₹11,808 crores by March 2026. What began as a bold initiative to fuel domestic capital for Indian startups has now catalyzed over ₹22,942 crores in investments, empowering 1,270 startups across the nation.

At CIIC, our journey has always been driven by a clear vision: to embrace and enable the future. From 5G, AI/ML, and deep-tech innovation to building a robust manufacturing ecosystem, my focus has been on creating an environment where ideas are not just born, but built and brought to life. I am particularly enthusiastic about expanding our infrastructure, especially advanced prototyping and manufacturing labs that empower innovators to experiment, validate, and launch confidently.

I'm proud to see CIIC startups now making their early strides into the world of fundraising, a strong indicator of the maturity and momentum of our growing ecosystem. As MIETY Samridh plays a vital role in evaluating and supporting promising ventures through funding and other schemes aligned with CIIC's mission, I am honored to contribute as part of the evaluation.

CIIC stands tall today not only as a startup incubator but as a dynamic force within the Crescent ecosystem, blending academic excellence with entrepreneurial ambition. Our efforts are a part of a larger vision, contributing meaningfully to Tamil Nadu's aspiration of becoming a \$1 trillion economy by 2030.

This milestone is not just a reflection of strategy, it's a result of sheer dedication. My heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Parvez Alam, Executive Director, and the entire CIIC team for their commitment, resilience, and passion. Together, we are shaping an ecosystem that is not just future-ready but future-defining. Let us continue this mission to inspire, innovate, and impact.

MESSAGE



MR. BSA ARIF BUHARY RAHMAN

DIRECTOR - Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council

PRESIDENT - B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute Of Science And Technology

India's ascent as the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, with over 120 unicorns and 2.23 lakh+ DPIIT-recognized startups, underscores a powerful national momentum toward innovation and entrepreneurship. At CIIC, our focus is to translate this momentum into meaningful opportunities for students by embedding the spirit of entrepreneurship within academia

As Director, I see it as our responsibility to nurture student innovation by creating an environment where ideas are not only encouraged but supported with the right resources and mentorship. With a strong network of 100+ industry experts, CIIC ensures that aspiring entrepreneurs receive practical insights, personalized guidance, and a strong support system at every stage of their journey, from idea validation to market readiness.

CIIC is designed to be more than just an incubator. We are a launchpad for future leaders who will solve real-world problems through technology, creativity, and purpose. Our industry-academia partnerships bring real challenges into the innovation lab, allowing students to apply their learning to build impactful, scalable solutions.

As India's entrepreneurial wave reaches new heights, CIIC stands as a bridge between youthful potential and national progress. I am proud to lead this mission, supporting the next generation of innovators as they shape a future driven by vision, resilience, and impact.



MESSAGE

Ms. QURRATH JAMEELA

ADVISOR - Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council
CHANCELLOR - B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute Of Science And Technology

India's startup landscape has experienced transformative growth, with DPIIT-recognized startups surging from just 500 in 2016 to over 1,59,157 as of January 15, 2026. Notably, 73,151 of these startups have at least one woman director, signifying the rising leadership of women in India's entrepreneurial space. Today, women-led enterprises represent 26% of the MSME sector, a testament to their impact on innovation, job creation, and inclusive economic development.

At B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology (BSACIST), we remain steadfast in our mission to foster future-ready leaders and changemakers. Our NAAC A+ accreditation, consistent presence in the NIRF Top 151-200 band, and innovation-focused programs such as the MBA in Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Venture Development (IEV) are key milestones in this journey.

Through the Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council (CIIC) and Livelihood Business Incubator (LBI), we provide critical support to women and first-generation entrepreneurs. These initiatives are focused on Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, democratizing access to resources, mentoring, funding, and government schemes, thereby enabling balanced regional development.

CIIC also bridges women entrepreneurs with corporate partners and government initiatives that foster enterprise growth. This ecosystem ensures that women innovators are equipped with the tools and networks necessary to scale successfully.

As Chancellor, I extend my appreciation to the CIIC team and look forward to a future where Crescent continues to be a beacon for inclusive innovation and national progress.



Mr. KHALID A.K. BUHARI

DIRECTOR - Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council

BOARD MEMBER - B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute Of Science And Technology

As the Director of Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council (CIIC), my mission is to foster innovation and shape future-ready talent. I've always believed in the transformative power of technology-driven education, and at CIIC, I'm proud to lead initiatives that turn students into creators, problem-solvers, and entrepreneurs.

Over the years, we've built CIIC into more than just an incubation space; we've made it a thriving innovation ecosystem. Through AI-supported platforms and hands-on learning opportunities, we expose young minds to frontier technologies like quantum computing, biotechnology, and climate science. My goal is to help them build both technical expertise and creative confidence.

I'm deeply committed to bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world challenges. By nurturing a culture of tech fluency and entrepreneurial thinking, I ensure that our students don't just study innovation, they live it, build it, and lead with it.

Looking ahead, I'm excited about our growing involvement in national innovation programs, especially the Ministry of Education's School Innovation Council initiatives. Through platforms like the HTIC - CIC Lab and our support for the Junior Smart India Hackathon, we are creating meaningful opportunities for school students to explore STEM, innovate, and showcase their potential on national stages.

At CIIC, my vision is to inspire and empower the next generation of tech leaders. From ideation to execution, I'm committed to helping young innovators bring their ideas to life and contribute meaningfully to India's growing innovation ecosystem.



Mr. SYED MOHAMMED BUKHARI

DIRECTOR - Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council
BOARD MEMBER - B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute Of Science And Technology

At CIIC, I firmly believe that innovation is the heartbeat of transformation. This past year has been a testament to our relentless pursuit of nurturing high-potential startups and driving real-world impact. Through visionary initiatives like the CIIC Global Outreach Mission (CGOM) and the Global Hybrid Accelerator, we've empowered entrepreneurs to break barriers, build global connections, and scale their ventures with confidence.

These programs have not only accelerated the growth of startups but have also strengthened CIIC's position as a driving force in the global innovation landscape. By connecting local ingenuity to global opportunities, we are shaping a truly borderless ecosystem that thrives on collaboration, creativity, and bold thinking.

As I reflect on our journey, I am incredibly proud of the resilience, adaptability, and determination our startups have shown. They've taken on some of the most pressing challenges of our time and responded with bold ideas and impactful solutions. To every founder and team, I offer my heartfelt congratulations. Your achievements are a reflection of your passion and the strength of our collective ecosystem.

I am equally grateful to our partners, investors, and supporters. Your trust in our vision has been the backbone of our progress. Together, we've created a nurturing space where entrepreneurship is celebrated, risks are encouraged, and innovation thrives.

Looking ahead, I remain deeply committed to building a fearless culture of innovation, ensuring access to cutting-edge infrastructure and expertise, and creating bridges between industry, academia, and government. My goal is to continue fostering an environment where ideas are transformed into lasting impact, locally and globally.

Throughout my entrepreneurial journey, spanning shipping, infrastructure, facilities management, and education, I've learned that vision alone isn't enough. It's the courage to act on that vision that drives change. At CIIC, I'm honoured to bring this philosophy to life and mentor the next generation of changemakers.



Mr. ASHRAF BUHARI RAHMAN

DIRECTOR - Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council
BOARD MEMBER - B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute Of Science And Technology

I am proud to share the progress and impact of the Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council (CIIC) over the past year. At CIIC, our mission is to cultivate a vibrant, inclusive, and future-ready entrepreneurial ecosystem within the academic community. Staying true to this vision, we remain dedicated to empowering students, faculties, alumni, and startups to turn their innovative ideas into successful ventures that make a meaningful difference in the real world.

Our close collaboration with B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology (BSACIST) has been foundational to our efforts. Together, we have created a comprehensive innovation model that merges academic learning with entrepreneurial practice. Through startup-focused modules, mentorship initiatives, and hands-on opportunities, CIIC ensures that budding innovators are equipped not only with knowledge but also with the confidence and experience to succeed.

More than skill-building, we are committed to shaping entrepreneurial mindsets. Our innovation labs, makerspaces, simulation workshops, and networking programs offer students experiential learning that leads to tangible outcomes, be it internships, incubated startups, or collaborative projects. These experiences bridge the gap between classroom concepts and real-world challenges, nurturing a generation of capable, responsible entrepreneurs.

We also believe in the power of storytelling. Highlighting the success of our young innovators serves as inspiration and affirmation for aspiring changemakers across our ecosystem. These stories prove that with clarity of vision and a supportive environment, entrepreneurial dreams can become a reality.

Beyond CIIC, I have always believed in giving back to society through education and social service. I am honored to serve as a Trustee and Governing Member of institutions like the Yousuf Zulaikha Trust, BSA Zakath Fund Foundation, Islamic Cultural Trust, and The Seethakathi Trust. These organizations run numerous educational and social welfare initiatives across Tamil Nadu, reflecting a commitment to community upliftment and inclusive growth.

As we look ahead, I remain confident that our combined efforts will continue to build a vibrant, sustainable ecosystem where innovation, education, and social responsibility converge for lasting impact.



DR. A. PEER MOHAMED

ADVISOR - Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council & AIC - CIIC
VICE-CHANCELLOR I/C - B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute Of Science And Technology

Innovation has become a defining pillar of higher education, enabling universities to transform knowledge into solutions that address societal and industrial challenges. At B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology, we are committed to fostering an academic environment where research, creativity, and entrepreneurship work together to shape the leaders of tomorrow.

The Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council (CIIC) continues to be a cornerstone of this vision by creating an ecosystem that empowers students, faculty, researchers, alumni, and startups to innovate with purpose. Through incubation, mentoring, industry partnerships, research commercialization, and global collaborations, CIIC provides the resources and opportunities necessary to transform promising ideas into impactful enterprise. The year 2025–2026 has been marked by significant achievements, with CIIC expanding its reach through national and international collaborations, startup acceleration initiatives, investor engagement, and technology-driven innovation programs. These efforts have strengthened the University's commitment to bridging academic excellence with entrepreneurial success and societal impact.

As an institution, we firmly believe that innovation thrives through collaboration. By encouraging interdisciplinary research, experiential learning, and industry engagement, we are preparing our students not only for successful careers but also to become creators of knowledge, employment, and sustainable economic growth.

I congratulate the Chairman, Executive Director, Board of Directors, faculty members, mentors, industry partners, government agencies, investors, and the dedicated CIIC team for their collective efforts in strengthening our innovation ecosystem. My special appreciation goes to every entrepreneur and researcher whose passion and perseverance continue to elevate the reputation of our institution.

As CIIC completes seven years of remarkable progress, I am confident that it will continue to serve as a catalyst for innovation, research excellence, and entrepreneurship, contributing meaningfully to India's vision of becoming a global leader in science, technology, and innovation.

I extend my best wishes to the entire CIIC family for continued success in building a future driven by knowledge, innovation, and



DR. N. RAJA HUSSAIN

DIRECTOR - Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council
REGISTRAR - B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute Of Science And Technology

Innovation is the lifeblood of a progressive society, and at the Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council (CIIC), my vision is to create a sustainable, inclusive, and future-ready ecosystem that nurtures innovation, entrepreneurship, and transformation. In close partnership with B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology (BSACIST), we have worked to embed a culture of entrepreneurship within academia, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical enterprise.

