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<b>Participants/Audiences</b>	All Faculty and students of DYPIU
<b>Mode of the events</b>	Offline/ Online
<b>Organizing Committee</b>	Institute Innovation Council
<b>Report Prepared by</b>	<b>Dr. Sandhya Ingale, IIC President &amp; CIIE Coordinator</b>





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### **1. About DYPIU IIC**

The **Institute Innovation Council (IIC)** at **D Y Patil International University (DYPIU)** serves as a dynamic and vibrant platform dedicated to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and creative thinking across all academic disciplines. Functioning as a catalyst for building a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem, the IIC empowers students, faculty, and aspiring innovators to transform ideas into practical solutions, prototypes, and scalable start-ups. By providing guidance, mentorship, and access to a wide range of resources, the council nurtures talent and encourages a mind-set of experimentation, problem-solving, and strategic thinking.

In 2025, the IIC, in close collaboration with the **Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship (CIIE)**, undertook a comprehensive set of initiatives aimed at cultivating a culture of innovation across the university. Through workshops, competitions, awareness programs, mentoring sessions, and national-level engagements, the council inspired students and faculty to pursue entrepreneurial opportunities and develop solutions with real-world relevance. By promoting interdisciplinary collaboration and facilitating hands-on learning experiences, the IIC created avenues for participants to ideate, prototype, validate, and execute their innovative concepts.

This report provides a detailed account of the **achievements, activities, and impact** of the IIC in 2025. It highlights how the council has successfully fostered a thriving innovation ecosystem, supported aspiring entrepreneurs, and reinforced DYPIU's commitment to academic excellence, creativity, and transformative learning. Through these efforts, the IIC continues to play a pivotal role in shaping future leaders, innovators, and change-makers who are capable of addressing societal challenges and contributing meaningfully to India's growing innovation landscape.



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### 2. Objectives of the Institute Innovation Council (IIC) – 2025

The primary objectives of the **Institute Innovation Council (IIC)** at **DY Patil International University (DYPIU)** are designed to foster a culture of innovation, entrepreneurship, and creative problem-solving across all disciplines. These objectives guide the council's initiatives, programs, and strategic interventions:

- 1. Promote a Culture of Innovation and Entrepreneurship**
  - Encourage students and faculty to think creatively, experiment with ideas, and pursue entrepreneurial opportunities.
- 2. Facilitate Ideation and Problem-Solving**
  - Provide platforms, workshops, and mentoring sessions to help participants identify real-world problems and develop innovative solutions.
- 3. Support Prototype Development and Startup Creation**
  - Enable students and faculty to convert ideas into working prototypes, products, or services with potential for market impact.
- 4. Enhance Skill Development and Capacity Building**
  - Conduct training programs in design thinking, lean startup methodology, business model development, digital marketing, and related entrepreneurial skills.
- 5. Provide Mentorship and Industry Exposure**
  - Connect innovators with industry experts, entrepreneurs, investors, and alumni networks to gain insights, guidance, and support.
- 6. Enable Access to Funding and Intellectual Property Support**
  - Assist aspiring entrepreneurs in securing seed funding, venture capital, grants, and intellectual property protection for their innovations.
- 7. Encourage Interdisciplinary Collaboration**
  - Promote cross-disciplinary teamwork to foster diverse perspectives, collaborative problem-solving, and social innovation initiatives.
- 8. Promote National and International Engagement**
  - Facilitate participation in national and global competitions, hackathons, and innovation challenges to showcase talent and gain exposure.
- 9. Document and Showcase Impact**
  - Record and report outcomes of IIC initiatives to highlight achievements, learnings, and the broader impact on the university community and society.



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### **3. Key Functionaries at the IIC Institute**

#### **• President:**

The President serves as the head of the Institute Innovation Council and provides overall leadership and strategic vision. They are responsible for formulating innovation-driven goals, guiding the team in fostering an entrepreneurial ecosystem, and ensuring alignment of IIC activities with institutional objectives as well as national innovation missions. The President also represents the institute's IIC in external forums, networking with industry, government bodies, and other academic institutions to strengthen innovation and startup culture on campus.

