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3.3.1 Ecosystem for innovation

Q: Institution has created an ecosystem for innovations, including Incubation centre and other initiatives for the creation and transfer of knowledge.

Describe available incubation centre and evidence of its usage (activity) within a maximum of 500 words

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KISS-DU is committed to building a vibrant innovation ecosystem. In addition to domain knowledge, KISS-DU helps develop the students' analytical, practical, vocational and life skills through experiential learning. It encourages lateral and out-of-the-box thinking necessary for innovation and entrepreneurship. To achieve this, KISS-DU has engaged fourteen Professors of Practice in indigenous subjects, as a pedagogical innovation. Further, the university's Mother-Tongue-Based Multilingual Education programme is an innovative system that has been awarded the prestigious World Literacy Award by UNESCO.

To foster an ecosystem for innovation in the field of research, seven independent Innovation Centres under the aegis of KISS-DU Innovation Council have been established viz. Centre for Indigenous Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE), Centre for Sacred Groves, Centre for Indigenous Cultural Heritage and Diversity, Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Herbal Medicines, Centre for Indigenous Languages and Dialects, Centre for the Study of Indigenous People, and the Centre for Indigenous Science and Technology. They have been created to promote interdisciplinary research.

The University's Incubation Cell, operating under CIIE named Atmanirbharshil Janjatiya Yuva Udyami, has aligned itself with the major policy initiatives under the banners of Make-in-India and Start-up India, Stand-up India as well as Start-up Odisha. Its activities include running a course on self-reliant indigenous youth entrepreneurship, setting up incubation facilities, providing start-up support with mentoring, legal, financial and technological aids, advice on intellectual property rights, cost-effective infrastructural support and other value-added services. In addition to this the University is also affiliated and participates in the MoE Institutional Innovation Council (IIC).

KISS-DU has partnered with Bosch, a German multinational Engineering Company, for Industry-Academia Collaboration for Skill Development (IACSD) initiatives including skill development, capacity building for MSME, trainers and non-profit sector, and employability of social service professionals. KISS-DU has signed an MoU with the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), in order to include entrepreneurship inputs and relevant training in its curricula. The National SC-ST Hub (NSSH), Bhubaneswar, of Government of India, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department, and Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Programme Plus (OTLEP Plus) of ST and SC Development Department, Government of Odisha, have jointly organized a series of workshops for our students. These workshops were organized on the occasion of the "Janajatiya Gaurav Divas". The workshops encouraged our students to avail of Start-up Schemes run by the Government of Odisha. Similarly, several workshops focusing on entrepreneurial skills have been conducted by the university. KISS-DU has constituted an Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell and has a well-defined IPR Policy. One of the functions of the IPR Cell is to sensitise students and faculty members to the kinds of IPR instruments available and their advantages. In this regard, the University has conducted more than ten workshops with the Indian Patent Office, Kolkata. Of the five patents submitted by the University, four have been published.

KISS-DU has thus succeeded in initiating a culture of entrepreneurship, innovation, and knowledge transfer within five years of its existence. In the future, the University shall continue to support its innovators and leverage their knowledge.