Over the past year, CIIC has grown from a support function to a strategic enabler of innovation. Together with BSACIST, CIIC has integrated startup-driven learning experiences into the MBA in Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Venture Development (IEV) program. This collaboration provides students with practical tools, mentorship, and opportunities to explore entrepreneurship from ideation to execution.

Through startup simulation workshops, business pitching sessions, innovation challenges, and hands-on hackathons, students gain valuable experiential learning. CIIC's state-of-the-art makerspaces and prototyping labs allow aspiring entrepreneurs to test and validate their ideas. Our extensive mentor network, comprising industry experts, founders, and thought leaders, offers personalized guidance to help shape scalable ventures.

CIIC also prioritizes sector-specific innovation, research commercialization, and global innovation exchange programs that expose students to emerging global trends. Our internship and incubation support services enable many student-led startups to gain market traction and develop sustainable business models.

It is truly rewarding to witness students confidently take the entrepreneurial leap, developing impactful solutions that address real-world challenges in healthcare, sustainability, cleantech, and digital transformation.

As Director of CIIC, I am committed to fostering an ecosystem that empowers young innovators to transform ideas into meaningful impact. The journey of innovation is ongoing, and the future holds limitless possibilities. Together with our academic and industry partners, we will continue to build a thriving startup ecosystem that drives inclusive growth and national progress.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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BSA CRESCENT INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology (BSACIST) was founded by Alhaj Dr. B. S. Abdur Rahman Sahib. Through the long history of 40 years of excellence, the institution has offered access to a wide range of academic opportunities. With 54 programmes, grouped under 12 schools, 31 undergraduate programmes, 23 postgraduate programmes, and Ph.D (all departments). BSACIST is a rising stalwart in higher education with promising quality, security and placement.



Vision

BSACIST strives to be a 'Research Intensive Institution' through various quality enhancement and sustainable initiatives..



Mission

To offer Ph.D programme in all the departments of the institutions
To offer Research Fellowships (JRF & SRF) in all the departments to attract young talents
To conduct periodical review meetings for research scholars to ensure quality

- To disseminate the research findings through publications
- To introduce innovative schemes to encourage quality research and to increase number of research publications

To introduce a conducive ambience so as to promote research culture



Salient Features

- Accredited with 'A+' grade by NAAC
- Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council (CIIC)- a Startup Incubator with 121 startups
- Career guidance & counselling
- Soft skill development to enhance employability





ABOUT CIIC





Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council (CIIC), is a not-for-profit, innovation arm of B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology (BSACIST), deemed to be a University.

The goal of CIIC is to encourage "deep tech" entrepreneurs in the verticals of Life Sciences, Industry 5.0, Build Environment, Aerospace and Defence, Smart and Clean Mobility. In the past 5 years, we have incubated 200+ startups and acted as a "One Stop Shop - Startup Incubator". CIIC is recognized and funded by the Eight Union Ministries

Crescent Innovation & Incubation Council



B.S. Abdur Rahman
Crescent
Institute of Science & Technology
Deemed to be University u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956



OUR VISION

To become a University-based Startup Incubator of Excellence, reforming entrepreneurial student aspirants and startups into profitable entities, thereby creating an impact on the economic development and community wealth.



OUR MISSION

Create and promote collaborative networks through partnerships between academia, industry and government
Create facilities through establishing Centres of Excellence
Increase and advance the in-house operational skills for leveraging entrepreneurial expertise and resource network
Identify & nurture top-notch entrepreneurs in Life Sciences, Industry 5.0, Build Environment, Aerospace and Defence, Smart and Clean Mobility through expert mentoring and also foster lean startups into sustainable companies.

Crescent
Innovation
Incubation
Council



(A Section 8 Company Under Companies Act 2013)



CIIC SECTORS

Lifesciences



Bio-Pharma | Bio-Energy
Bio-Services | Bio-industry
Med Tech | Agri-Tech

Industry 5.0



AI | IoT | ML | AR /VR
Cloud Computing
Automation | Simulation
Integration | BIG Data
Cyber Security | Robotics

Smart & Clean Mobility



Drone Technology | Smart & Non
Fossil Fuel Vehicles |
Electrical Vehicle | EV Battery
Management | Autonomous
Navigation | MaaS

Aerospace & Defence



Aerospace Tec | Nava
Tech | Communication
Systems & Sensors |
Directed Energy Tech |
High Energy Materials Tech

Built Environment



Smart Infrastructure | Sustainable
Construction | Green Buildings |
Urban Planning | Smart Cities | Energy
Efficient Systems | Construction Tech |
PropTech | Waste Management | Water
Management

STUDENT
STARTUPS

08

14

FACULTY
STARTUPS

EXTERNAL
STARTUPS

127

08

ALUMNI
STARTUPS

IMPACT CREATED BY CIIC

157
STARTUPS INCUBATED



80
GRADUATED STARTUPS



2435
NO. OF EVENTS
& MEETINGS



₹54CR
GRANTS



129
PARTNERSHIPS



100K Sq. Ft
BUILD-UP AREA



152
UNIVERSITY IPRS



IMPACT CREATED BY CIIC STARTUPS

2107
JOBS CREATED



₹1692CR
SALES TURNOVER
FY 23-24



149
PATENTS

₹3161CR
STARTUP VALUATION



₹39CR
FUND RAISED
(GOVERNMENT GRANTS/ SEED)

₹478CR
FUND RAISED
(PRIVATE INVESTMENT)



37
WOMEN FOUNDERS

110
MEN FOUNDERS





CIIC FACILITES

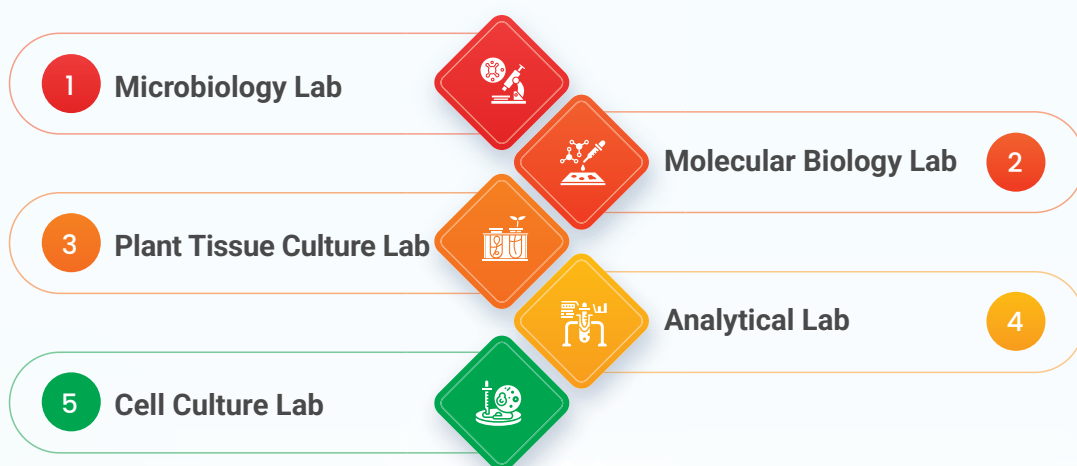


Centre For Lifesciences BioHub



Crescent Incubation and Innovation Council received a fund of ₹ 1.80 Crore from BioNEST, BIRAC, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India. The funds were used to establish well-equipped labs for startups, particularly in the fields of Molecular Biology, Microbiology, and Plant Biotechnology.

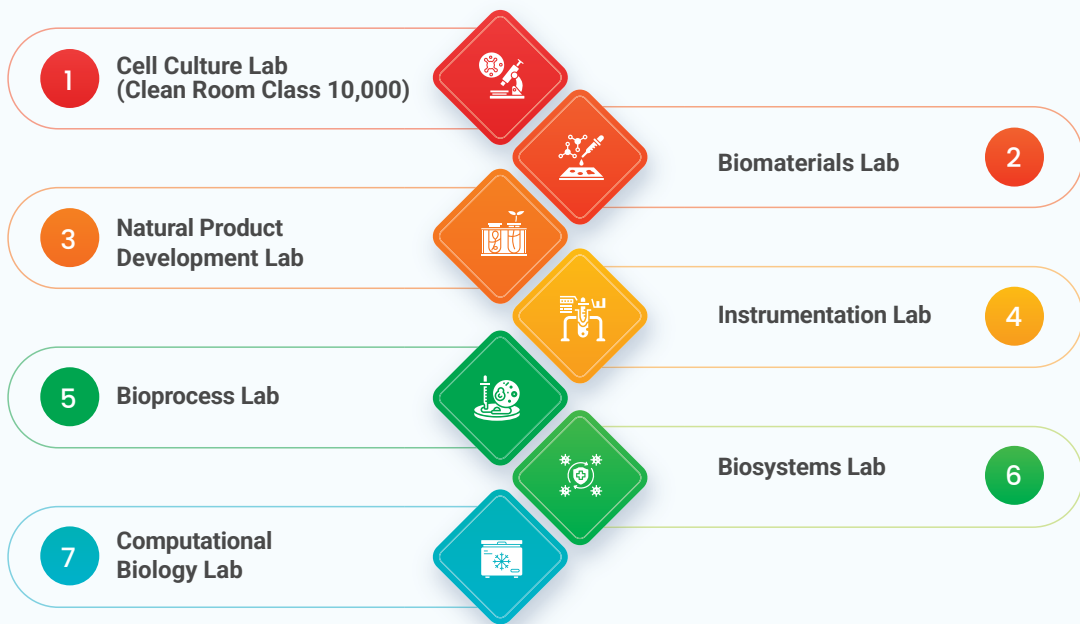
LAB FACILITIES



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Equipment List



PHASE 2



CENTRE FOR INDUSTRY 5.0

The Centre of Industry 5.0 has established the Data-Centric Labs. This initiative has enabled us to create world-class facilities supported by a vibrant community of experts and mentors in the Industry 5.0 domain. This ecosystem is designed to identify, support, and nurture promising startups and early-stage innovators.

AI/ML LAB

AI/ML Lab has state-of-the-art lab facilities in associated with Intel. It is one of its kind to conduct advanced research activities in the field of AI/ML. We are also authorized to conduct intel-certified skill development courses for Start-ups, Students and Faculties.

IOT LAB

Internet of Things is the emerging technology that connects the physical devices to the cyber systems or Internet. IoT lab facilitates the communication of sensors data or device control through interfacing the controllers or processor to the internet using cloud.

CLOUD COMPUTING LAB

Cloud computing is the on-demand availability of computer system resources, especially data storage and computing power, without direct active management by the user. It's the hard core technology used in AI & IoT with an exclusive cloud offerings based on the technology requirement along with mentoring.