#### **• Vice President:**

The Vice President supports the President in leadership functions and acts as the second-in-command for IIC operations. Their role involves assisting in strategic decision-making, coordinating large-scale entrepreneurship and innovation initiatives, and ensuring smooth execution of key programs. In the absence of the President, the Vice President assumes full responsibility, acting as the representative of IIC in both internal and external matters. They also play a vital role in mentoring student innovators and facilitating cross-departmental collaboration.

#### **• Convenor:**

The Convenor is the operational backbone of the IIC. They are responsible for planning, scheduling, and executing all IIC activities such as workshops, seminars, hackathons, and awareness sessions. The Convenor ensures effective communication between faculty, student members, and external stakeholders, maintaining proper documentation and reporting of IIC initiatives. They also coordinate with national IIC portals, prepare compliance reports, and make sure that all activities are conducted smoothly in line with the annual IIC calendar.

#### **• Coordinators:**

The Coordinators work under the guidance of the President and Convenor to ensure successful implementation of specific programs. Their roles include facilitating activities such as entrepreneurship development camps, innovation challenges, prototype exhibitions, and IPR awareness sessions. Coordinators actively engage with students and faculty to increase participation, motivate idea generation, and provide mentorship support. They also collaborate with industry partners, incubators, and funding agencies to channel resources for innovative projects. By working closely with different departments, Coordinators ensure inclusivity and continuity of innovation culture across the institution.



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**4. Faculty Council at DYPIU**

Sr. No.	Roles	Name & Details	Dept.	Designation
1	<b>President</b>	Dr.Sandhya Ingale	SoCM	Asst. Professor
2	<b>Vice President</b>	Dr. Vandana Patil	SoEMR	Asst. Professor
3	<b>Convenor</b>	Dr. Vandana Patil	SoEMR	Asst. Professor
4	<b>Innovation Activity Coordinator</b>	Dr.Siddharth Gavhale	SoISR	Asst.Professor
5	<b>Start-up Activity Coordinator</b>	Dr. Jagadish Jakati	SoCSEA	Assistant Professor
6	<b>Internship coordinator</b>	Dr.Sandhya Ingale	SoCM	Asst. Professor
7	<b>IPR Activity coordinator</b>	Dr.Aruna Tripathi	IPR	Director IPR
8	<b>Social Media Coordinator</b>	Mr Sandeep Dongare	SoM&J	Assistant Professor
9	<b>NIRF Coordinator</b>	Dr. Swapnil Bhurat	IQAC	Associate Professor
10	<b>NISP Coordinator</b>	Dr.Sandhya Ingale	SoCM	Asst. Professor
11	<b>YUKTI Coordinator</b>	Dr.Sheetal Bura	SoCM	Lecturer
12	<b>Activity Coordinator</b>	Dr. Dipti Chandra	SoCSEA	Assistant Professor
13	<b>Activity Coordinator</b>	Dr. Sidhartha Singh	SoBB	Asst. Professor
14	<b>Activity Coordinator</b>	Dr Rahul Weldode	SoAA&C	Asst. Professor
15	<b>Activity Coordinator</b>	Mrs.Sudha Nirmale	CRPC	Deputy Corporate Relation Manager
16	<b>Activity Coordinator</b>	Monika Sharma	SoD	Assistant Professor



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**5. External Council at DYPIU IIC**

