

Dear IIC Member,

Greetings from the Institution's Innovation Council, MHRD's Innovation Cell !!!

We understand and empathize with the difficulties that we all are going through the current situation of lockdown due to COVID19 in our Country. A good thing is that, As competent citizens, we all are doing our bit to tackle the prevailing situation in the country. Since last one month, we are observing the novel initiatives undertaken by HEIs, students, and faculties to efficiently utilize the time and resources during lock down.

As all HEIs are closed as per government direction to practice social distancing. Due to which IIC-Institutes are not able to complete the IIC calendar activities. Your efforts and contribution made IIC a very successful model of establishing, streamlining and strengthening the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in more than 1800 HEI campuses through a decentralized approach with inbuilt reward mechanisms thereof creating a positive competition among HEIs. In times of distress the Innovation is the need of the hour and hence we have to keep moving in the direction of sustained Innovation and entrepreneurship, especially when we are a quarter away from completing our IIC calendar.

Therefore, **we have designed 15 e-sessions as e-activities** on various themes of Innovation, IPR and Entrepreneurship and Startup for the IIC calendar year 2019-20 which will replace the physical activities of Q3 and Q4. **Furthermore, both Q3 and Q4 are merged into one. Reports will be submitted for these e-activities on IIC portal as usual. These activities are being organised by IIC-MIC.**

Please find the basic information regarding e-sessions and participation guidelines are as below.

- No Prior Registration is required to attend the e-sessions and you can use your smartphone and laptop/desktop.
- The **time slot for the e-sessions are 3.00 PM to 4.00 PM** (except Saturday and Sunday) **from 21st April to 10th May 2020.**
- Enrollment is Free through clicking the WEBEX Link <https://mic.gov.in/iicwebinar.php> The link will be active for joining the sessions 15 minutes Prior to the commencement of Session.
- **Maximum 1000 numbers of Participants Can Join at a time on First cum First Serve Basis.**
- You may receive short e-Assignments during the Session and upon submission through the portal participant will receive an Participation e-Certificate.
- Faculties, **Students** and non-teaching staff can join the e-sessions.
- All these e-Activities are scheduled as either **IIC Calendar or MIC Driven Activities** and will be assessed towards Score and Star Allocation to IIC-Institutes.
- Please note that due to prolonged lockdown period, now **Q3 and Q4 are merged together.**

- Institutes are encouraged to do self driven activities during this time while abiding by government direction on COVID-19.
- SUBMIT IDEAs/POCs UNDER IIC NATIONAL INNOVATION CONTEST 2020 : <https://mic.gov.in/innovationcontest.php>

Please circulate the relevant information among students, faculties, and staff and encourage them to participate in the e-sessions.

Find the tentative attached e-session schedule plan.

Join Sessions at: <https://mic.gov.in/iicwebinar.php>

Looking forward to your participation through WEBEX platform from **Tuesday (at 3.00 PM on 21st April 2020).**

**Thanks and regards,
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