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Punar has been under incubation from January 2019 and is promoted by Ms.Charmi Pabari, M.Tech., from the batch of 2019, VIT. Punar focusses on Portable hand muscle training devices. Charmi is a recipient of NIDHI PRAYAS grant.

Bariflo, inducted into incubation in December 2018 focusses on rejuvenation and maintenance of water resources and agricultural support systems and is promoted by Mr. Mrutyunjaya Sahu, Ph.D from Universities of Sydney and Canterbury. He is a recipient NIDHI PRAYAS grant from VITTBI



Cleveron is promoted by Mr.G.Venkatakrishnan, B.E.,batch of 1999, VIT and is under incubation from March 2019 at VITTBI. Cleveron focusses on Development of Cognitive technology to facilitate effective clinical decision-making and service delivery



The 21st Advisory committee meeting of VITTBI was held on 02nd March 2019 at VIT. Prof.S.Narayanan, Pro Vice Chancellor, VIT Vellore chaired the meeting. Dr.P.K.S.Sarma General Manager & Head- Technical, BIRAC, New Delhi along with the other advisory committee members attended the meeting.

The second PRAYAS Project Management Committee meeting was organized on the 9th of April 2019 at VITTBI. Dr. Balachandran, General Manager, VITTBI briefed the committee with the progress made. About 13 aspiring entrepreneurs presented their proposals seeking NIDHI PRAYAS grant.



HealthCare and Nutrition – Stakeholder consultation meeting was organized on the 20th of February 2019 based on the directive from Secretary-DST and recommendations forwarded to National Innovation Foundation and DST for taking up during roundtable discussions planned during ‘Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE)’.



VITTBI had organized a competition for students working in the Medtech and healthcare, MedTech Challenge 2019 on the 17th of January 2019 in association with HealthPod, Bangalore. The top three teams were invited to avail the Student Startup Venture grant for prototype development from E-Cell VIT.



Startup Promotion Initiatives



The 4th edition of Startup VIT, a business plan competition was organized on the 5th of April 2019 where students presented their startup ideas. Prize money and prototype development support was extended to the qualifying ideas.

Student Startup Venture grant from VIT Vellore has been extended to VIT students working on technology product ideas to build prototypes through the Entrepreneurship Cell, VIT from 2016-17. This scheme is open all through the year and serves as pipeline to campus companies. Screening of the proposals in progress at VITTBI





Mr. Utkarsh Joshi, batch of CSE'02 batch, founder of UnoTumbler, Mr. Aditya Mehta, batch of ECE '02 batch, entrepreneur and Principal Consultant-Healthcare and Life Sciences Information Management practice at Tabner, Inc. and Mr. Priyvat Gadhvi of Biotech'06, Managing Director at La Chandra Pharma lab Private Limited shared their entrepreneurial journeys with the students on the 25th of January 2018.

Mr. Praveen Paranjothi , B.E. ECE, batch of 2002, Founder and Investor, Startup Europe India Network, Germany, Mr. Uma Maheswaran, M.Tech in Energy & Environmental Engineering and Vignesh, MCA batch of '97 visited VITTBI on the 30th Oct, 7th Dec 2018 and 8th of February, 2019 respectively and interacted with the incubatees and students



Dr. Ashutosh Pastor from FIIT, IIT Delhi addressed research scholars and faculty on the 22nd of January 2019 at VITTBI on availing BIRAC-Biotech incubation support provided by IIT Delhi.

A Biotechnology Ignition Grant awareness programme was organized in association with Venture Centre, Pune on the 29th of Jan 2019. Ms. Amruta Gore delivered the session which was attended by about 25 faculty and research scholars.



INCUBATEE AWARDS



Alfaleus Technology Pvt. Ltd. founded by Sandal Kotawala was the second place winner at the IKP's annual conference **IKMC 2018, October 28-29, 2018** on the theme **"Innovation Ecosystems in times of Disruptive Change"**. Alfaleus made into the **top 8 Indian Startups** at the HealthTech Innovation Summit organized by CII.

Alfaleus Technologies Pvt. Ltd., won cash award of Rs.10 Lakhs and was adjudged as one of the top two Indian companies that took part as part of Swissnex Academia Industrial Training (AIT) held in Zurich, Switzerland on 5th April'19. Alfaleus Technology Pvt. Ltd has been under incubation at VITVBI from 2017.