Sr. No.	Name & Details	Designation	Qualification	Exp. Years
1	<b>Dr. Vinod Shastri</b>	Ex Head, Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE) at Bennett University Co-founder & Director, Yorkshire Foods & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd.	Ph.D	25
2	<b>Dr. Shilpa Kankonkar</b>	Associate Professor - COEP Technological University. Start-up specialist and an Education reformist, Head of Entrepreneurship Development Start Up Innovation Dept (EDSI)	Ph.D	22
3	<b>Mr. Vishal Pillai</b>	Head Innovations - India  Innovation & Sustainability Catalyst  Lean Six Sigma  TRIZ   Ficci Award   Inventor	Executive Program in Management , Strategy and innovation ,BE MECH	23
4	<b>Natesh V</b>	Co-Founder and CEO bluepineapple.io	MCA	25
5	<b>Mr.Sanjay Jagtap</b>	Director ENSIN Entrepreneurship Startup And Innovation Forum,Pune	M.Sc(Mathematics)IIT Madras	15
6	<b>Mr. Sopan Aghav</b>	Entrepreneur   Business Strategist   Entrepreneurship Educator Certified Trainer   Branding Mentor   Author, Founder-Paripoorn Foods LLP, Pune	MCA   MBA (HR)	16



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**6. Student Council at DYPIU IIC**

Sr. No.	PRN	Name of the Student	Academic Year	Name of the Programme	Role Offered
1	20240802503	Anish Kumar	1st Year	B.TECH CSE	Innovation coordinator
2	20240802083	Abhishek Ghate	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Innovation coordinator
3	20240801663	Vanshika Kanojiya	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Innovation coordinator
4	20240801243	Ujjainy De	3rd Year	BCA	Innovation coordinator
5	20240800823	Sushant Kshirsagar	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	Innovation coordinator
6	20240800403	Shravan Polshettiwar	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	Innovation coordinator
7	20240799983	Ruchita Kahane	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	Innovation coordinator
8	20240799563	Prince Vaya	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	Innovation coordinator
9	20240799143	Saanchal Rathi	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	Innovation coordinator
10	20240798723	Adveith Walke	4th year	B.TECH CSE	Innovation coordinator
11	20240798303	Ashma Shaikh	3rd year	B.TECH CSE	Innovation coordinator
12	20240797883	Keyur Aundhekar	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	IPR coordinator
13	20240797463	Ishwari Joshi	2nd Year	B.TECH BIO	IPR coordinator
14	20240797043	Ram Mittal	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Start-up coordinator
15	20240796623	Yash Maru	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Start-up coordinator
16	20240796203	Spriha Bhowmik	3rd Year	B.TECH MECH	Start-up coordinator
17	20240795783	Jay Gehlot	2nd Year	BBA	Start-up coordinator
18	20240795363	Hitesh Tiwari	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	Start-up coordinator
19	20240794943	Aryan Agrawal	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	Start-up coordinator
20	20240794523	Rutuparn Kulkarni	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	Start-up coordinator
21	20240794103	Piyush Patel	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Start-up coordinator
22	20240793683	Atharva Chitale	4th year	B.TECH CSE	Start-up coordinator
23	20240793263	Puja Duvedi	2nd Year	BBA	Start-up coordinator
24	20240792843	Sankalp Rathod	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	Internship coordinator
25	20240792423	Jayesh Bhangale	2nd Year	MCA	Internship coordinator
26	20240792003	Aayushi Kale	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	Internship coordinator
27	20240791583	Vidushi Gupta	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Internship coordinator
28	20240791163	Shravani Ghadge	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Internship coordinator
29	20240790743	Rigved Aheraao	1st Year	B.TECH CSE	Internship coordinator
30	20240790323	Preet Sonar	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Internship coordinator
31	20240789903	Sharvari Khandait	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Internship coordinator
32	20240789483	Himesh Wani	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Internship coordinator
33	20240789063	Yash Pawar	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Internship coordinator
34	20240788643	Prerna Mahajan	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Internship coordinator