CO INNOVATION CENTRE

The CIIC Co-Innovation Centre, established in partnership with the I-Hub Foundation for Robotics (IHFC), IIT Delhi, is dedicated to advancing innovation in Robotics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cyber-Physical Systems, Industry 4.0, and Deep Tech. The Centre enables collaborative research, startup incubation, expert mentoring, technology validation, and commercialization support, empowering innovators to transform cutting-edge ideas into impactful, market-ready solutions

IDEA LAB (MAKERSPACE)

The AICTE IDEA Lab at Crescent Institute empowers students to transform ideas into impactful innovations. Equipped with advanced prototyping and manufacturing facilities, it promotes hands-on learning, interdisciplinary collaboration, and product development. The lab bridges the gap between academic concepts and real-world solutions, nurturing future innovators and entrepreneurs.

LAB FACILITIES



AI Lab



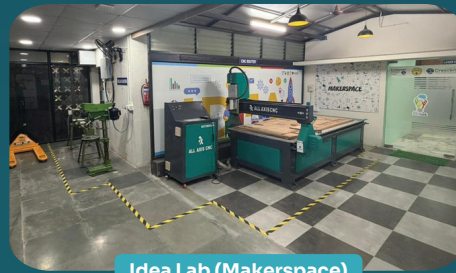
IOT Lab



Cloud Computing Lab



Co-Innovation Centre



Idea Lab (Makerspace)

EQUIPMENT FACILITIES



Edge Computing Kit



3D Printer



Autonomous Robots Kits



Image Sensing Cameras



HPC Workstations



Cloud Computing AI - MI HPC Servers



Vinyl Cutter



3D Printer



Laser Cutter & Engraver



Wood Lathe



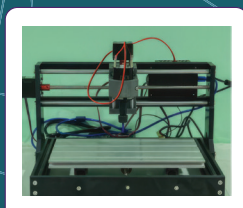
3D Scanner



Lathe Milling



Drilling HP Motor



Wood / Acrylic Engraver



CNC Router



PCB Milling

CENTRE FOR IPR & TTO

CIPR & TTO protect the innovative ideas Of the inventors from commercial exploitation and handles the IP and promote transfer and commercialize patented technologies.



The granted patent application 201641025966 for the invention by Dr. Ruby Annette Mr. Subash Chandran and Dr. Aisha Banu (CSE Department) was transferred to Mr. Thirumalai Paramasivam from SJS International, a film production company in the Tamil film industry.

The patent application 202241011085 invented by Dr. M S Haji Sheik Mohammed of the Civilengineering Department and titled as "A Synergistic Composition For Inhibiting Corrosion In Reinforced Concrete Structures" was non-exclusively transferred to Moon Construction Additives, an Indian Company.





MADURAI CAMPUS

CIIC has expanded to Madurai to support and nurture rural startups from Tier 2 & Tier 3 Cities of Tamilnadu, with a special focus on empowering agribusiness & food based enterprises through hands-on training, mentoring & infrastructure support. As a recognized Livelihood Business Incubator under the Ministry of MSME's ASPIRE Scheme, CIIC Madurai is committed to transforming local innovation into viable rural enterprises. We offer access to Pilot- Scale food manufacturing machineries and training programs designed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs.

- Hands-on training and mentoring in food processing, packaging & marketing to build self reliant micro & small enterprises.
- Access to food processing units equipped with machineries for the development of Value added product.
- Capacity building trainings & workshops for rural youth, women entrepreneurs & PwDs in food & agri business innovation.
- End to end support for rural startups from idea validation to market entry and scaling.
- 10,000 sq.ft co-working & incubation facility support.
- Strong linkages with research, financial institutions & marketing platforms.



FOOD & AGRIBUSINESS

NUTRACEUTICALS & FUNCTIONAL FOODS



ECO-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS

HERBAL PRODUCTS & COSMETICS



LAB FACILITIES



Pasteuriser



Homogeniser



Bulk Milk Cooler



Multipurpose VAT

LIQUID PROCESSING MACHINES



RO Plant



Liquid Packing Machine



CIP System



ETP Plant

HYGIENIC MAINTENANCE

POWDER PROCESSING MACHINES



Powder & Grains Packing Machine



Band Sealing



Sifter



Blender



Cabinet Dryer



Pulveriser

CIIC CHENNAI CITY CAMPUS



The CIIC Office Hub, located at the Anand Seethakathi Business Centre, the CIIC Chennai City Campus serves as an innovation hub and co-working space, providing a vibrant, startup-friendly environment. Spread across 3,000 sq.ft, it offers 50+ seats and private cabins to accommodate diverse startup teams and innovators.



CONFERENCE ROOM



PRIVATE CABINS



MEETING ROOMS



CIIC BENGALURU CO-WORKING SPACE

CIIC Co-working Space at ETA Mall, Bengaluru, the CIIC Bengaluru Co-working Space spans 5,000 sq ft, offering 140+ seats and 10+ private rooms for startups looking to establish a presence in the city's thriving innovation ecosystem.



FULLY FURNISHED
WORKSPACES



PRIVATE
MEETING ROOMS



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PARKING SPACE



OUR TEAM

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Exploring UAE Global Innovation at DIFC

The CIIC team visited the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), one of the world's most dynamic hubs powering innovation across the MEASA region. At the DIFC Innovation Hub, built under the UAE's Department of AI, we explored how the area is shaping the future of tech. A key highlight was our interaction with Ignyte, DIFC's digital engine, which supports over 100,000 startups. Engaging with Mr. Alex Pavan and Ms. Ghizlan, we uncovered exciting pathways for global collaboration and cross-border growth.

13-JUN-25



E DADDY Office Visit - Powering the Future of Mobility

CIIC Team's Dubai visit hit top gear with an exciting tour of E DADDY, our star incubatee transforming urban mobility in the UAE. Led by founder Mr. Mansoor Ali Khan and joined by CIIC Board Members Mr. Arif Buhary Rahman and Mr. Syed Mohammed Bukhari, the visit showcased cutting-edge innovation in action. As the UAE's first Electric Two-Wheeler manufacturer, E DADDY is redefining last-mile delivery with AI-driven EVs inspired by falcon-like speed and smart battery-swapping tech.

13-JUN-25



Visit to Emirates Environmental Protection Co. LLC

The CIIC team visited Emirates Environmental Protection Co. LLC (ECO), a pioneer in sustainable waste management since 1999. With state-of-the-art, zero-discharge facilities in Khorfakkan and Dubai, ECO is transforming petroleum and hazardous waste into high-value reusable resources. During the visit, CIIC engaged with the dynamic ECO leadership, gaining insights into their advanced recycling technologies and integrated tank-cleaning and sludge-treatment systems, setting new benchmarks in environmental innovation across the region.

13-JUN-25



USA Collaboration Begins at Babson College

CIIC Team's Boston outreach began on an inspiring note at Babson College, where Dr. M. Parvez Alam (ED, CIIC) and Dr. Nisha Mukund (CEO, CIIC) met Dr. Amir Reza, Dean of Babson Academy & Global Education. As a world leader in entrepreneurial education, Babson's vision mirrors CIIC's mission to shape high-impact innovators. The discussion opened exciting pathways for joint programs, executive education, research, and global exchange. This collaboration sets the stage for empowering future-ready entrepreneurs across CIIC and BSACIST

18-JUN-25

Taking Indian Innovation Global - CIIC at BIO International Convention 2025, Boston



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CIIC made a powerful global statement at BIO International Convention 2025, the world's largest stage for biotech innovation. Live from Boston, our team represented India's rising innovation energy at the Innovative India Pavilion (Booth 3285), forging connections that open new frontiers for research, healthcare, and deep-tech entrepreneurship. Across the convention, CIIC engaged with leading global institutions, including Walter & Eliza Hall Institute, AstraZeneca, X-Therma, SingHealth SCOUT, Bakar Labs (UC Berkeley), SNU R&DB Foundation (South Korea), Shonan iPark (Japan), MyData-TRUST, BIO360 Park, IKP Knowledge Park, and Europe's dynamic biotech hub IZB, Munich. Each conversation unlocked fresh pathways for collaborative R&D, global market access, translational science, and startup expansion. Back home, our interactions with Guidance Tamil Nadu, TICEL BioPark, and BIO360 strengthened CIIC's mission of building a unified and globally connected biotech corridor from India. The delegation also explored futuristic partnerships with NEOM City, Saudi Arabia, and investment-driven innovation agencies across the US, Europe, and APAC, aligning India's biotech strengths with global priorities in precision medicine, digital health, biopreservation, regenerative medicine, and sustainability. From groundbreaking science to cross-border innovation pipelines, BIO International Convention 2025 amplified CIIC's role as a catalyst, taking Indian biotech to the world, and bringing the world to India.



UAE, Falak Tayyeb Platinum Government Services – Strategic Follow-Up Visit

The CIIC team, along with Mr Syed Mohammed Bukhari (Director, CIIC & Trustee, BSACIST), visited Falak Tayyeb Platinum Government Services L.L.C., Dubai, for a high-impact strategic discussion with Founder–Chairman Mr Ghanim Al Falasi and Co-Founder & Executive Director Ms Muna Al Hamed. Building on the MoU signed at TNGSS 2025, the meeting accelerated plans to deepen international collaboration and create new pathways for Tamil Nadu startups to access the UAE's vibrant innovation landscape.

26-OCT-25



Engagement with Dr. Muhammad Hizbullah - Strengthening International Innovation Bridge

The CIIC team had the honour of meeting Dr Muhammad Hizbullah, PhD, Sri Lanka's longest-serving Parliamentarian, Former Minister for City Planning & Water Supply, and Founder Chairman of ICST. Joined by senior leaders from Gibraltar Technologies and Radiant Star Group, the discussion reinforced CIIC's commitment to building global innovation corridors. This engagement marks a significant step toward fostering cross-border collaboration, empowering startups, and connecting ecosystems across India, Sri Lanka, and the UAE.

27-OCT-25



CIIC at ITEF UAE Venture Sprint - Powering Global Pitch Innovation

Team CIIC, joined by Mr Syed Mohammed Bukhari (Director, CIIC & Trustee, BSACIST), participated in the ITEF UAE Venture Sprint- Business Pitch Day held on October 25, 2025, in Dubai. The high-energy event, hosted by the International Tamil Engineers Foundation, brought together innovators, entrepreneurs, and global Tamil engineering leaders. CIIC's presence strengthened cross-border collaboration and spotlighted India's growing footprint in innovation, sustainability, and entrepreneurial excellence.

29-OCT-25



Meeting Dr. Khalid AlBurikan, Deputy Minister - Ministry of Health, Saudi Arabia

At the Global Health Exhibition 2025, CIIC marked a milestone moment by meeting Dr Khalid AlBurikan, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Health, Saudi Arabia. During this significant engagement, CIIC formalised an MoU with the Ministry, witnessed by Mr Syed Mohammed Bukhari (Director, CIIC & Trustee, BSACIST). The dialogue spotlighted future-forward themes, including digital health, AI-driven innovation, and technology-enabled resilient healthcare systems, paving the way for transformative India–Saudi collaboration.

