

Department of Information Science and Engineering

Title	Funding Opportunities for Student Innovation and Start-Up	
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Brief Description	<p>The Department of Information Science and Engineering (ISE), in collaboration with the New Horizon Council for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship (NHCIIE), successfully organized a mentoring session titled “<i>Funding Opportunities for Student Innovation and Start-Up.</i>” The session was led by Dr. Mukul Manohar S, Professor and Associate Head of IIE at NHCE, who shared valuable insights into the financial landscape supporting student-led innovation.</p> <p>Recognizing the pivotal role of student entrepreneurship in driving economic progress and addressing real-world challenges, the session focused on bridging the gap between innovative ideas and financial feasibility. Many aspiring innovators face obstacles due to limited funding, and this session aimed to highlight the diverse avenues available to overcome such constraints.</p> <p>Participants were introduced to a wide range of government-backed initiatives, including the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme, NIDHI by the Department of Science and Technology, MSME support programs, and various state-level start-up policies. Institutional support was also emphasized, with examples such as incubation centres, Atal Innovation Mission programs, and research grants from AICTE and UGC. The session further explored opportunities through national and global competitions like the Smart India Hackathon and the Hult Prize, which offer funding, mentorship, and visibility.</p> <p>Dr. Mukul also shed light on private funding sources, including angel investors, venture capital firms, corporate CSR initiatives, and accelerator programs. Crowdfunding platforms such as Ketto and Kickstarter were discussed as alternative means for students to raise public support for their ventures.</p> <p>Despite the abundance of resources, challenges such as lack of awareness, intense competition, and underdeveloped business strategies persist. To address these gaps, the session recommended regular training workshops and structured mentorship programs to help students build robust and scalable business models.</p> <p>In conclusion, the mentoring session underscored the importance of funding in nurturing student innovation and transforming ideas into impactful start-ups. By leveraging available schemes, institutional backing, competitive platforms, and private investment, students can become key contributors to the evolving start-up ecosystem and national development</p>	




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Mentoring Session

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📅 28th August 2025
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