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35	20240788223	Sharvari Pawar	1st Year	B.TECH CSE	Social Media coordinator
36	20240787803	Mishti	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Social Media coordinator
37	20240787383	Yutisha Modi	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Social Media coordinator
38	20240501028	Ayush Jagtap	2nd Year	BAJMC	Social Media coordinator
39	20240501009	Chinmay Swami	2nd Year	BAJMC	Social Media coordinator
40	20240786963	Aryan Jadhav	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	YUKTI Coordinator
41	20240786543	Gargi Dwivedi	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	YUKTI Coordinator
42	20240786123	Sarthaki Dongare	3rd Year	B.TECH CSE	YUKTI Coordinator
43	20240785703	Shruti Khonde	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	YUKTI Coordinator
44	20240785283	Pranav Batheja	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Activity Coordinator
45	20240784863	Bhumika Patrange	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Activity Coordinator
46	20230802554	Saakar Bhatnagar	2nd Year	B.TECH CSE	Activity Coordinator
47	20240784023	Pranjali Ahire	2nd Year	B.Des	Activity Coordinator



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### 7. Activities

#### 1. National Entrepreneurship Day

**Date:** 9th November 2024

**Details:**

The event was organized to celebrate *National Entrepreneurship Day* and to promote entrepreneurial spirit among students. Sessions included motivational talks by industry experts and successful start-up founders, panel discussions on emerging business opportunities, and workshops on innovation and start-up ecosystem support. Student teams also presented their business ideas, highlighting creativity and problem-solving skills.

**Impact:**

The celebration encouraged students to explore entrepreneurship as a career path and equipped them with knowledge of resources, mentorship, and government initiatives available for startups. It also fostered an innovation-driven mind set and inspired participants to take the first steps toward building their own ventures.





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### 2. National Youth Day

**Date:** 13th January 2025

**Details:**

The event was organized to celebrate *National Youth Day* in honour of the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The program featured inspirational talks on youth empowerment, leadership, and the role of young people in nation-building. Activities such as essay writing, debates, and cultural performances were conducted to highlight Vivekananda's ideals of discipline, character-building, and service to society.

**Impact:**

The celebration inspired students to imbibe Swami Vivekananda's teachings, promoting values of confidence, responsibility, and social contribution. It also provided a platform for students to showcase their talents and reinforced the importance of youth participation in creating a progressive society.





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### 3. National Pollution Control Day

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

**Details:**

The event was organized to commemorate *National Pollution Control Day* and to raise awareness about environmental issues among students and faculty. The program included expert talks, poster presentations, and group discussions on pollution control measures and sustainable practices. Awareness activities such as rallies and interactive sessions were also conducted to emphasize the importance of reducing pollution at individual and community levels.

**Impact:**

The initiative enhanced participants' knowledge about the causes and effects of pollution, while motivating them to adopt eco-friendly practices. It also fostered a sense of responsibility among students and faculty towards environmental conservation and sustainability.





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### 4. Prayas 1.0 – National Science Day

**Date:** 28th February 2025

As part of the National Science Day celebrations, DY Patil International University organized **Prayas 1.0**, under the banner of the Institute Innovation Council (IIC). The event served as a platform to ignite scientific curiosity, promote innovation-driven thinking, and inspire students to contribute to nation-building through science and technology.

The program included:

- **Idea Presentations & Demonstrations:** Students showcased innovative projects and prototypes aligned with the theme of *Science for Sustainable Development*.
- **Panel Discussions & Expert Talks:** Eminent speakers from academia and industry shared insights on the role of science and research in addressing global challenges.
- **Competitions & Student Engagement:** Activities such as poster making, quiz competitions, and science exhibitions encouraged active participation from students across disciplines.

#### Impact:

Prayas 1.0 not only celebrated the spirit of National Science Day but also reinforced the importance of research, creativity, and innovation in higher education. It encouraged students to go beyond academics, apply scientific knowledge to real-world challenges, and embrace innovation as a pathway to sustainable growth.





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## 5. Session on Achieving Problem-Solution Fit & Product-Market Fit

**Date:** 17th March 2025

### **Details:**

The session focused on guiding students and budding entrepreneurs in understanding the concepts of *Problem-Solution Fit* and *Product-Market Fit*. Expert speakers discussed frameworks to identify real-world problems, validate solutions, and align products with customer needs. Interactive case studies and group activities were conducted to help participants practically apply the concepts.

