



## Newsletter

# COEP's BHAU Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership



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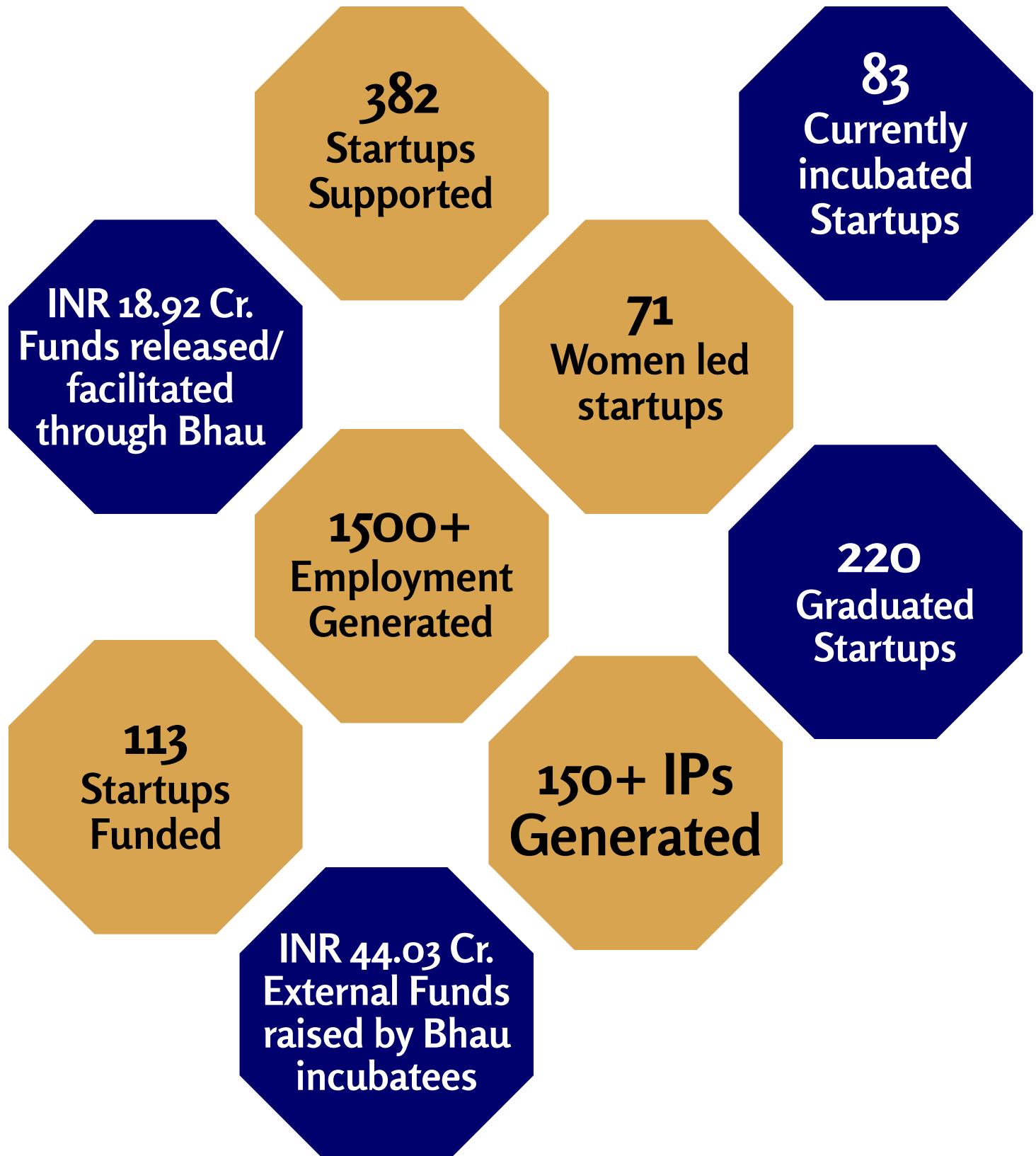
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**COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Leadership** is an emerging start-up incubator in India, established in 2017. This is a Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India supported Technology Business Incubator (TBI). Bhau Institute has emerged as one of the top incubators in Maharashtra, supporting entrepreneurs in the focused technology areas.

