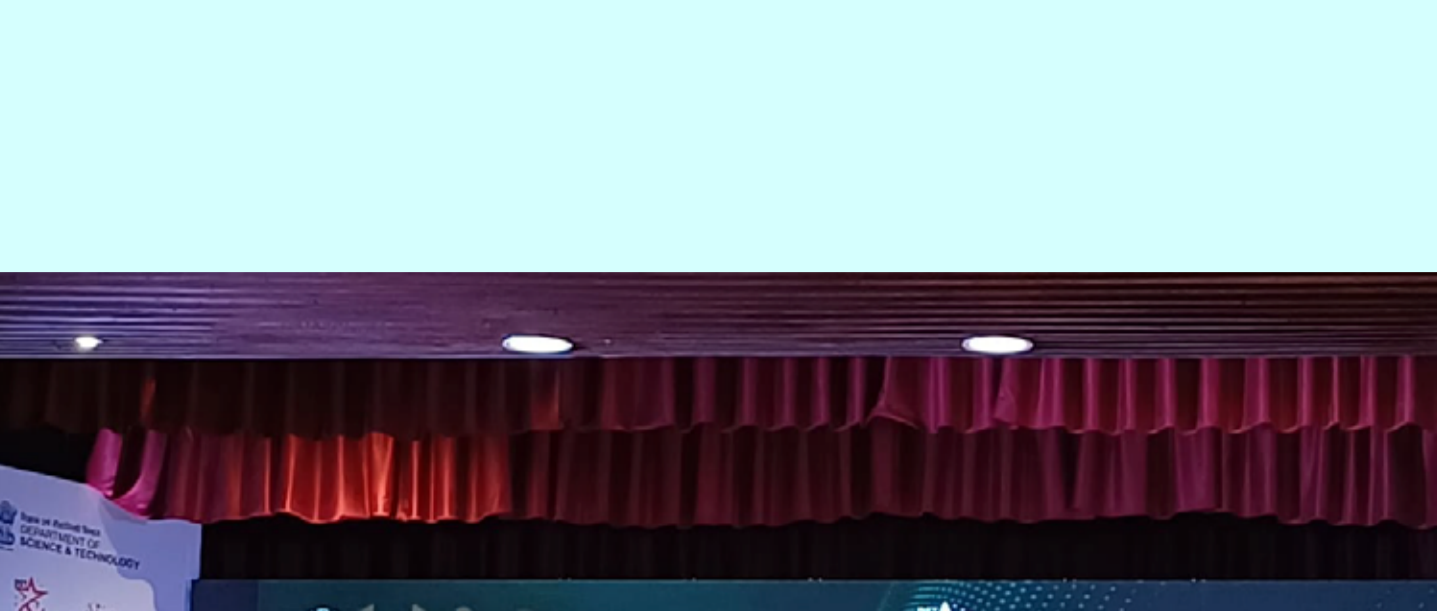




## GOPALAKRISHNAN-DESHPANDE CENTRE FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



**In the Pic:** Mr. Raghuttama Rao, CEO of GDC, at the official launch of the DST-GDC I-NCUBATE Program. On stage from (left to right): Dr. Praveen Roy, Head of Scientific Divisions (DST); Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary of DST, and Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director of IIT Delhi.

### Unveiling DST-GDC I-NCUBATE: Transforming Research into Real-World Impact

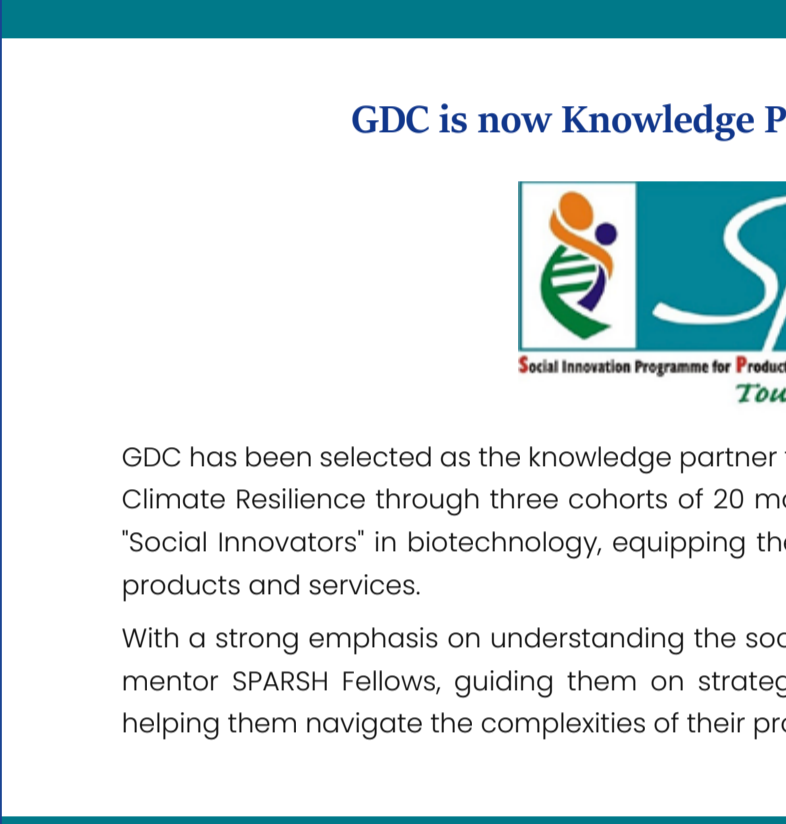
On September 8, 2024, a significant milestone was achieved with the launch of the DST-GDC I-NCUBATE Program, officiated by Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. This initiative is set to empower over 500 colleges nationwide, addressing a critical challenge: the disconnect between innovative research and its market application.