### **Impact:**

The session enhanced participants' entrepreneurial thinking and equipped them with practical tools to evaluate business ideas. It encouraged innovation-driven approaches and prepared students to design solutions that cater effectively to market demands.





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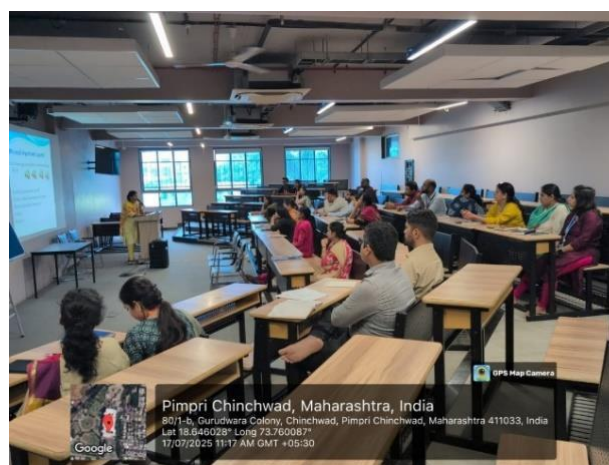
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### 6. Faculty Awareness Session on IPR

**Date:** 17th July 2025

**Organized by:** Institute Innovation Council (IIC) & CIIE in collaboration with IQAC

- Session on “*Basics of Intellectual Property Rights and Its Importance for Innovators and Entrepreneurs.*”
- Delivered by **Dr. Aruna Tripathi**, Director of IPR Cell & registered Patent Agent.
- Covered fundamentals of IPR, patent filing process, and government support schemes.
- Faculty actively engaged in discussions on integrating IPR into teaching and research.
- **Impact:** Enhanced faculty awareness on IPR and encouraged innovation-driven academic practices.





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### 7. Innovation/Prototype Validation – Converting Innovation into a Start-up

**Date:** 31st July 2025

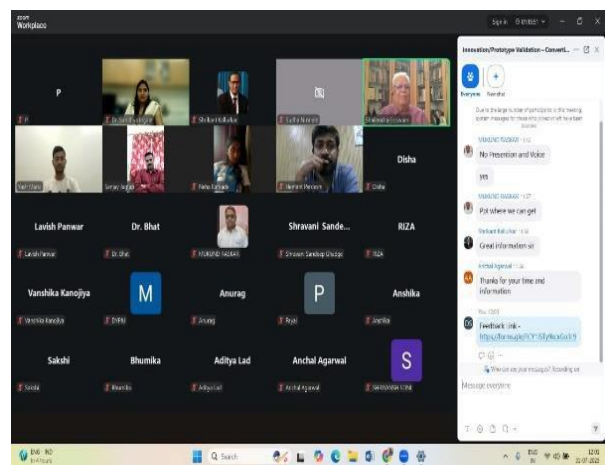
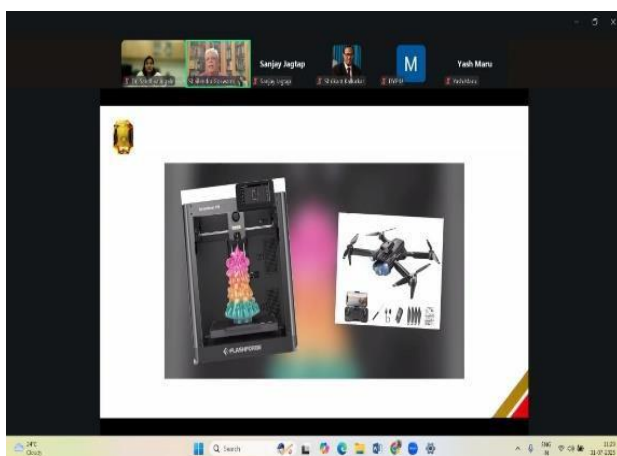
**Organized by:** Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) & CIIE

**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Shailendra Goswami

Chairman and Managing Director of Pushkaraj Group

Focused on the journey of transforming innovative ideas into successful start-ups.