Bhau name symbolizes the spirit and philosophy of Bhau, like an elder brother who provides support without pampering, overbearing, or expecting anything in return, Bhau Institute supports, encourages, and guides the entrepreneurs to unleash their full potential. Our Vision is to be “A successful institute model to change India for the better through young entrepreneurs who are the hope of tomorrow’s rural and urban India”. We aim to promote entrepreneurship in a self-supported, sustainable, and scalable manner by creating a world-class institute.

In this newsletter, we are excited to share the latest updates on our incubation programs, events, and updates about our Incubatees.

# COEP Bhau Institute's Latest Dashboard





We are proud to share that COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership has been featured by Indian Startup Times among the Top 50 Startup Accelerators Powering India's Innovation Ecosystem in 2025.

**Indian Startup Times** has specially acknowledged **Mr. Mandar Joshi** for his leadership and for shaping COEP's Bhau Institute into a space where ideas grow, startups scale, and founders thrive.

This recognition reflects the relentless passion and commitment of our mentors, partners, team, and — most importantly — the innovators and entrepreneurs who trust Bhau as their launchpad for impact.



## Top 50 Startup Accelerators Powering India's Innovation Ecosystem in 2025

India's startup ecosystem is entering a defining decade, powered by deep-tech innovation, industrial growth, and rising talent from Tier-2 and Tier-3 hubs. Government incubators, universities, corporates, and sector-focused accelerators are helping founders turn ideas into market-ready ventures with mentorship, capital, and infrastructure.

To spotlight the leaders driving this change, Indian Startup Times presents the Top 50 Startup Accelerators Powering India's Innovation Ecosystem in 2025 — the forces shaping future unicorns, deep-tech pioneers, and impact-first startups.

Here's to many more milestones and to strengthening India's innovation ecosystem together.



Symbiosis Institute of Technology organised an **IIC Regional Meet 2025** and Innovation Summit on in Lavale, Pune.

The Summit's Chief Guest was AICTE Chairman, Prof T.G Sitharam And the Guest of Honour was Prof. **Sanjay Inamdar**, Co-Founder & Director, COEP's Bhau Institute

The event saw enthusiastic participation from over 3,500 faculty members and students representing institutions across Maharashtra — a true celebration of ideas, collaboration, and innovation.

The Summit was graciously hosted by:

**Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar**, Pro-Chancellor, Symbiosis International University

**Dr Ramakrishnan Raman**, Vice Chancellor, Symbiosis Institute of Technology



We were honoured to host **Mr. Yaniv Revach**, Consul General of Israel, and **Mr. Anay Joglekar**, Political Affairs & Special Projects, Consulate General of Israel, at COEP's Bhau Institute.

The visit focused on exploring avenues for collaboration between Bhau Institute and the Consulate General of Israel, particularly in the domains of technology development and innovation-driven entrepreneurship. Discussions highlighted potential opportunities to jointly foster an ecosystem that empowers startups with the right expertise, mentorship, and global exposure to scale in an increasingly competitive landscape.

**Mr. Revach** also interacted with several of our startups and incubatees, offering insightful guidance and encouragement. He expressed great enthusiasm for the innovative products and solutions being developed within our ecosystem.



Meeting held with Mandar Joshi, CEO, COEP's Bhau Institute, Prof Sunil Bhirud VC -COEP Tech University, Dr S P Mahajan, Director - RIIL COEP Tech, and Mr Swapnil Mali, AGM COEP's Bhau Institute

We look forward to building meaningful partnerships and driving impactful innovations together.

# Industry Collaboration, Event and Visit



COEP's Bhau Institute, as an Ecosystem Partner, was proud to host and organize a Roadshow for the **FICCI –Mercedes-Benz India, Bharat Innovation Challenge** for startups associated with DPIIT and recognized incubation centers.

Our CEO, **Mandar Joshi**, had the privilege of welcoming the teams from FICCI and Mercedes-Benz and shared an overview of Bhau Institute and its role in nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship with the participants.

**Smt. Vijayalakshmi S**, Director FICCI, briefly introduced FICCI and its initiatives, followed by **Dr. Barada Prasad Panigrahy**, Director (Startups & Innovation), FICCI, who provided valuable insights into the Bharat Innovation Challenge. He elaborated on the opportunity for startups with developed solutions (minimum functional prototype) in select focus sectors and addressed queries from the startup founders.