30-OCT-25

Global Health Exhibition 2025



CIIC, together with Mr Syed Mohammed Bukhari (Director, CIIC & Trustee, BSACIST), marked a remarkable presence at the Global Health Exhibition 2025, held at the Riyadh Exhibition & Convention Centre (Malham). As one of the world's most influential platforms for healthcare innovation, the exhibition brought together 160,000+ healthcare professionals, 2,000+ global brands, 1,000+ investors, and 500+ visionary speakers, creating a powerful arena for shaping the future of global health. Across dynamic showcases and immersive sessions, the event spotlighted the rapid evolution of healthcare through digital health, AI-driven innovations, next-gen medical technologies, and sustainable care models. CIIC engaged with global leaders, technology pioneers, and policymakers, gaining first-hand insights into how future-ready systems are being built to deliver accessible, efficient, and patient-centric care worldwide. For CIIC, this global gathering was more than an exhibition; it was a catalyst for collaboration. The team explored strategic partnerships, identified opportunities for Indian health-tech startups, and assessed pathways to build smarter, tech-enabled, and globally integrated healthcare ecosystems. The experience further strengthened CIIC's mission to champion innovation-led healthcare, accelerate deep-tech solutions, and expand India's presence on the world stage.



Engagement with Vision Realization Office, Ministry of Health – Saudi Arabia

CIIC Team, alongside Mr. Syed Mohammed Bukhari (Director, CIIC & Trustee, BSACIST), had a promising interaction with Dr Yasser Salem Almahmoud, Program Manager – Private Sector Participation, Vision Realization Office, Ministry of Health, during the Global Health Exhibition 2025 in Riyadh. The discussion explored CIIC's potential entry into the Saudi market, with Dr Almahmoud expressing strong enthusiasm for supporting this strategic move. This engagement marks an exciting step toward innovation-led collaboration and deeper participation in Saudi Arabia's rapidly evolving healthcare ecosystem.

30-OCT-25



Engagement with the Ministry of Health, Saudi Arabia

CIIC Team, together with Mr. Syed Mohammed Bukhari (Director, CIIC & Trustee, BSACIST), had an insightful interaction with Mr. Anas S. Aldawsari, PharmD, MiM, Senior Project Manager, Ministry of Health, Saudi Arabia, during the Global Health Exhibition 2025. The discussion opened new doors for collaboration in healthcare innovation, digital transformation, and capacity-building initiatives aligned with the Kingdom's evolving health ecosystem. This engagement marks yet another significant step in CIIC's journey to forge strategic global partnerships, accelerating our mission to drive future-ready, technology-led healthcare solutions across borders.

30-OCT-25

VISITS & MEETING

NATIONAL





RICS Leadership Visits CIIC

We had the privilege of welcoming Mr. Ashwani Awasthi (Managing Director – South Asia) and Mr. Amit Mehta (Partner Development Manager – South Asia) from RICS to CIIC. RICS, with over 150 years of global excellence and a network of more than 130,000 professionals across 140+ countries, continues to shape the future of land, real estate, construction, and infrastructure standards worldwide. Their visit sparked meaningful conversations on how academic innovation, startup-led solutions, and industry expertise can come together to build sustainable and resilient built environments.

10-APR-25



BeCRez Carnival – Inspiring Entrepreneurial Journeys

CIIC, in collaboration with the Crescent Innovation and Startup Club (CISC), hosted the BeCRez Carnival featuring Mr. Rajendran Dandapani, Business Solutions Evangelist at Zoho Corp., as the Chief Guest. His visit and interaction ignited curiosity and confidence among students, encouraging them to think boldly and build fearlessly. The carnival brought together workshops, idea sessions, and startup guidance, creating an energetic space where young innovators took their first steps toward entrepreneurship.

10-APR-25



E-Square Delegation Visit Shaping Purpose-Driven Innovation

CIIC hosted Mr. Stuart Conerly and Mr. Kenichi Tamura from E-Square, a Tokyo-based global leader in sustainability and CSR strategy. Known for guiding brands like Toyota, Sony, and Panasonic, E-Square brings deep expertise in purpose-led transformation. The visit led to meaningful conversations on responsible innovation, ecosystem collaboration, and future-ready entrepreneurship.

18-APR-25



4th CIIC Town Hall Meeting

The 4th CIIC Town Hall was a vibrant celebration of ideas, innovation, and impact. Led by Dr. M. Parvez Alam, Executive Director, CIIC, the session reignited momentum around CIIC's 5M strategic pillars, showcased startup success stories, and introduced exciting new schemes for the future. The energy in the room was electric, as founders, changemakers, and ecosystem enablers came together to share insights, strengthen networks, and shape the next chapter of CIIC's growth journey.

24-APR-25



Strengthening Ties with MeitY

In a pivotal step toward driving India's digital transformation, CIIC Chairman Mr. Abdul Qadir and the CIIC team met Shri S. Krishnan, IAS, Secretary, MeitY, Government of India. The discussion centered on aligning CIIC's innovation and incubation goals with Digital India and IndiaAI missions. CIIC presented its vision to nurture deep tech startups in AI, IoT, robotics, and advanced digital technologies, empowering innovators from Tier II and Tier III cities to lead India's tech future.

21-MAY-25



Catalyzing India's Digital & AI Future

CIIC Chairman Mr. Abdul Qadir and the CIIC team had the privilege of meeting Shri Abhishek Singh, IAS, Additional Secretary, MeitY, Government of India. The discussion explored how CIIC's incubation and innovation capabilities can align with national missions like Digital India and IndiaAI. With proven expertise in deep tech, biotech, and Industry 4.0, CIIC reaffirmed its commitment to driving India's digital transformation through funding, mentorship, and world-class infrastructure for emerging startups.

21-MAY-25



Expanding Deep Tech Opportunities Across India

CIIC Chairman Mr. Abdul Qadir and the CIIC team met Mr. Panneerselvam (PS) Madanagopal, CEO, MeitY Startup Hub, Government of India, to chart new pathways for empowering deep tech innovators in Tier II and Tier III cities. The discussion centered on enhancing support through funding, mentorship, and state-of-the-art infrastructure for startups in AI, robotics, IoT, biotech, and other related fields. Together, CIIC and MeitY Startup Hub are working to bridge the innovation divide and spotlight breakthrough technologies emerging from every corner of India.

21-MAY-25



Powering Early-Stage Innovation Through Startup India

CIIC Chairman Mr. Abdul Qadir and the CIIC team engaged in an insightful discussion with Ms. Palak Kaur Bhatia, Head of Startup India, to accelerate support for early-stage founders. The conversation centered on simplifying access to SISFS and other key funding avenues, strengthening mentorship, and opening market pathways. With CIIC's incubation strength and Startup India's national platform, this collaboration aims to streamline the investment journey and enable high-potential startups to scale with confidence.

22-MAY-25



Building DeepTech Partnerships with IHFC – IIT Delhi

CIIC Chairman Mr. Abdul Qadir and the team visited the I-Hub Foundation for Cobotics (IHFC) at IIT Delhi to explore strategic collaboration in emerging technologies. The delegation engaged with Mr. Ashutosh Dutt Sharma (CEO), Mr. Akash Sondhi (GM – Consulting & Campus Engagement), and Ms. Rashmi Tripathi (Manager – Engagement). The discussions focused on creating strong support systems for students, faculty, and startups working in Robotics, AI/ML, IoT, and DeepTech innovation.

22-MAY-25



Celebrating a Global Win in Sustainability Innovation

CIIC proudly celebrates Ms. Meenakshi, founder of EETA Sustainable Solutions Pvt. Ltd., for winning the prestigious beVisioneers "Pioneer Grant." Selected as a fellow of the Mercedes-Benz beVisioneers program, she now receives a €20,000 grant to accelerate her impactful sustainability venture. The fellowship empowers young innovators with world-class mentorship, hands-on learning, and global networks, marking a significant milestone for her journey and a proud moment for CIIC.

29-MAY-25



Welcoming Inivayal Agritech Limited to CIIC

We are delighted to welcome Inivayal Agritech Limited, led by Mr. S. Sadhish Prabhu, Assistant Professor, ECE, BSACIST, to the CIIC community. This visionary student startup is transforming agriculture through immersive virtual simulations that bring modern, sustainable farming practices to life. CIIC is proud to support such promising innovators who are redefining traditional agriculture with technology, creativity, and real-world impact, strengthening our mission of building a future-ready innovation ecosystem.

06-JUN-25



Vizai Engineering Secures 1.6 Cr Through TANSIM

We are proud that our incubatee, Vizai Engineering Pvt. Ltd., has secured 1.6 crore in funding under the TANSIM initiative by StartupTN. Specializing in advanced Material Handling Equipment and custom industrial solutions, Vizai is rapidly scaling with innovation at its core. This crucial funding support will accelerate their journey toward delivering sustainable, future-ready technologies. StartupTN for strengthening Tamil Nadu's startup ecosystem.

11-JUL-25



CIIC x BSACIST: Driving Innovation Awareness in Schools

CIIC, in collaboration with BSACIST, conducted an interactive awareness program for principals and teachers from five Crescent school branches under the School Innovation Council (SIC) initiative of the Ministry of Education and AICTE. The session highlighted how robotics-aided teaching and AI can transform early learning, making STEM concepts more engaging, interactive, and accessible. The program reinforced CIIC's commitment to empowering educators with future-ready teaching tools.

12-JUL-25



Strengthening Ties with Startup India Leadership

CIIC had a meaningful engagement with Ms. Mamatha Venkatesh, Vice President & Head of Startup India (DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GoI), to discuss our incubation initiatives and the growing impact of the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme. The discussion reinforced shared goals of empowering early-stage startups through stronger national, state collaboration.

24-JUL-25



Driving Deep Tech Collaboration with MeitY Startup Hub

The CIIC team had an impactful engagement with Mr. Panneerselvam (PS) Madanagopal, CEO of MeitY Startup Hub (MSH), Government of India, at their newly inaugurated office. The discussion opened exciting new avenues to accelerate deep-tech innovation across Tier II and Tier III cities through strategic collaboration and amplified support.

26-JUL-25



Engaging with Inflection Point Ventures

The CIIC team had an insightful interaction with Mr. Vartul Jain, Sr. Investment Analyst at Inflection Point Ventures, and Mr. Chintan Vyas, Principal Officer – IPV International Ventures, one of India's largest angel investment networks. The discussion highlighted the impact of IPV Ideaschool, a powerful platform shaping high-potential founders through mentorship, tools, and capital. With six startups launched and the next cohort underway.

26-JUL-25



Meeting with Atal Innovation Mission Leadership

The CIIC team visited Atal Innovation Mission and had the privilege of meeting Mr. Deepak Bagla, the newly appointed Mission Director, NITI Aayog. We were warmly received by Mr. Ashish Pandey, a Young Professional at AIM. During the discussion, Dr. Parvez, ED of AIC-CIIC, presented our incubator's journey and future roadmap in Smart & Clean Mobility, reinforcing CIIC's commitment to driving innovation aligned with India's national priorities.