The DST-GDC I-NCUBATE Program is designed to bridge this gap, inspiring faculty, researchers, and students to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset that aligns their pioneering research with real-world needs. By moving beyond traditional boundaries, participants will discover how to harness their ideas for impactful solutions.

Who can benefit from this program? Faculty members, Principal Investigators, and early-stage startup founders eager to turn their research into reality are invited to embark on this transformative journey.

As we set out on this exciting path, stay tuned for updates on cohort dates and application details.

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**In the Pic:** Mr. Raghuttama Rao, CEO of GDC (fourth from the left), alongside Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan (center), co-founder of GDC, and fellow jury members

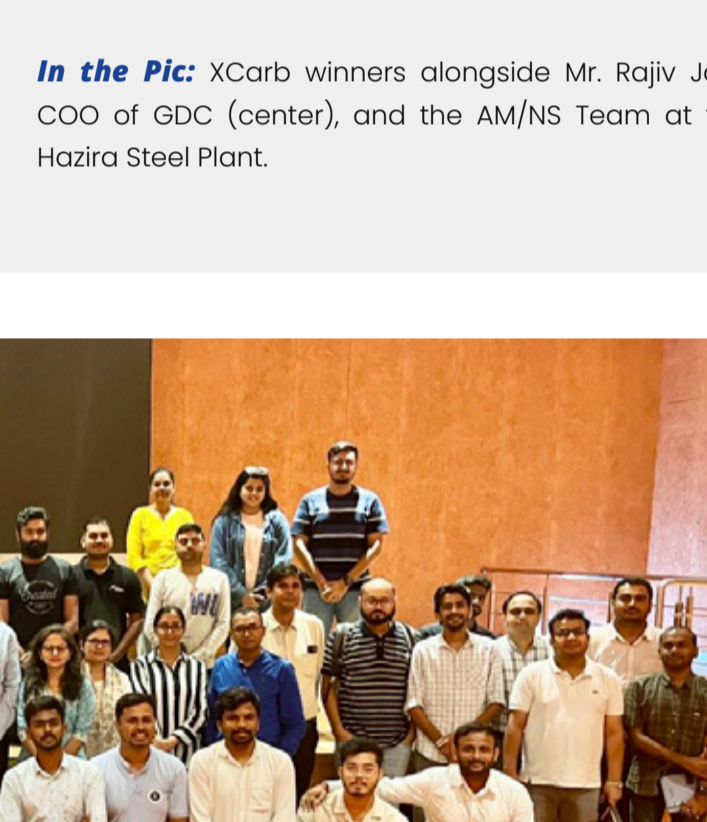
### CII Startuppreneur Awards 2024

At the recent CII National Startup Conference on July 30, 2024, GDC's CEO, Mr. Raghuttama Rao, had the honor of serving as a jury member for the prestigious CII Startuppreneur Awards 2024.

A heartfelt congratulations to all the winners for their outstanding contributions to the startup community!

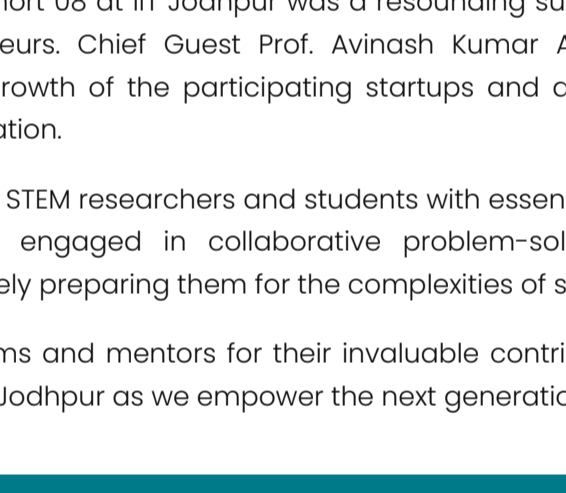
### Inspirathon 2.0 at Sri Sairam Engineering College, Chennai