Participants also gained thought-provoking perspectives from **Nikhil Desai**, Manager In-charge – External Affairs, Mercedes-Benz, who spoke about innovation at Mercedes-Benz and the company's commitment to supporting startups aligned with its core mission and technology roadmap.

A special thanks to **Ms. Shivani Kulkarni** from the Mercedes-Benz CSR team for guiding the startups and addressing their questions during the session.

The Bharat Innovation Challenge is an excellent opportunity for sector-focused startups to showcase their innovative products and services pan-India, collaborate closely with Mercedes-Benz, and take their innovations to the next level.



We were glad to host the team from **John Deere**

- **Mukul Varshney**, R1 Director – Government Affairs, PR, Media & Comms, India, Africa, SE Asia, Middle East, Asia Pacific
- **Amit Bora**, General Manager, Government Affairs, India, Africa, Asia Pacific
- **Arun Kumar Pandey**, Global Corporate Social Responsibility Lead
- **Ravindra Kasar**, Social Responsibility Lead, India at COEP's Bhau Institute to explore collaboration opportunities in supporting Agritech and Social Impact Innovation.

The interaction included discussions on emerging challenges and opportunities in the agritech ecosystem, with a focus on farmer-centric technologies, sustainable agriculture, mechanization, digital solutions, and inclusive innovation.

We also exchanged perspectives on how industry–Incubation partnerships can accelerate research translation, pilot innovative solutions, and support startups and innovators working at the grassroots level.

The team was introduced to COEP Bhau Institute's initiatives in innovation, incubation, entrepreneurship development, and social impact programs, highlighting avenues for joint programs, mentoring, technology validation, and ecosystem building.

Looking forward to meaningful partnerships that leverage John Deere's global expertise and COEP Bhau Institute's Incubation and innovation capabilities to drive scalable, sustainable impact in agriculture and rural development.



COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Leadership, we had the pleasure of hosting a focused seminar for few of our selected incubated startups in collaboration with **Ancrew Global Services**.

The session kicked off with introductions to COEP's Bhau Institute and **Ancrew Global**, followed by a highly insightful talk on Modernization and AI on Public Cloud by **Mr. Arvind Kishore**.

An engaging, use-case driven interactive session followed, led by a panel of experts:

- ◆ **Mr. Arvind Kishore**
- ◆ **Mr. Abhijit Rudra**
- ◆ **Mr. Deepak Renuse**
- ◆ **Mr. Abulaziz Bagwan**



Their deep dives into real-world applications and hands-on guidance provided our startups with a strong foundation in leveraging cloud and AI technologies to drive innovation and scalability.

A big thank you to the **Ancrew Global** team for generously sharing their time and expertise. We're excited to see our startups apply these learnings as they continue to grow and innovate.



The COEP's Bhau Institute team — **Mr. Prashant Kharangate (AGM)** and **Mrs. Kavia Sutar (Accounts Officer)** — visited Centre for Incubation and Business Acceleration to discuss and explore potential incubation activities and collaborative initiatives. The team was warmly hosted by **Mr. Sagar Ranshoor**, **Ms. Sindhu Nair**, and **Mr. Saurabh Mirashi**, with engaging discussions on strengthening collaboration between incubation centres.

The visit continued to Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship - SINE IIT Bombay, where a fruitful meeting was held with the NIDHI PRAYAS PMU team — **Mrs. Kanan Dhebar**, **Mrs. Ankita Sawant**, **Ms. Ankita Dwivedi**, and **Mr. Prince Sah** — to review ongoing activities and progress under the **DST NIDHI PRAYAS** program.



The day concluded with an insightful interaction at Maharashtra State Innovation Society with **Mr. Amit Kothawade** and **Mr. Vivek M.**, focusing on strengthening partnerships and exploring new opportunities for innovation and startup support.

We look forward to building on these discussions and driving impactful outcomes through continued collaboration across these dynamic ecosystems.



Grateful for the amazing participation from startup founders and VCs, and for the powerful conversations that filled the room.

The session began with startup-benefit insights shared by **IDFC FIRST Bank** and COEP Bhau Institute, followed by a fireside chat featuring **Madhukar Bhatia (Pentathlon Ventures)**, **Dravya Jain (Windrose Capital)** and **Rakhi Pal (EventBeep)**.