26-JUL-25



Engaging with AI Trailblazer - Mr. Anand Arivukkarasu

CIIC was honored to host Mr. Anand Arivukkarasu, a veteran product leader with 20+ years across Big Tech, high-growth startups, and the global AI ecosystem. As Meta's former Head of Product Growth, he scaled business messaging from 10K to 20B monthly messages and helped build billion-dollar startups like GRIN and Refersion. After his powerful talk at BSACIST, he shared key insights on innovation and applauded CIIC's mission to shape India's next wave of tech leaders.

12-AUG-25



Celebrating 79 Years of Freedom & Innovation

CIIC marked India's 79th Independence Day with pride, purpose, and powerful reflections. The celebration was graced by Dr. N. Raja Hussain, Registrar, BSACIST & Board Director, CIIC, and Moulavi Dr. P. S. Syed Masood Jamali, Professor & Advisor, BSACIST & Board Advisor, CIIC. Through an inspiring discussion on "What Freedom Means to Us," the CIIC community celebrated freedom as a catalyst for creativity, responsibility, and nation-building, fueling our commitment to shape a brighter, innovation-led future.

15-AUG-25



Strengthening Corporate - Startup Innovation Pathways

CIIC was pleased to host Mr. Purushothaman K, Head – Government Affairs (States), Cognizant Technology Solutions, along with Dr. K. Srinivasan, Dean, Crescent School of Business. The discussion sparked exciting possibilities around corporate-startup collaboration, spotlighting how industry and innovation can propel each other forward. As we gear up for the upcoming Corporate Hackathon, CIIC looks forward to joining hands with Cognizant to accelerate breakthrough solutions and entrepreneurial growth.

19-AUG-25



Hon'ble Minister Thiru. T. M. Anbarasan Visits CIIC

CIIC and BSACIST were honoured to host Hon'ble Thiru. T. M. Anbarasan, Minister for MSME, Government of Tamil Nadu, for an insightful interaction on strengthening the MSME landscape. We shared CIIC's latest initiatives and the progress of our upcoming CIIC Madurai campus, designed to empower MSMEs through incubation, capacity building, and innovation-driven programs. The visit marked a promising step toward boosting entrepreneurship and enabling MSMEs to grow and compete confidently.

19-AUG-25



Catalyzing Innovation with STPI at Saksham 2025

At Saksham 2025 in Bhubaneswar, CIIC joined a dynamic capacity-building program designed to uplift India's tech startup enablers. Our team had the privilege of interacting with Shri. Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI, and Shri. Subodh Sachan, Director, STPI, is gaining insights into STPI's nation-wide innovation engine. With 24+ Centres of Entrepreneurship and world-class domain-specific CoEs, STPI continues to accelerate India's transformation into a global leader in software products and emerging tech.

20-AUG-25



Insights on Technology Transfer Excellence

At Saksham 2025, the CIIC team had the opportunity to engage with Dr. Bijay Kumar Sahu, Senior Regional Manager & Head (Outreach Office), NRDC. He shared powerful insights on the end-to-end landscape of Technology Transfer, covering licensing, assignments, spin-offs, JDAs, IP ownership, valuation, infringement, enforcement, and ADR. His guidance provided startups with a clear roadmap to move confidently from breakthrough innovation to successful market commercialization.

21-AUG-25



Engaging with MeitY Startup Hub Leadership

The CIIC team had an insightful interaction with Dr. Panneerselvam (PS) Madanagopal, CEO of MeitY Startup Hub, Govt. of India, during Saksham 2025. As the driving force behind India's digital transformation, MeitY is shaping innovation, cybersecurity, e-Governance, and emerging tech growth. The discussion highlighted MeitY's mission to build a digitally empowered Bharat by enabling research, global linkages, and startup advancement.

24-AUG-25



Strengthening India's Incubation Network with ISBA Leadership

At Saksham 2025, the CIIC team had the privilege of meeting Dr. Prasad Menon, Vice President of ISBA and CEO of CIBA, Mumbai. The interaction offered rich insights into effective incubation models, policy advocacy, and capacity-building frameworks for emerging startups. He also highlighted ISBA's national and global outreach programs, mentoring systems, and flagship initiatives that elevate India's innovation landscape. CIIC looks forward to deeper collaboration to empower a thriving startup ecosystem.

24-AUG-25



Insights from 247VC: Powering Founder Readiness

At Saksham 2025, the CIIC team engaged in a high-impact session with Mr. Shashank Randev, Founder & General Partner, 247VC. He unpacked the essentials of startup valuation, SRL (1-10), and the core elements of a winning pitch, problem clarity, market size, traction, team strength, and compliance. He also shed light on scalability assessment, cap tables, equity structuring, and funding-round dynamics. Backed by 247VC's founder-first approach, the session empowered startups to think big and build for Bharat's next growth wave.

24-AUG-25



Driving the Future of Experiential Tech

CIIC had the privilege of hosting Dr.M.Manivannan, Professor at IIT Madras & Head of XTIC, along with Mr. Ganesh S, General Manager – Learning Experience at ASME India. A pioneer in VR and Haptics, Dr. Manivannan, together with Mr. Ganesh, shared powerful insights on experiential technologies and innovation. Their visit sparked promising discussions on enabling startups in VR, Haptics, and immersive tech. CIIC looks forward to exploring impactful collaborations with XTIC, IIT Madras, and ASME India.

25-AUG-25



Dr. Sunil K Shekhawat – Powering India's DeepTech Leap

CIIC was honoured to host Dr. Sunil K Shekhawat, CEO of SanchiConnect, who shared how their thriving DeepTech community is accelerating India's innovation momentum. With 3000+ startups, 450+ VC funds, and 50+ corporate partners, SanchiConnect is shaping breakthroughs across AI/ML, AR/VR, Robotics, Quantum Computing, IoT, and Energy Storage. The interaction opened new possibilities for collaboration, reinforcing a shared vision to drive India's DeepTech-led trillion-dollar future.

25-AUG-25



Hyundai Motor Company, Seoul – A Vision Exchange for the Future of Mobility

CIIC had the honour of hosting Mr. Choe Je Wu, Head of Space Design Team 1, Hyundai Motor Company (Seoul), and Mr. Edwin Jayaprakash M, Senior Manager, Hyundai Motor India Ltd. The delegation shared visionary insights on global mobility, innovative design, and future-ready spaces, opening doors for potential collaboration. The visit also included an interaction with the School of Architecture at BSACIST, showcasing design excellence and exploring synergies for Hyundai's upcoming state-of-the-art mobility innovation centre.

27-AUG-25



Global Partnerships That Expand CIIC's Horizon

At CIIC, innovation thrives through global collaboration. We were delighted to host Prima Enterprise LLP, a women-led Indo-German venture driving cross-border opportunities through BIER - Business, Innovation, Education & Research. Discussions opened pathways for a Startup Exchange Program to enable global scale for Indian founders. We also welcomed Mr. V. Vijay Kumar from PUM Netherlands Senior Experts, exploring ecosystem-level collaborations to strengthen SMEs through global expertise. Together, these partnerships are shaping CIIC's vision of taking local innovation to global impact.

10-SEP-25



PACE Group Leadership Visit

CIIC had the privilege of hosting Mr. Abdullah Ibrahim, Vice Chairman of the Board, PACE Group, for an inspiring interaction at the Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council. The visit fostered meaningful dialogue between two institutions united by a common vision of strengthening education, nurturing innovation, and developing future-ready leaders. Under the leadership of Dr. P. A. Ibrahim Haji, PACE Group has set remarkable benchmarks in educational excellence, including multiple Guinness World Records that celebrate unity, creativity, sustainability, and global harmony. The interaction reinforced shared values and possibilities for impactful collaboration.

17-NOV-25



SEIAA Karnataka & Academic Leaders Visit

CIIC was pleased to host Mr. Lakshmikanth H. M., Member, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Karnataka, constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, along with Prof. (Dr.) Hebatallah Adam, Associate Dean for Doctoral Studies, Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA), and Dr. Abdul Wahid Farooqi, Department of Commerce, Zakir Husain Delhi College. The visit enabled insightful interactions on sustainability, policy perspectives, research integration, and innovation-led development, reinforcing CIIC's commitment to responsible innovation and academic-policy collaboration.

18-NOV-25



UNITAR Malaysia Team Visit to CIIC

CIIC was honoured to host the UNITAR Malaysia team, a globally respected institution dedicated to capacity building through training, diplomacy education, and SDG-driven learning. The visit followed UNITAR's strategic collaboration with BSACIST and included an in-depth tour of CIIC's innovation ecosystem, startup laboratories, and advanced facilities. The delegation interacted with the CIIC team and observed how ideas are nurtured from concept to scalable impact. With a legacy of empowering over 550,000 learners annually since 1965, UNITAR's visit marked a meaningful exchange and laid the foundation for stronger global collaborations aligned with sustainable development goals.

21-NOV-25



TN-RISE Women Start-up Council Visit

CIIC hosted the TN-RISE Women Start-up Council team, including Mr. Praveen Rajan, Project Lead – Product Development, and Ms. Brigitta Francis, Project Associate, for an in-depth interaction on CIIC's incubation practices and startup support frameworks. The visit focused on exploring collaboration opportunities such as co-incubation models, shared access to prototyping and product development facilities, mentor network exchange, and expanded support mechanisms for women-led startups across Tamil Nadu. The engagement offered valuable insights into CIIC's approach to nurturing innovation and creating market pathways, marking a positive step toward strengthening women entrepreneurship in the state.

22-NOV-25



Mr. Zerin Rahiman's Visit to CIIC

CIIC had the privilege of hosting Mr. Zerin Rahiman, Co-founder of IndigoEdge Management Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. and Managing Partner at PixelSky Capital, in the presence of Mr. Abdul Qadir, Chairman, CIIC & Pro Chancellor, BSACIST, and Dr. N. Raja Hussain, Registrar, BSACIST & Director, CIIC. The interaction enabled insightful discussions on strengthening startup-industry linkages, strategic growth, and access to global investment networks, reinforcing CIIC's commitment to nurturing a future-ready startup ecosystem.

08-DEC-25



Meeting with Mr. N. Balasubramanian - Renault Nissan

The CIIC team had a productive interaction with Mr. N. Balasubramanian, Vice President – Product Engineering, Renault Nissan Technology & Business Centre India. The discussion explored shared visions for mobility innovation, upcoming initiatives, and opportunities for industry-startup collaboration to strengthen the mobility ecosystem. The Renault Nissan team was also invited to visit CIIC to experience its infrastructure, startups, and innovation capabilities, paving the way for future partnerships in next-generation mobility solutions.

21-DEC-25



Interaction with the Department of Fisheries, Government of India

The CIIC team engaged in a productive interaction with senior officials from the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, including Shri V. Srinivasa Rao, Director of Fisheries; Shri Subhash Chandra, Director (IT & e-Governance); and Shri Utpal Nath, Joint Director. Discussions focused on leveraging technology, innovation, and startup-driven solutions to strengthen the fisheries ecosystem, marking a positive step toward collaborative, sustainable growth through government-startup partnerships.