[Abhinav Gupta](#), current student of VIT Vellore and founder of the startup Camcann, pre-incubated in VITVBI had the opportunity to represent VIT at START Hack, held in the Universität St. Gallen, Switzerland. His team had earlier participated in the **Smart India Hackathon on 2nd and 3rd of March in Mumbai and were adjudged as winners.** He has also been selected under the NIDHI PRAYAS



WEE, SINE IIT Mumbai Women Entrepreneurs 2018-19 Batch Pitching Results:

Name of Startup	Women Entrepreneur	Award Money
Trestle Labs Pvt. Ltd.	Akshita Sachdeva	Rs. 5 lacs
Neelagil Technologies Pvt. Ltd.	Neelam Dwivedi	Rs. 5 lacs
QAWaCh Bio Private Limited	Rashmi Tambe Shukla	Rs. 5 lacs
Ashva Wearable Technologies Pvt.Ltd.	Anmol Saxena	Rs. 2.5 lacs
Edgecraft Solutions Pvt.Ltd. (Presolv360)	Namita Shah	Rs. 2.5 lacs
Culture Aangan Pvt.Ltd.	Rashmi Sawant	Rs. 2.5 lacs
WildEarth	Shabia Walia	Rs. 2.5 lacs

Anmol Saxena, alumna from the batch of 2016, VIT was the recipient of Rs. 2.5 lakhs from WEE, SINE IIT Mumbai for Women Entrepreneurship and Empowerment for her startup Ashva Wearable Technologies Pvt., Ltd., that is presently under incubation at VITTBI. Anmol is a recipient of the NIDHI PRAYAS grant as well.

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Prayasta 3D Inventions under incubation in VITTBI won Rs.1 Lakh as Dell-powered startup during Demo day, organized by Startups Club. Prayasta had earlier been selected for Biotech Ignition Grant (BIG) of Rs. 50 lakhs from BIRAC in January 2019

INVITED CAMPS & TRAINING PROGRAMS



Dr. A. Balachandran was the chief guest at the Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp organized at Auxilium College, Vellore on the 22nd of November 2019 and at Kuppam Engineering College, Kuppam on the 21st of March 2019



Dr. A. Balachandran, General Manager, VITTBI was invited to deliver sessions at the ‘Incubator Managers Training Module Subscription for the Higher Education Institution Readiness for Innovation and Technopreneurship (HEIRIT) Development Program for Starting Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) Project’ in Philippines from 20th April to 30th April 2019.

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VITTI had a stall space in the Demo Day on the 15th and 16th of December 2018 at KTPO, Bengaluru organized by Startups Club, Bangalore to promote the services and offerings. Dr. Balachandran, General Manager was invited to be part of a panel in the session titled ‘Govt. support for startups’

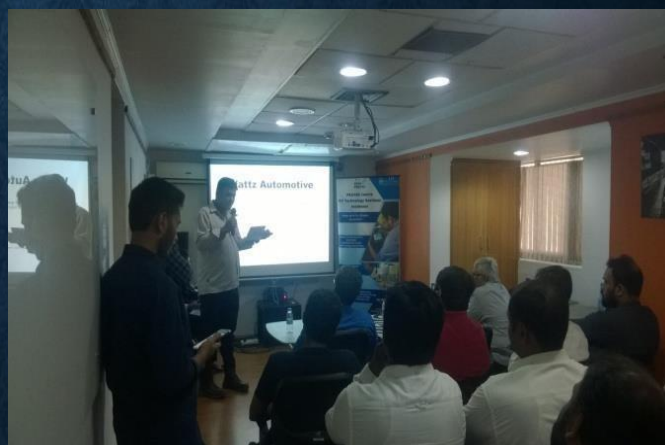
VITTI had a stall space to at the United Business Circle - Kick-Starter 2019 at Chennai on the 4th Jan 2019 to promote the services of VITTI



VITTI had taken a stall space to promote the schemes and offerings during the CII Entrepreneurship Conclave on the 14th of February 2019



VITTI along with Startups Club had organized pitch clinics on the 7th of March & 13th of March 2019 to scout for aspiring entrepreneurs who can be provided support through the NIDHI PRAYAS and BioNEST programs.





Dr. J. Radhakrishnan, the then Health Secretary to the TN govt. visited VITTBI and was shown around the facility on the 31st of Jan 2019

Training Programmes



Two-week Faculty Development Programme on Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Incubation was organized between the 26th Nov and 8th Dec 2018. About 22 faculty from VIT and other institutions participated. The program covered various aspects of teaching and promoting entrepreneurship amongst students



Three-week Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp between 22nd and 24th of Feb 2019 was organized for students wherein about 80 students participated. Sessions were delivered by eminent alum entrepreneurs.

A six-week Technology Entrepreneurship Development Programme in Food and Agro processing was organized between the 20th of Feb and 3rd of April 2019 for graduates/diploma holders in the region.





E-Cell VIT with the support from VITTBI organized a 3-day E-Summit between the **15th and 17th of March 2019** that had several entrepreneurs like Mr. Suresh Sambandam, CEO, KiSSFLOW and Ms. Latha Pandiarajan, Co-founder, **Ma Foi Management Consultants** to deliver high impact sessions. A Startup Expo was also part of the summit where in about 36 startups participated and provided internship opportunities to students



Ms. Sudha Rajagopalan attended the 2-days Incubator Manager Training at Chennai between 19th and 20th of March 2019 organized by Nexus Start-up Hub @ the American Center, New Delhi supported by the IC2 Institute, University of Texas, Austin.

A 'Facilitation Workshop (South Zone I)' for DST-NIMAT Project coordinators was organized on the 19th of Dec 2018 at Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Tirupati. Ms. Sudha Rajagopalan, Dy. Manager, VITTBI participated.

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