The discussion went deep into the realities of investor-founder relationships — including eye-opening experiences, real red flags that have made investors walk away from deals, and the qualities they quietly look for before choosing to invest. The audience appreciated the honesty, clarity, and practical wisdom in every response.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who joined and contributed to the impactful exchange of ideas.



COEP's Bhau Institute held a highly engaging **Mentoring Clinic session** on Brand Development, featuring Prince Paul, Founder of 3P Cube. Founders and early-stage teams gained valuable insights during this interactive event.

Participants explored why branding should begin early, even before scaling operations. They learned how a founder's personal story can serve as the core driver of the brand's identity. The session covered creating meaningful differentiation on limited budgets and strategies to transform employees into authentic brand ambassadors.

Heartfelt thanks to **Prince Paul**, Founder of 3P Cube, for delivering an outstanding Brand Development session at COEP Bhau Institute's Mentoring Clinic.

# COEP's Bhau Institute Startup Achievements



Congratulations to **Ashutosh More** and **SUM INAgri** on being selected among India's Top 100 export-enabled agri-tech startups under APEDA's flagship BHARATI Program.

The **BHARATI** initiative aims to accelerate agri-food and agri-tech innovations for global markets, strengthening India's export ecosystem through technology-led solutions.

Proud to share that Ashutosh More is a **NIDHI-EIR** (2024-25) incubatee at COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership



Congratulations to Inloo for being named a **DNDA25** Laureate at the **Don Norman Design Award 2025**, recognizing their early-career impact in Humanity-Centered Design.

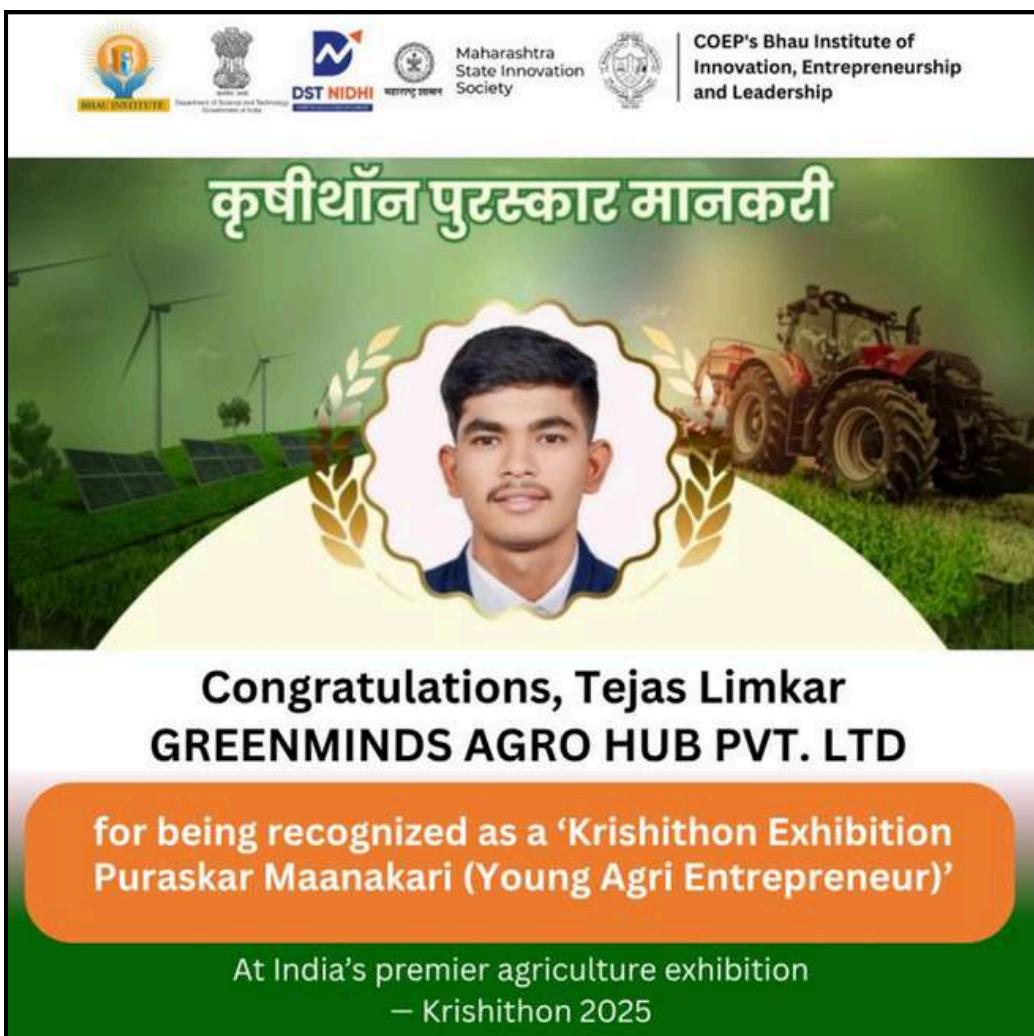
Proud to celebrate this milestone with Founders **Aishwarya Edakhe and Shagun Malavia**, who represented Inloo at **DNDA25** in Singapore and continue to push the boundaries of purposeful design — and proud to have them as incubatees at COEP's Bhau Institute.