26-DEC-25



Interaction with EDII, Ahmedabad

The CIIC team met representatives of the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, and Mentor Institute for CIIC LBI Madurai in Delhi to explore future collaborations. The interaction with Dr. Rajeev Sharma, Associate Professor & In-Charge, SME Development and NCR Office, and Mr. Gopal Kumar Roy, Associate Faculty, focused on entrepreneurship development, capacity building, and collaborative programs. Discussions emphasized strengthening MSME support initiatives through CIIC's Madurai branch to drive regional innovation and enterprise growth.

26-DEC-25



Visit to Softgel Healthcare Private Limited

The CIIC team visited Softgel Healthcare Private Limited and held productive discussions with the leadership team, led by Mr. Vijay Alagappan, Managing Director, along with Mr. Surendra Kumar Polavarapu, CEO, Mr. Hari Prasath, Chief of Staff, and Mr. Balamurugan, HR. The interaction explored industry-startup collaboration, innovation support, technology adoption, and talent development for BSACIST students. As a CSR recipient of Softgel Healthcare, CIIC also discussed initiatives focused on women's skill development and training in the pharmaceutical sector.

26-DEC-25



Softgel Visit To CIIC

Mr. Surendra Kumar Polavarapu, Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Hari Prasath, Chief of Staff, and Mr. Balamurugan, HR, from Softgel Healthcare Private Limited, visited CIIC and interacted with the BSACIST – Crescent School of Pharmacy team to discuss avenues for future collaboration.

The discussions focused on strengthening industry-academia engagement, innovation support, technology adoption, and talent development, creating valuable exposure and opportunities for BSACIST students. As the CSR partner of Softgel Healthcare, CIIC continues to drive impactful initiatives that reflect a shared vision for inclusive growth and long-term ecosystem development.

06-JAN-26



Mr.Rajeev Sharma, Chief Human Resources Officer at Royal Enfield

The CIIC team had a productive interaction with Mr.Rajeev Sharma, Chief Human Resources Officer at Royal Enfield, along with our Mentor Mr.Subhash Chandra Bose, exploring perspectives on industry collaboration and talent development. The discussion focused on strengthening industry engagement, workforce readiness, and creating meaningful opportunities for innovation-driven initiatives. This interaction marks a step towards building stronger connections between industry leaders and the startup ecosystem, fostering future-ready talent and sustainable growth through collaboration.

07-JAN-26



Dr.Dax Ovid, Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia

The CIIC team had the pleasure of hosting Dr.Dax Ovid, Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia, along with Dr.S.Ranjani, Assistant Professor, School of Life Sciences. The interaction focused on academic exchange, research collaboration, and exploring opportunities to strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship in the life sciences domain. The visit marked a meaningful step towards fostering global academic-industry linkages and advancing research-driven startup initiatives.

08-JAN-26



Mr.Suresh Chandra Menon Visit to CIIC

The Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council (CIIC) was delighted to host Mr.Suresh Chandra Menon, renowned Indian actor and cinematographer, along with Mr.Sajid Sathak, Co-Chair, RICS-Crescent Centre of Excellence, Dr.K.Srinivasan, Dean, Crescent School of Business, and Mr.Ganesh Rathinam, CMO & Deputy Director, B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology. The distinguished guests visited CIIC for an immersive tour of the incubation facilities and innovation spaces. The interaction highlighted CIIC's vibrant startup ecosystem, industry collaborations, and ongoing efforts to nurture innovation, entrepreneurship, and creative excellence. The visit reflects CIIC's growing engagement with leaders from diverse domains, strengthening cross-sector connections and future collaborative possibilities.

08-JAN-26



MeiTY GENESIS – EiR Cohort 2 Beneficiaries

CIIC marks a key milestone with the first tranche release and agreement signing for MeiTY GENESIS – EiR Cohort 2, supporting BSACIST student innovators — Ms. Ramyashri S (Physics), Mr. Syed Mohamed Ibrahim B (B.Tech E&CE – 3rd year), Mr. S. Mohamed Shahid (B.Tech ECE – 4th year), Ms. Aysha N (B.Tech ECE – 4th year), and Mr. Vishnuprasad P (B.Tech E&CE – 3rd year). Each team receives 10 lakh (total 40 lakh) with mentorship to scale impact-driven solutions. We thank BSACIST University, the Dean, and HoD for their continued support.

09-JAN-26



Pongal Celebration at CIIC Madurai

Our CIIC Madurai Campus, in association with the Yeran Foundation, came alive with the spirit of Pongal. The grand celebration brought together tradition, culture, and community through vibrant festivities, joyful moments, and shared smiles. From festive activities to the warmth of togetherness, the event reflected the true essence of Pongal, gratitude, unity, and new beginnings. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the celebration memorable and meaningful. Together, we celebrated heritage, happiness, and the joy of giving back.

13-JAN-26



Pongal Celebration with Incubatee at CIIC Chennai

Pongal vibes at their best!

Our celebration was a grand blast, overflowing with laughter, fun, traditions, and unforgettable moments. From happy faces to festive energy, joy was in the air all day long.

Thank you to everyone who made this celebration so lively and memorable.

Wishing you all abundance, happiness, success, and sweet moments ahead. May your lives overflow with positivity just like our Pongalo pongal.

Happy Pongal to everyone!

14-JAN-26



Dr.Hameed Allaudeen visit to CIIC

Dr. Hameed Allaudeen, Advisor – Life Sciences, visited CIIC and BSACIST to explore collaboration in life sciences education, research, and startup ecosystem development, bringing over 30 years of global experience. The interaction was held in the presence of Mr. Abdul Qadir (Pro Chancellor, BSACIST & Chairman, CIIC), Mr. Abdul Cader (Trustee, BSACIST), Dr. A. Peer Mohamed (Vice-Chancellor (i/c), BSACIST), Dr. N. Thajuddin (Pro Vice-Chancellor, BSACIST & Advisor – CIIC), Dr. N. Raja Hussain (Registrar, BSACIST & Director – CIIC), Dr. S. Hemalatha (Professor & Dean, Crescent School of Life Sciences), and Dr. K. Ilango (Professor & Dean, Crescent School of Pharmacy). Discussions focused on academic-industry collaboration, startup mentoring, and strengthening BSACIST as a hub for life sciences innovation.

21-JAN-26



UEF team visited CIIC

The Vaniyambadi Muslim Educational Society (est. 1901), led by President Mr. P. Mohammed Yousuf, along with his team and the UEF team, visited the Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council (CIIC). The visit followed an interaction with our Advisor and UEF President, Mr. Ahmed Buhari. The engagement focused on understanding CIIC's innovation ecosystem, incubation initiatives, and opportunities for academic-industry, and Co- incubation collaborations marking a meaningful step toward future partnerships and knowledge exchange.

26-JAN-26



The Republic Day Flag Unfurling Ceremony

The Republic Day Flag Unfurling Ceremony at CIIC & AIC-CIIC stood as a proud celebration of unity, leadership, and national values.

The occasion was graced by Mr.SKM.Abdul Cader, Chairman – Central Procurement, BSACIST & CIIC, as Chief Guest, along with MKE.Umer Abdul Cader, Founder, Makkal Sevai Arakattalai, Dr.A. Peer Mohamed, Vice Chancellor, Dr.N.Thajuddin, Pro Vice Chancellor, Moulavi Dr.P.S.Syed Masood Jamali, Professor & Advisor, BSACIST, and Board Advisor, CIIC, and Mr.V.N.A.Jalal, Advisor, BSACIST.

A truly memorable moment that reflected pride in our Republic and commitment to nation-building.

03-FEB-26



Softgel Inauguration

A landmark moment for healthcare innovation at CIIC

The grand inauguration of Softgel's SHPL Research & Innovation Centre (SRIC) at CIIC, in collaboration with BSACIST, was successfully held on February 5, marking a major milestone in strengthening industry-startup collaboration and advancing healthcare innovation. The inauguration was formally marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony, symbolising the launch of a new chapter in pharmaceutical research, innovation, and industry engagement at CIIC.

Following the ribbon cutting, the CIIC team and distinguished guests toured the Softgel facility, gaining first-hand insights into its advanced pharmaceutical infrastructure, R&D capabilities, and manufacturing processes that reflect Softgel's future-ready vision.

05-FEB-26



Mr. Minyong Yoon visited CIIC

Mr.Minhyong Yoon, Director for General Affairs and Professor, Department of Chemistry, Kyungpook National University, visited Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council (CIIC). The visit took place in the presence of the Department of Chemistry faculty, including Dr.S.Bhagavathy, Professor & Head; Dr. A. Shajahan, Associate Professor; Dr.N.Vasimalai, Assistant Professor (Sel. Gr.); and Dr.Sivagaami Sundari Gunasekaran, Assistant Professor

The interaction provided an opportunity for academic exchange and discussions on potential collaboration in research, innovation, and institutional engagement.

10-FEB-26



Mr. Ralf Zastrau visited CIIC

CIIC had the privilege of hosting Ralf Zastrau, Managing Director & CEO of SouthwestX, and Christine Regitz, President of the German Informatics Society, both Honorary Ambassadors of Saarland. They were joined by representatives from Prima Enterprise LLP and A. Peer Mohamed, Vice Chancellor of BS Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology and Advisor, CIIC.

The delegation toured CIIC's facilities, interacted with resident startups, and explored innovation journeys. Discussions focused on university-led innovation, cross-border collaboration, and enabling market access between Indian startups and the German-European ecosystem, fostering pathways for global growth and knowledge exchange.

18-FEB-26





Team CIIC and BSACIST signed an MoU in the presence of Dr.N.Raja Hussain (Registrar)

The CIIC team, along with the BS Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology team, signed an MoU with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research during the RISE Conclave 2026, in the presence of N. Raja Hussain.

The collaboration aims to strengthen the startup ecosystem through technology transfer, while enabling workshops, hackathons, and investor connects to drive sustainable innovation. The conclave was graced by Jitendra Singh and featured key collaborations, including a CSIR-NEERI-L&T partnership and the inauguration of a Centre of Excellence.

19- FEB-2026



RISE Conclave 2026

At the RISE Conclave 2026, the CIIC and AIC-CIIC teams, along with the BS Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology team, N Thajuddin, and N Raja Hussain, visited incubated startups including Celutron Innovations Private Limited, BotNine Innovation Pvt Ltd, Sivionx Technologies Private Limited, and Spandsons Horizon Engineering Pvt Ltd.

The interactions provided insights into their technologies, growth journeys, and future plans, while enabling stronger collaboration and ecosystem support. Engaging with these founders reinforced our commitment to nurturing scalable, impact-driven innovations and strengthening industry connections.

19-FEB-26



CIIC proudly signed a MoU with SouthwestX

CIIC proudly signed a MoU with SouthwestX, represented by Mr. Ralf Zastrau, Managing Director & CEO, SouthwestX, and Honorary Ambassador of Saarland, marking a significant step toward strengthening India-Germany innovation collaboration.

