Debate on "Student Start-up Policy for affiliated type university systems"

Date- 11th April 2014,   **Time- 5.00 P.M to 7.30 P.M**

Students, faculty members, industry experts, incubators, policymakers, student start-ups, investors, mentors, researchers and all other stakeholders are invited for this debate.

Venue- Conference hall, room number 119, ACPC Building, Inside LD college of Eng.

While most economies are now making transition from industrial economy to knowledge economy entrepreneurial approach of development is making the buzz. While Silicon Valley has inspired the best minds across the globe to leverage the co-creation possibilities , India still needs answers to develop contextual framework which best suits its environment. While we possess the largest pool of young minds across the nations, we are underway in leveraging their creative potential in full manner. Recent development at policy level to foster student entrepreneurship has raised expectations from all stakeholders. For quite a long time we as a civilisation has tried to imitate various proven innovation and entrepreneurship approach but it is high time to debate and shape next generation policies to cater the existing and future ecosystems to give best supports to start ups. In recent time India seems to be accelerating in setting up a road map for fostering entrepreneurship but without considering the ground need of millions of youth who are having bundles of aspirations even during their college days we may not harness the fullest potential. While shaping futuristic policies it has to be noted that the needs, aspirations and possibilities are to be mapped, benchmarked, and codified with right approach to benefit the start-ups at nascent stage.

The frameworks emerging to support student start-ups at various stages and university systems in India are promising in recent past. Kerala has taken disruptive policy interventions in shaping the future possibilities towards this.

Refer- http://www.keralacm.gov.in/images/stories/docs/Student_entrepreneurship_scheme.pdf

GTU Innovation council has been disruptive right from the beginning days and taking bold steps even in an affiliated type university framework for innovation and entrepreneurship. Recently through student start-up support system we are trying to leverage all best practices to develop next practices for helping student start-ups. We wish to have a relevant student start up policy sooner to cater the need of young

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students at GTU. We are hereby inviting all stakeholders to participate in this debate to share your inputs which will help us in shaping a framework which will benefit half a million students every year.

Expectations from the debate:

We wish to discuss recent policy interventions across universities and their impact. We will also like to have inputs from wide range of stakeholders so that we can understand the chemistry required to make the movement sustainable. We wish to have series of workshops later on with specific stakeholders to understand the view points while shaping the frameworks. We at university level wish to adopt such a policy sooner after ensuring it to get maturity. We will consider various pros and cons in execution strategies so that optimum level of desired deliverables can be achieved in stipulated time. We wish to involve all stakeholders and mainly student start-ups who are studying at university level systems whose insights and requirement may help us design practical framework.

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Some reference of student start-up Policy at various universities/States

http://startupvillage.in/wiki/index.php/Student_Entrepreneurship_Policy

http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/industry-and-economy/info-tech/kerala-govt-earmarks-rs-500-cr-for-startups/article5455494.ece

PREVIOUS Meetings where policy issues were discussed:
25th October 2013: Report on S4-S4 Debate on National Entrepreneurship Policy
http://www.gtu.ac.in/Report/26122013.pdf.

8th Dec 2012: GTU Innovation Council at International Conference on Creativity and Innovation at Grassroots (ICCIG 2012) at IIMA