Heartiest congratulations to **Vrinda Borkar**, and **Mayur Pawar**, Founders of **Wingrow Agritech Innovations Private Limited**, for winning at the Pune International Centre's 13th National Conference on Social Innovation in the Rural Category!

**Wingrow Agritech** is creating meaningful impact by building weekly farmer markets and a digital stall-booking platform that connects small farmers and women's self-help groups directly with consumers — eliminating middlemen, boosting farmer incomes by up to 50%, reducing wastage, and fostering sustainable rural livelihoods. This recognition is a proud validation of the team's mission-driven innovation and social impact.

We at COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership are delighted to have **Wingrow Agritech** as an incubatee and proud to witness their purposeful journey toward empowering India's agricultural ecosystem.



We are proud of our Incubatee **Tejas Limkar**, Founder, **GreenMinds Agro Hub Pvt Ltd.**, for being recognised as a '**Krishithon Exhibition Puraskar Maanakari (Young Agri Entrepreneur)**' at Krishithon 2025.

Their work in sustainable beekeeping and agri-tech continues to drive innovation and empower farmers across India.

# Our new Incubatees Onboarded

## (Oct To Dec 2025)



We are delighted to welcome two incubatee **Mr. Kaushik Kulkarni** and **Mr. Tejas Vaidya** as an AMRUT-BHAU Fellow under the AMRUT-BHAU Incubation Program.

This initiative specifically targets economically weaker section (EWS) beneficiaries from the open category, including all castes that do not benefit from schemes provided by any separate government department, institution, corporation, or organization in the State of Maharashtra. The selected beneficiaries of this initiative will be part of a 12-month joint incubation program, during which fellows will receive ₹25,000 per month along with one year of dedicated mentorship.

Kaushik is working on “**AutoShield**” — a Smart Car Cover featuring fully and semi-automatic deployment (smartphone/remote-controlled), compact inbuilt storage (rear bumper), weather-responsive sensors, and an eco-friendly, UV & heat-resistant design — offering hassle-free and intelligent car protection.

Tejas is working on a project called “**Vantra**” — a local and domestic tourism platform that connects people to their cities.

Various facilities such as office space, IT and administrative support, software, access to equipment and workshops, meeting rooms, and expert guidance will be provided by COEP’s Bhau Institute to help the fellows develop their ideas or prototypes and scale them further.

# Our new Incubatees Onboarded

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Aseflow Wellness Pvt. Ltd

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Fabaca Biotech

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Intron Tech Pvt Ltd

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Ecosphere Biolabs LLP

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Adisutra Ayurveda LLP

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Taxbit Solutions Pvt.Ltd.

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PZ Wind Energy Solutions  
Pvt Ltd

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Pelta Technologies Pvt Ltd.

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IntellAxis AI Private Limited

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Ecobinders Solutions

# Upcoming Event and New Programs

**AMRUT-BHAU**  
INCUBATION PROGRAMME

**ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

To encourage graduating student to take to entrepreneurship by providing support as a fellowship from the targeted groups of economically weaker section beneficiaries of the open category. It includes all the castes that do not get the benefit of schemes through any separate government department / institution / corporation / organization in the State of Maharashtra

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