On July 4, 2024, GDC's CMO, Mr. M. Subramanian, took the stage as the chief guest at *Inspirathon 2.0*, hosted by Sairam Institutions. This dynamic initiative aimed to cultivate a spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship among students and faculty alike. In his keynote address, Mr. Subramanian shared compelling anecdotes from his own industry journey, emphasizing the power of collaborative problem-solving and encouraging participants to transcend conventional boundaries.



**In the Pic:** Mr. M. Subramanian addressing the audience at *Inspirathon 2.0*

### GDC is now Knowledge Partner for BIRAC-SPARSH



GDC has been selected as the knowledge partner for BIRAC-SPARSH for the next five years, focusing on Climate Resilience through three cohorts of 20 months each. The SPARSH initiative aims to empower "Social Innovators" in biotechnology, equipping them to address critical societal needs with relevant products and services.

With a strong emphasis on understanding the social, economic, and environmental context, GDC will mentor SPARSH Fellows, guiding them on strategic aspects like market fit and industry alignment helping them navigate the complexities of their projects.

### Bridging Research and Market Application through Open Innovation

As we reflect on the recently concluded XCarb® India Accelerator Programme 2023, launched by ArcelorMittal, it's clear how GDC played a pivotal role in enhancing the journey of participating startups. Through structured business mentorship, GDC equipped these innovators for investment readiness, refining their technologies and business models to meet the demands of the competitive steel industry.

Curious to explore the transformative outcomes of this initiative?

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**In the Pic:** XCarb winners alongside Mr. Rajiv Jain, COO of GDC (center), and the AM/NS Team at the Hazira Steel Plant.



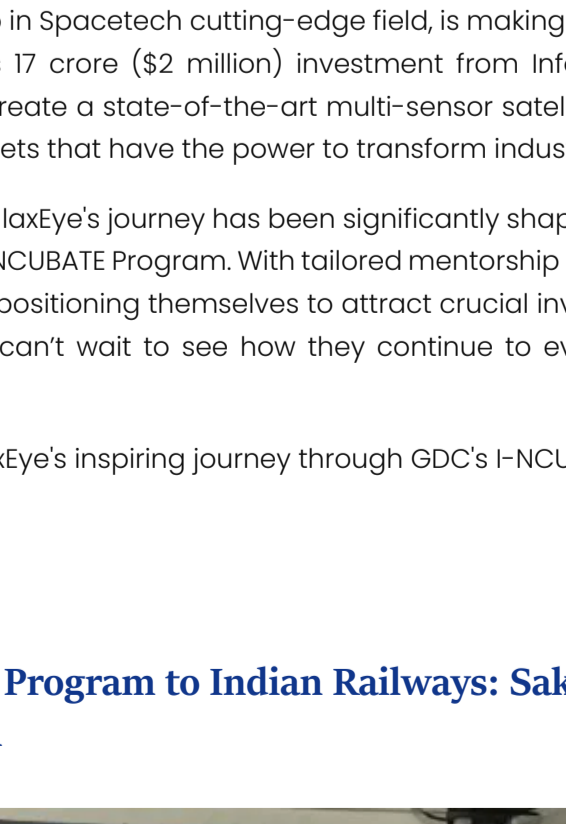
**In the Pic:** I-NDUCT Teams with Chief Guest Prof. Avinash Kumar Agarwal, Director of IIT Jodhpur, and GDC instructors, celebrating a successful cohort.

### Finale of GDC's I-NDUCT Cohort o8 at IIT Jodhpur

The finale of GDC's I-NDUCT Cohort 08 at IIT Jodhpur was a resounding success, highlighting the innovative ideas from aspiring entrepreneurs. Chief Guest Prof. Avinash Kumar Agarwal, Director of IIT Jodhpur, commended the remarkable growth of the participating startups and acknowledged GDC's unwavering commitment to nurturing innovation.

GDC's I-NDUCT Program, equips STEM researchers and students with essential entrepreneurial skills over four immersive weeks. Participants engaged in collaborative problem-solving, experiential learning, and real-world case studies, effectively preparing them for the complexities of startup life.

A heartfelt thank you to all teams and mentors for their invaluable contributions. GDC eagerly anticipates continued collaboration with IIT Jodhpur as we empower the next generation of innovators!



