



## Institution's Innovation Council MoE's Innovation Cell

### YUKTI National Innovation Repository Idea/Innovation/Startup Submission Guideline

#### About YUKTI – National Innovation Repository (NIR)

YUKTI – National Innovation Repository (NIR) is an initiative of Ministry of Education (MoE) Government of India and being implemented by MoE's Innovation Cell and AICTE to build a system to repository of ideas, innovations and startups developed from academic institutions and enabling institutions to manage and nurture these innovations by offering continuous support in terms of one-to-one mentorship, grant assistance, referral and linkage with incubation units, connecting with Angel/Venture Capital (VC) investors network, knowledge agencies etc. Furthermore, the repository creation and maintenance in each HEI will also provide opportunity for innovations to take part in various national level innovation and start-up challenges/programs through a nomination process.

Institution's Innovation Councils (IICs) established in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) will play an instrumental role in the whole process innovation repository creation at each institute level by identifying, scouting ideas, innovations and start-ups from students, alumni/recent graduates, faculty members, staff, entrepreneurs incubated at the institute. Moreover, the portal will also enable HEI to verify the received submissions on regular basis and taking needful actions to provide handholding supports such as mentoring, grant assistance, nominate for national innovation challenges, referral & linkage with incubation units and connect with Angel/VC networks, facilitating technology transfer etc. for the growth of innovations.

This YUKTI – NIR initiative is not only to complement the national movement of innovation & start-up ecosystem building in HEIs but also to supplement in strengthening the pipeline by increasing outflow of quality innovations for incubation units & investors community for further support. NIR platform will also facilitate to connect stakeholders from both demand and supply sides and match innovations with ecosystem enablers.

#### Common FAQs

- **Who can submit an Idea/Innovation/Startup?**

Current student (regular)/Recently Graduated/Alumni/Faculty/Staff/Entrepreneur at Incubation unit of the IIC-institute/HEI can submit their Ideas/Innovations/Business-Model/Startups. The basic eligibility for submission of application is that applicant should have/had association with the institute in any one of the form as mentioned above. Applicant must upload the copy of document/ID proof of association with the institute while registration. <https://yukti.mic.gov.in/>

- **Where someone can submit an Idea/Innovation/Startup?**

All submissions will be channelized through the IIC Institute/HEI only. Either you can register through the registration URL shared by your institute (or) you can register directly at <https://yukti.mic.gov.in/registration/new>

If you are selecting the second mode of registration, in the registration page you are required to check and select your IIC-institute/HEI of which you are/were part of.



*\*Please note that, establishment/existence of Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) in the institute is prerequisite for the HEI to get its name reflected in the dropdown list and to start accepting the applications. If your institute has not yet established IIC, then you can communicate to Head of the Institute to register and establish an IIC first and set up 'My Council' to enable you to submit. <https://iic.mic.gov.in>*

- **How many Idea/Innovation/Startup one can submit?**

After registration as team lead/founder, applicant can submit multiple ideas/innovations/business models/startups. The team leader of one idea/innovation can be a member of another idea/innovation. In addition to the Team leader, team can have up to 5 more members and 2 members as mentor. Team members can be from same or different institute or external member.

The team leader will get a login access to add, manage and check progress of the ideas/innovations/startups submitted.

- **Is submission open throughout the year?**

Yes, the submission of ideas/innovations/startups will remain open throughout the year. HEI/IIC institute will undertake necessary actions towards promotion and awareness generation among stakeholders and actors in this regard. The repository created at the institute level will be part of the YUKTI-National Innovation Repository.

- **How I will check the progress of my submission?**

Once applicant will submit ideas/innovations/business-models/startups, application will be accessible to HEI/IIC institute for further verification by experts at the institute level. Team lead can check the verification progress after login. Post Verification, team lead can able to will able to check the progress status, avg. score obtained and if any support actions taken on your proposal by the HEI.

- **What benefits one is likely to receive from the IIC institute and MoE's Innovation Cell by submitting ideas/innovations/startups in the YUKTI- National Innovation Repository (NIR)?**

Post verification of Ideas/innovations/startups, as recommended by the verification team/panel, the IIC institute/HEI will provide a wide range of handholding supports which include followings;

- One to One Mentoring Support to needy ones to refine and build the application by engaging internal and external mentors empaneled at the HEI.
- Extend financial or grant assistance/schemes avail be at the institute/incubation unit to the deserving applications for working on their innovations/startups.
- IIC institute can link or refer the proposals to incubation centers exit outside the institute for further incubation support and guidance.
- IIC institute can connect with Angel Investors/VC firms for further support and guidance.
- IIC institute can provide facilitation service for IP filing, Technology Transfer/Licensing support and guidance.
- IIC institute can nominate the best proposals to National Innovation Challenge (NIC) of Ministry of Education(MoE) and (or) similar kind of national programs offered by other various ministries for further support in terms of training, mentoring, funding assistance etc.
- IIC institute can nominate the best proposals to participate in various competitions and programs where HEI is partner.



- Eligible to availing the incentive, reward, recognition and other support mechanisms provisioned in the Innovation and Startup Policy of the institute aligned with the National Innovation and Startup Policy (NISP) of MoE.

- **Where I will get documents related to application format, verification criteria and guidance on innovation development stages?**

In each submission, applicant will require to clearly mention innovation development stages; Technology Readiness Level (TRL), Manufacturing Readiness Level (MRL), and Investment Readiness Level (IRL). You can download a short presentation on innovation development stages, blank application formats and verification criteria for our reference. <https://yukti.mic.gov.in/>

- **Whom to contact for any query?**

For any query related to submission, the first point of contact is your IIC Institute. You can reach to the Institute's IIC President or IIC convener and Innovation in charge. Contact details of key functionaries of your IIC institute is visible in your login page. You can refer to <https://iic.mic.gov.in/institute-list>

In extreme or non-response case, you can reach to the IIC zonal in charges of the IIC implementation team at MoE. <https://yukti.mic.gov.in/> and <https://iic.mic.gov.in/iic-implementation-team>