The MoU was formalized in the presence of Mr.Abdul Qadir, Chairman – CIIC & Pro Chancellor, BSACIST, Ms.Christine Regitz, President of the German Informatics Society and Honorary Ambassador of Saarland, and representatives from Prima Enterprise LLP- Ms.Mahalakshmi Vaddadi, Ms.Priti Prabhoo, and Mr.V.Vijay Kumar, Advisor to the Hon. Consul for the Netherlands and South India Representative of PUM Netherlands Senior Experts.

20-FEB-26



Dr. K. Ruckmani visited CIIC

CIIC had the privilege of welcoming Dr.K.Ruckmani, Director of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, who visited along with the BSACIST team. During her visit, she toured CIIC's incubation facilities and engaged in insightful discussions on fostering innovation, strengthening research-driven ventures, and advancing industry-startup collaboration. The interaction explored potential technical collaborations with NIPER, positioning CIIC as a collaborative bridge connecting pharma, biosimilar, biopharma, and broader life sciences startups with NIPER's scientific and translational expertise. Discussions covered joint research initiatives, funding pathways, technology validation, regulatory readiness, product development support, and market expansion opportunities, reinforcing CIIC's commitment to accelerating life sciences innovation and commercialization.

23-FEB-26



Team Madurai Famous Jigarthanda visited CIIC

The team from Madurai Famous Jigarthanda LLP—Mr. S. B. Saleem Zahir Hussain (Co-Founder & CEO), Mr. S. B. Aashik Meeran (Co-Founder & CMO), and Mr. B. Mohamed Bilal (Co-Founder & CFO)—visited CIIC to explore innovation-driven growth and collaboration. They toured the facilities to understand the incubation ecosystem, infrastructure, and technology support for scaling food and beverage enterprises. Discussions focused on food processing, product standardization, quality control, shelf-life enhancement, cold-chain solutions, packaging innovation, and automation. The team also shared their approach to modernizing traditional beverages, exploring collaboration opportunities to drive entrepreneurship, innovation, and sustainable business growth.

24-FEB-2026



Colaborative Initiative between Crescent & Babson

As part of the collaboration between Babson University and B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, students actively participated in the Babson Collaborative Webinar and received certification upon completion. Building on this initiative, CIIC will host a 30-team Local Challenge to shortlist the Top 5 teams for the Global Challenge.

Finalists can win prizes worth \$2,000-\$30,000, gain mentorship, international exposure, and compete for the Babson Build Scholarship bootcamp in Wellesley, USA, empowering student innovators to create global impact.

27-FEB-26



CIIC hosted Mr. Arshad Hisham, Founder and CEO, Chairman of the Board, inGen Dynamics

CIIC was delighted to host Mr. Arshad Hisham, Founder and CEO, Chairman of the Board, inGen Dynamics Inc., and Executive Leader, Engineer, Advisor, Board Member, Educator, and Investor from AH Innovations Group

During his visit, he toured our incubation and advanced lab facilities and engaged in insightful discussions with our leadership team. The interaction covered innovation strategy, deep-tech growth, investment and also on various collaborative activities. It was a meaningful exchange of ideas, experience, and vision with Mr.Arshad"

02-MAR-26



Mr.Anilkumar SG, Founder & CEO of Samunnati visited to CIIC

Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council was honored to host Anilkumar SG, Founder & CEO of Samunnati , during his visit in the presence of Abdul Qadir. The interaction highlighted Samunnati's vision of strengthening India's agricultural value chain through market access, finance, and innovation for farmers, FPOs, and agri-enterprises.

The discussion emphasized building inclusive and scalable agri ecosystems, reinforcing the importance of innovation and collaboration in transforming Indian agriculture.

19-MAR-26



CIIC hosted Ms. Divyashree Hegde

CIIC is pleased to host Ms. Divyashree Hegde, Country Manager – South India at Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ), a prominent global business hub in the UAE, supports startups, SMEs, and enterprises in expanding internationally through its investor-friendly ecosystem and strong market access.

The interaction focused on exploring opportunities for global market entry, business expansion, and strategic collaborations for startups and entrepreneurs. Such engagements enable CIIC startups to tap into international platforms, unlock scalable growth opportunities, and connect with global business networks.

19-MAR-26



Gnanamani College of Technology

Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council LBI Team conducted an impactful session on Certification, Compliance, Regulations, and Quality Standards for Exports for 75 students from the Department of Food Technology at Gnanamani College of Technology.

The session provided practical insights into making food products export-ready, market-ready, and globally competitive. A key highlight of the visit was the signing of an MoU with the Department of Food Technology, paving the way for collaboration in innovation, entrepreneurship, skill development, and industry-focused learning to nurture future-ready food entrepreneurs.

31-MAR-26



WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS



Campus Immersion & Innovation Exposure

CIIC hosted students from Islamiah Women's Arts and Science College, Vaniyambadi (Computer Applications), offering them a hands-on experience of emerging technologies and startup culture. During the visit, students explored our Intel Unnati Lab, IHFC Co-Innovation Center, and Startup Launchpad, engaging with Cobotics, AI/ML, IoT, Cloud Computing, and 3D Printing. They also gained a first-hand understanding of the entrepreneurial journey, how ideas evolve into impactful ventures. The interaction sparked curiosity, confidence, and a strong interest in innovation and problem-solving. This visit helped nurture future-ready minds, encouraging students to dream, build, and lead with purpose.

10-APR-25



Student Innovation Exposure Visit

CIIC welcomed 28 enthusiastic students from Agni Engineering College for an immersive incubation and innovation tour. The students explored our state-of-the-art labs and learned how startups are nurtured from idea to impact. They were introduced to key government support programs and experienced real-world applications in Life Sciences, Industry 4.0, Smart & Clean Mobility, and Defence technologies. The visit offered practical insights into entrepreneurship pathways, startup funding, and emerging tech opportunities.

10-APR-25



AICTE IDEA Lab Faculty Development Program

CIIC participated in the AICTE IDEA Lab Faculty Development Program at VTU Muddenahalli (April 15-19), organized in collaboration with AICTE, New Delhi. With our institute selected for the prestigious IDEA Lab initiative, we are set to transform student ideas into prototypes and startups. The sessions with Dr. N.H. Siddalinga Swamy (AICTE), Dr. L.N. Raghavendra (DRDO), and Dr. Ashwin Gowda (ATAL IDEA Lab) provided powerful insights, paving the way to build an innovation-driven, startup-ready ecosystem at CIIC.

23-APR-25



CIIC engaged the Crescent Girls' School community to promote Ministry of Education initiatives, including the School Innovation Council (SIC) and Atal Tinkering Laboratories, fostering early innovation awareness and student engagement.



As part of its outreach and capacity-building efforts, CIIC promoted innovation and entrepreneurship awareness among school communities by highlighting national initiatives such as the School Innovation Council (SIC) and Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) under NITI Aayog. A structured "Train the Trainers" program was conducted to equip educators with tools to foster problem-solving, design thinking, and experiential learning in classrooms. By strengthening educators' capabilities, the initiative aims to cultivate innovation-driven mindsets among students and encourage early exposure to creativity and real-world problem-solving. These efforts reflect CIIC's commitment to nurturing future-ready learners and building a strong foundation for grassroots innovation.



05-JUN-25



Recognition under the Innovation Voucher Program (IVP)

CIIC was recognized as a Knowledge Partner under the Innovation Voucher Program (IVP) implemented by the Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, Tamil Nadu (EDII-TN), Government of Tamil Nadu. Among 50+ knowledge partners and 400+ beneficiaries across the state, CIIC supported 64 startups through mentoring, innovation facilitation, and ecosystem support. This recognition underscores CIIC's commitment to strengthening the startup ecosystem and enabling innovation-driven enterprises. CIIC acknowledges the continued support of EDII-TN and government stakeholders in fostering entrepreneurship and scalable innovation across Tamil Nadu.

17-JUL-25



World Youth Skills Day 2025 - Youth Empowerment Initiative

On the occasion of World Youth Skills Day 2025, CIIC conducted an awareness session at Crescent Yousuf Zulaikha School of Nursing, Madurai, focusing on youth empowerment through AI and digital skills. The program emphasized innovation, digital readiness, and the importance of emerging technologies in enhancing employability. Speakers highlighted the role of Livelihood Business Incubators (LBI) under the ASPIRE scheme in fostering entrepreneurship and skill development. The initiative reflects CIIC's commitment to strengthening youth capabilities and promoting future-ready competencies.

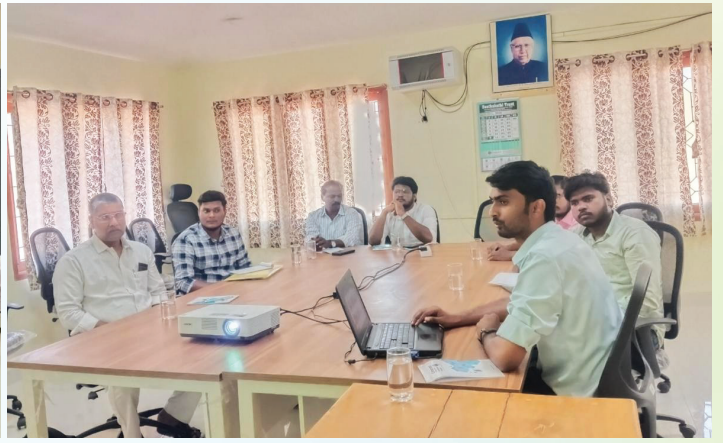
17-JUL-25



Startup Funding Support under IVP

CIIC-supported startups Shelfi IoT Solutions and Kathaipetti secured 3 lakhs each under Voucher A of the Innovation Voucher Program (IVP) implemented by Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, Tamil Nadu (EDII-TN). The funding supports product development and innovation acceleration. This achievement reflects CIIC's commitment to enabling startup growth through financial linkages, mentoring, and ecosystem support, helping emerging ventures translate innovative ideas into market-ready solutions.

17-JUL-25



Stakeholder Session on Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs)

A one-day stakeholder session on Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) under the ASPIRE scheme was successfully conducted at CIIC Madurai. The session brought together key stakeholders committed to rural innovation and inclusive growth. Discussions highlighted how LBIs empower rural youth, women, and micro-entrepreneurs through skill development, mentoring, and infrastructure support. Success stories in eco-friendly products and food processing demonstrated the potential of local enterprises to drive sustainable livelihoods, employment generation, and community-level economic development.

17-JUN-25



IP Conclave 2025

CIIC, along with incubated startups Accelerd Sciences and KY Technologies, participated in IP Conclave 2025, a premier forum on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and innovation. The event featured expert sessions on IP strategy, global frameworks, commercialization, and innovation protection. It provided valuable opportunities to engage with IP professionals, legal experts, and ecosystem enablers. The participation strengthened CIIC's commitment to supporting startups in safeguarding innovations and leveraging effective IP strategies for sustainable growth and competitiveness.