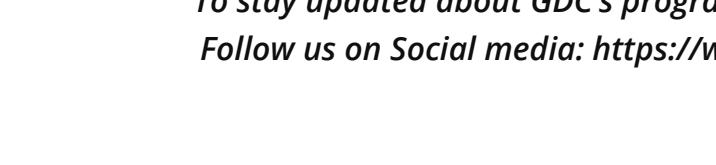
### Bridging Aspirations and Entrepreneurship: GDC's I-NITIATE Program

GDC's I-NITIATE program is designed to empower students as they explore their unique potential and reflect on their aspirations. By emphasizing self-discovery alongside essential entrepreneurial skills, I-NITIATE is shaping the next generation of innovators ready to make their mark in the world.

Curious about how this transformative journey unfolds?

[Read More](#) to dive into the details!

### GDC's I-NITIATE Cohort o4 at NIT Trichy



**In the pic:** Dr. G. Aghila, NIT Trichy Director, alongside GDC instructors presenting a participation certificate.

On September 11th, GDC concluded the I-NITIATE Cohort 04 with a closing workshop, showcasing the amazing journeys of eight teams from NIT Trichy. Participants dived deep into their entrepreneurial paths, gaining confidence and shifting from a product-centric focus to understanding their customers' real needs.

The best part? Participants discovered tons of new opportunities that broadened their perspectives beyond their initial visions. A heartfelt congratulations to all the teams for their dedication and growth—this cohort has set a new benchmark for what's achievable!

### GDC's I-NITIATE Cohort o5 at AIC Banasthali Vidyapith



**In the pic:** I-NITIATE Cohort 5 teams at the closing workshop.

On September 19th, GDC concluded Cohort 05 of its I-NITIATE Program at Banasthali Vidyapith, one of five higher education institutes in India dedicated exclusively to women's education. It has been an incredible journey! This cohort featured nine enthusiastic teams, each eager to ignite their entrepreneurial spirit.

Over the past two years, we've run three exciting programs including I-NITIATE, all aimed at sparking the entrepreneurial spirit among Banasthali Vidyapith students. This ongoing partnership reflects our commitment to enhancing the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem at Banasthali Vidyapith. We're not just helping students become entrepreneurs; we're building a vibrant community ready to make an impact.



**In the Pic:** Mr. Rajiv Kumar Jain, COO of GDC, and Mr. KV Anand, CIO of GDC, engaging at the TiIC Accelerator workshop

### TiIC Accelerator Program 2024: Empowering Health Tech Innovations

TiIC Accelerator Program 2024, an exciting initiative launched by TDK Corporation in collaboration with GDC is designed for aspiring health tech entrepreneurs, this program is not just about funding—it's about empowerment.

Kicking off with an immersive four-day workshop at IIT Madras, the program brings together talented startups ready to refine their groundbreaking ideas. Participants are immersed in a dynamic environment where they gain essential skills and insights tailored to the unique challenges of the healthcare landscape.

As they navigate this journey, these innovators will receive expert mentorship and training, helping them enhance their solutions and market readiness. The goal? To enable them to advance transformative health technologies that can truly impact lives.

Curious about the journeys these startups will embark on? Stay tuned as we reveal updates on their progress and the innovative breakthroughs sure to come from this remarkable program!

### GDC Startup News and Updates

#### Infosys to invest Rs 17 crore in spacetech startup GalaxEye



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GalaxEye, an innovative startup in Spacetech cutting-edge field, is making waves with exciting news: they've just secured an impressive Rs 17 crore (\$2 million) investment from Infosys! This significant funding will supercharge their mission to create a state-of-the-art multi-sensor satellite and synchronization platform, enabling high-resolution datasets that have the power to transform industries, from agriculture to defense.

What's fueling this success? GalaxEye's journey has been significantly shaped by the transformative support they received through GDC's I-NCUBATE Program. With tailored mentorship and strategic resources, the team honed their business strategy, positioning themselves to attract crucial investors. As they gear up to launch their first satellite in 2025, we can't wait to see how they continue to evolve and impact the spacetech landscape.

Eager to dive deeper into GalaxEye's inspiring journey through GDC's I-NCUBATE Program?

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#### From GDC's I-NCUBATE Program to Indian Railways: Sakar Robotics Unveils AI Linen Inspection System



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Sakar Robotics, benefiting from GDC's I-NCUBATE Program, is revolutionizing multiple sectors with innovative automation solutions. Initially focused on addressing manual scavenging in sewer cleaning, they have pivoted to tackle labor shortages in construction and beyond. Their AI-powered Linen Inspection and Sorting Assistant, USA, is now making waves with Indian Railways.

With a strong commitment to quality and efficiency, Sakar Robotics is poised for remarkable growth and innovation.

Read more about Sakar Robotics and their journey!

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