- Expert speakers guided students on prototype validation and entrepreneurial strategies.
- Covered key aspects of start-up building: market validation, funding, and scalability.
- Interactive discussions enabled students to refine their innovative concepts.
- **Impact:** Equipped students with practical knowledge to validate ideas and pursue start-up creation.





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### 8. Ideathon 2.0 – National Innovation Competition

**Date:** 2nd August 2025

**Hosted by:** NIMS University, Rajasthan

- DYPIU student team travelled from Pune to Jaipur to participate in *Ideathon 2.0*.
- Provided a national platform for young innovators to pitch impactful ideas.
- Team members: **Sanya Jain, Nitish Sawant, Mayuresh Shinde, and Mayuresh Dhamane.**
- Students gained exposure by interacting with industry experts, entrepreneurs, and academic leaders.
- **Impact:** Strengthened innovation skills, teamwork, and networking with peers across the country.





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### 9 . Inceptio 2025 – Business Idea Pitching Competition

Date: 19th & 20th August 2025

- A flagship student-led pitching competition encouraging entrepreneurial solutions.
- Student teams presented innovative and feasible business ideas.
- Expert jury provided feedback, mentoring, and guidance.
- **Impact:** Fostered entrepreneurial mind-set and problem-solving approach among students.





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### 10. Elevate 2025 – World Entrepreneurship Day Celebration

Date: 21st August 2025

- Celebrated the global spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Featured sessions by eminent speakers, startup founders, and mentors.
- Students engaged in entrepreneurial games, activities, and discussions.
- **Feedback:** Students rated the event highly impactful, motivating, and industry-relevant.





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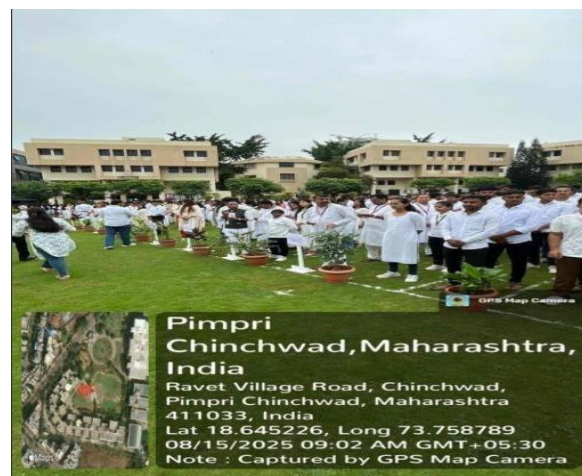
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### 11. Independence Day Celebration 2025 - (Azadi Ka Amritkal)

Date: 15th August 2025

- Commemorated India's Independence and promoted patriotic awareness among students and faculty
- Activities included flag hoisting, cultural performances, and themed competitions
- **Impact:** Fostered national pride, unity, and student participation in campus celebrations





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### 12. DYPIU Internal Hackathon (SIH) 2025 – University Engagement

- **Date:** 23rd & 24th September 2025
- University SPOC nominated; awareness sessions conducted; internal selection process initiated
- **Objective:** Solve real-world challenges through innovation and technology





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## 8. Conclusion

The year 2025 has been a landmark in strengthening the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem at DY Patil International University through the initiatives of the Institute Innovation Council (IIC). With active support from faculty, mentors, industry experts, and enthusiastic student participation, the IIC successfully translated ideas into opportunities, fostered innovation-driven mind-sets, and created pathways for start-ups and impactful solutions.

The activities conducted throughout the year not only aligned with national innovation and entrepreneurship objectives but also nurtured a culture of curiosity, collaboration, and problem-solving within the university.

As DYPJU moves forward, the IIC remains committed to scaling its initiatives, enhancing industry-academia linkages, and empowering the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs. The council envisions building a self-sustaining ecosystem where creativity meets execution, ensuring that DYPIU continues to be a hub of innovation excellence.

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