02-AUG-25



NIDHI PRAYAS – Power-Packed Innovation Bootcamp at CIIC

The NIDHI PRAYAS One-Day Innovation Bootcamp delivered a high-impact learning journey for early-stage founders. Sessions covered investor-ready technical documentation by Dr. Sheela Sasikumar, early adopter identification and market validation by Mr. Navaneetha Krishnan Sankaraiah, and startup legal essentials by Mr. Dinesh Paul. The bootcamp concluded with a vibrant networking session, sparking collaboration and idea exchange, fueling founders to build bold and scale smart.

09-JUL-25



Genesis EIR – One-Day Innovation Bootcamp

The Genesis EIR One-Day Innovation Bootcamp brought founders a deep dive into funding, IP, and financial readiness. Mr. Navaneetha Krishnan opened with a session on aligning innovation with grant opportunities, followed by Mr. Dinesh Paul and Dr. Sudarkodi's practical guidance on patenting, technology transfer, revenue models, and audits. The bootcamp equipped early-stage startups with actionable strategies to build strong, investment-ready ventures.

09-JUL-25



Samridh Accelerator – Powering Startups to Scale

The Samridh Accelerator Program at CIIC delivered transformative insights on scaling, funding, and strategy. Mr. Chandrashekar Kupperi decoded real-world challenges, from distribution hurdles to global investor trends and India's unicorn landscape. Mr. Navaneetha Krishnan guided startups on aligning product milestones with grant opportunities, while Mr. Prabu provided hands-on inputs to startups like Plugmart on tech positioning, OCPP compliance, and investor-ready documentation.

09-JUL-25

GDC I-NDUCT Innovation Workshop Series



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CIIC hosted the 3-day GDC I-NDUCT workshop for Crescent students and faculty, fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and academic transformation. The program featured expert sessions from GDC leadership on innovation ecosystems, entrepreneurial mindset, startup fundamentals, and common founder pitfalls. Participants engaged in customer discovery exercises, real-world problem-solving challenges, IPR awareness sessions, and ecosystem mapping activities. One-on-one mentoring, idea discussions, and presentations strengthened practical understanding. The workshop also introduced GDC's flagship programs, I-NITIAE and I-NCUBATE, encouraging deeper engagement with the startup ecosystem. The valedictory session, attended by CIIC and BSACIST leadership, concluded with certificate distribution and networking, marking a transformative learning experience for participants.

Navigyaan



A grand beginning to innovation marked the launch of Navigyaan – From EDUC8 to INNOV8, presented by ARAI-AMTIF and powered by CIIC & StartupTN, inaugurated with great enthusiasm at our campus through a ceremonial lamp lighting by esteemed dignitaries including Dr. K. Subramanian (Ashok Leyland), Mr. Sudeep Ambare (ARAI-AMTIF), Mr. Nikunj Panchal (StartupTN), Dr. N. Raja Hussain (BSACIST & CIIC), Dr. Parvez Alam (CIIC), Dr. Nisha Mukund (CIIC), and Ms. Sanjana Iyer (ARAI-AMTIF), setting the tone for a transformative journey where education meets innovation.

Navigyaan



Navigyaan



The event featured a special felicitation ceremony honoring key contributors to the ecosystem, reflecting strong industry-academia-startup collaboration, followed by an inspiring keynote by Dr. K. Subramanian who shared his journey from academia to General Electric, emphasizing strategic thinking, market understanding, team building, investor connect, and practical execution for young startups, further energizing the audience through interactive exchanges; a major highlight was his symbolic test ride on the Raptee EV, showcasing the strength of collaborative innovation, while Mr. Sivarajah Ramanathan (StartupTN) shared insights on Tamil Nadu's growing leadership in EVs and the need for enhanced testing infrastructure through collaborations with ARAI-AMTIF, reinforcing the state's innovation vision; the sessions also featured impactful talks by Mr. Alok (SBI) on startup funding opportunities and Mr. Irfanudeen S (CADFEM India) on digital engineering, alongside motivating insights from Mr. Sudeep Ambare on resilience and embracing failure, culminating in a dynamic grand finale with an engaging dialogue between Dr. Anuradda Ganesh (MHI Industry Accelerator PRMC) and Dr. Shankar Venugopal (Mahindra & Mahindra), sparking meaningful student interactions and concluding with a vibrant group photo capturing the spirit of innovation, collaboration, and future-ready leadership, while the CIIC team also extended its impact at Saksham 2025 in Bhubaneswar, engaging with STPI leaders including Shri Arvind Kumar and Shri Subodh Sachan, and acknowledging the support of Shri Panneerselvam Madanagopal and the STPI team in strengthening India's startup ecosystem and advancing the vision of a global tech-driven future.

Tech Hive Roadshow 2025



The Tech Hive Roadshow at CIIC Vandalur was a resounding success, uniting leaders, innovators, and startup enthusiasts from the mobility and automotive ecosystem. The event opened with a powerful inaugural session, followed by insightful talks on Tech Hive's vision to drive future mobility innovation. Esteemed speakers shared their journeys, highlighting advancements in research, collaboration, and electric mobility. The engaging Q&A session connected industry experts and the audience, sparking meaningful discussions on startup growth and emerging opportunities. The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, vibrant networking, and a grand group photo. Filled with energy, knowledge exchange, and collaboration, the roadshow set a strong foundation for accelerating innovation and building a smarter, sustainable mobility future.

Tech Hive Roadshow 2025



Tech Hive concluded on a powerful note. The CIIC & Tech Hive teams proudly felicitated all our distinguished speakers and panelists for their valuable insights. The evening wrapped up with a grand group photo and engaging discussions that sparked new ideas and collaborations.

The energy, knowledge exchange, and vision shared have set the stage for driving the future of mobility innovation. The event concluded with the National Anthem, marking a proud and unifying end. Together, we're accelerating towards a smarter, sustainable tomorrow.



CIIC was pleased to host students of Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College

CIIC was pleased to host students from the B.Sc. Agriculture department of Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College and Research Institute, Trichy, at the CIIC Livelihood Business Incubator, Madurai, as part of their RAWE (Rural Agricultural Work Experience) programme.

The visit featured an immersive tour and engaging discussions on CIIC's approach to supporting livelihood-based enterprises through capacity building, incubation support, value addition, and market connect, offering students meaningful exposure to rural entrepreneurship and agri-innovation.

03- FEB-2026



CIIC attended 2 days workshop at ISBA

The CIIC team had an enriching Day 1 at the HDFC-ISBA Managers Development Program (MDP) – Series II at SINE, IIT Bombay, an initiative by ISBA in collaboration with SINE, IIT Bombay, and supported by HDFC Bank Parivartan. The sessions featured Ms.Gladis Nair (Head – Operations, ISBA), Dr.Ramjee Pallela (Senior Consultant, ISBA), Mr.Prasad Shetty (Senior Vice President, SINE IIT Bombay), Mr.Prasad Menon (President, ISBA & CEO, CIBA), Mr.Niranjan Demanna (DVP – Venture Investments & Philanthropy, HDFC Bank), Mr.Ismail Akbani (CEO, AIC Mahindra – Case Study), and Ms.Susmita Ghosh (AVP – Investments, NSRCEL, IIM Bangalore). Key sessions covered “Foundations of Excellence: Setting Up and Operating Your Incubation Centre” and “The Startup Journey: Supporting Growth from Ideation to Exit.” Looking forward to impactful learning and discussions on Day 2.

04-FEB-26



CIIC hosted at Adhiparasakthi College

We were delighted to host 60 students and 4 faculty members from the IT Department of Adhiparasakthi College of Engineering at CIIC. The visit featured an interactive session focused on innovation, entrepreneurship, and emerging technologies, followed by a guided tour of our incubation and startup facilities.

Students gained valuable insights into the startup ecosystem, technology commercialization, and the journey from idea to impact. It was an enriching experience filled with curiosity, learning, and meaningful discussions.

We look forward to inspiring more young innovators to explore entrepreneurship and innovation-driven careers.

13- FEB-2026



CIIC hosted a tour for students and faculty of Bay school

CIIC had the pleasure of hosting 71 students and 8 faculty members from The Bay International School for an engaging tour of our AICTE IDEA Lab and Centre of Life Sciences. The session has been successfully completed, offering students valuable exposure to advanced facilities, hands-on learning environments, and real-world applications of science and innovation.

The enthusiasm and curiosity displayed by the students made the visit truly memorable. We are proud to continue inspiring young minds through experiential learning and innovation-driven exploration.

13-FEB-26



The Sanger Sequencing Hands-on Training Program at CIIC

From bench to base calls, sequencing was executed with precision at the Sanger Sequencing Hands-on Training Program at CIIC in collaboration with Qbiogen. Curated for a focused cohort of 10 participants, including PhD scholars, faculty members, and research students, the program delivered hands-on exposure to the complete capillary sequencing workflow, from template preparation to high-quality chromatogram analysis. Participants developed proficiency in nucleic acid purification, quantification, cycle sequencing, electrophoresis, and fluorescence detection. Strong emphasis was placed on quality control, data accuracy, peak assessment, and reproducibility under GLP-aligned laboratory standards.

17-FEB-26



CIIC, Madurai hosted a Pitching Skills Session in association with TN-RISE

Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council, in association with TNRISE, successfully hosted a Capacity Building Training on Pitching Skills for aspiring entrepreneurs. The program focused on pitch deck preparation, business model canvas development, and impactful presentation techniques. Guided by the CIIC team, mentors, and industry experts, participants engaged in interactive discussions, practical exercises, and group presentations to refine their business ideas. The initiative empowered entrepreneurs with strategic communication skills and confidence to effectively present their ventures and unlock new opportunities for growth.

13-MAR-2026



Collaborative Initiative between Crescent & Babson

As part of the collaboration between Crescent and the Babson Collaborative, Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council successfully hosted the Local Challenge pitching session, where 30 student teams presented innovative startup ideas across diverse domains. The session showcased strong creativity, problem-solving, and entrepreneurial thinking, while providing participants an opportunity to pitch, receive expert feedback, and demonstrate their potential before evaluators. The enthusiasm and quality of ideas reflected the growing startup culture on campus.

The Top 3 teams will soon be shortlisted to represent Crescent in the Global Challenge under the Babson Collaborative platform.

13-MAR-26



Awareness Session at Madurai - LBI

Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council LBI Madurai team recently conducted an awareness session for 35 students from the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at The American College.

The session highlighted entrepreneurship opportunities and the role of the Livelihood Business Incubator in supporting startups and innovators in the food and agribusiness sector. Students gained insights into incubation facilities, mentorship, funding support, and market opportunities, while actively engaging in discussions and exploring ways to build sustainable and impactful entrepreneurial ventures.

20-MAR-2026



MADITSSIA - BIC

Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council LBI team conducted an engaging awareness session on the ASPIRE Scheme at MADITSSIA - BIC, connecting with aspiring entrepreneurs from the food processing and agriculture sectors.

The session highlighted opportunities in innovation, skill development, and access to modern technology for building self-reliant enterprises. Participants gained insights into machinery access, entrepreneurial guidance, and sustainable business development in the agri and food sectors. The enthusiastic participation reflected a growing spirit of livelihood-driven innovation and enterprise creation.

30-MAR-26

