



Newsletter

COEP's BHAU Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership



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Welcome to COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Leadership, Pune

COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Leadership is an emerging startup incubator in India, incorporated as a Section 8 not-for-profit company in 2017. It is supported by the Host institute, COEP Technological University, one of the nation's most respected institutions in technical education, established in 1854.

This is a Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, and Maharashtra State Innovation Society, Government of Maharashtra-supported Technology Business Incubator (TBI).



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Bhau's name symbolizes the spirit and philosophy of Bhau, an elder brother who provides support without being overbearing or expecting anything in return. Bhau Institute supports, encourages, and guides entrepreneurs to unleash their full potential. We desire our startup students to be entrepreneurs, finding their own place under the sun. 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. Bhau Institute is committed to promoting entrepreneurship and is working towards developing a role model entrepreneurship institute, which can be replicated across India

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

403
Startups
Supported

76
Currently
incubated
Startups

INR 18.92 Cr.
Funds released/
facilitated
through Bhau

75
Women-led
startups

1500+
Employment
Generated

248
Graduated
Startups

113
Startups
Funded

175+ IPs
Generated

INR 44.03 Cr.
External Funds
raised by Bhau
incubatees

Governing Council Meeting of MSInS



COEP's Bhau CEO, **Mr. Mandar Joshi**, had the privilege of attending the 19th Governing Council Meeting of MSInS, chaired by Hon'ble Minister **Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha ji**, in the presence of Smt **Manisha Verma** Additional Chief Secretary Govt. of Maharashtra, **Dr. Shrikant Patil** CEO, MSINS, and other distinguished members, where we reviewed the progress and ongoing initiatives focused on strengthening innovation, promoting rural entrepreneurship, and expanding incubation support across Maharashtra to create meaningful opportunities for innovators and aspiring entrepreneurs.

The discussions highlighted the collective commitment towards building a robust and inclusive innovation ecosystem that empowers startups, nurtures emerging talent, and drives sustainable economic growth throughout the state.

Technovate 2026



Dr. Rajendra Hiremath, Chairman, COEP's Bhau Institute, was invited as a chief guest at **Technovate 2026**, the annual technical fest organized by Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering and Research (PCCOER), Ravet, which saw enthusiastic participation from nearly 300 students from across Maharashtra.

The event focused on innovation, technical skills, startups, financial planning, and industrial development through various technical competitions and activities aimed at encouraging young innovators.

Speaking at the event, **Dr. Rajendra Hiremath** emphasized the importance of nurturing innovation, technical competency, and entrepreneurial thinking among youth. He highlighted that students should focus on developing practical problem-solving skills, innovation-driven projects, and startup-oriented thinking to contribute to industry and society.

The event concluded with active participation from students, faculty members, and industry representatives, making **Technovate 2026** a vibrant platform for young talent and innovation.

Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship



COEP's Bhau Institute had the pleasure of hosting a distinguished delegation from the **Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship -SINE IIT Bombay**

The visit marked a meaningful step toward strengthening collaboration within India's vibrant startup and innovation ecosystem. The delegation was led by **Mr. Shaji Varghese** (Chief Executive Officer), **Ms. Kanan Dhebar** (Vice President – Projects, SINE), **Ms. Rashmi Mahajani** (Vice President – Incubation & Programs), and **Prof. Nishant Sharma** (Professor-in-Charge, SINE).

The discussions centered around the impact and outcomes of the DST PRAYAS initiative in supporting early-stage innovators and incubatees. We had the opportunity to showcase several success stories from **Bhau Institute's PRAYAS cohort**, highlighting how structured incubation, mentorship, and funding support have enabled these startups to evolve from ideation to validation and beyond.

Our **PRAYAS** innovators ("Prayasees") also shared their inspiring growth journeys, reflecting on how the Bhau Institute and the PRAYAS initiative have played a pivotal role in shaping their entrepreneurial paths.

We are particularly excited about SINE's proposal to explore a collaborative framework for a Co-Incubation Program. This initiative has the potential to provide continued support to startups beyond the PRAYAS stage, enabling them to scale further with the combined expertise, networks, and resources of **SINE, IIT Bombay** and **Bhau Institute**.

Industry Collaboration, Event and Visit



Insightful session on AI Agents for Businesses

COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership, in collaboration with IoTIoT successfully conducted an insightful session on “**AI Agents for Businesses**”.

The session brought together industry experts who shared practical perspectives on how Artificial Intelligence is transforming the way businesses operate, scale, and innovate.

Mr. Atul Mehra , Founder, **vaayushop.com**

delivered an engaging talk on “AI Colleagues for Small Business Expansion”, helping participants understand how AI-powered digital teammates can enable small businesses to expand faster, operate smarter, and deliver enhanced customer experiences.

Mr. Jayesh Kitukale Founder, **Axonator Inc**, shared valuable insights on “The AI-Native Organization, Demystified”, explaining how forward-thinking organizations are integrating humans, AI agents, and applications into one unified system to drive efficiency and growth.

The session provided participants, entrepreneurs, and startup founders with practical knowledge and actionable insights on leveraging AI integration to create meaningful impact while building and scaling their ventures.

A sincere thank you to our expert speakers for sharing their experience and perspectives and to all the participants for their enthusiastic engagement.

Faculty Development Program (FDP)



Bhau Institute - Vishwakarma University Collaboration: Faculty Development Program (FDP) focused on “Faculty as Enablers of Development on Campus”.

The sessions beautifully captured the transition from Educators to Enablers, emphasizing how faculty can actively contribute to building a vibrant entrepreneurship and startup ecosystem.

Our **CEO, Mandar Joshi** had the privilege of sharing an overview of the startup ecosystem and its key drivers, followed by insightful sessions by:

- **Mr. Rajiv Tulpule** on Creativity, Idea generation, and Validation
- **Dr. Prajakta M Joshi** on Business Model Canvas and transforming projects into startups
- **Dr. Nutan Samdani** on Faculty as Innovation enablers and Startup Mentors

Great to see such engaging discussions, reflections, and feedback from participants. Looking forward to more collaborations that empower faculty to nurture innovation and entrepreneurship on campus.



COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Leadership successfully conducted a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on “Fostering Innovation & Startup Ecosystem on Campus”

The program focused on transforming faculty members from educators into innovation enablers and startup ecosystem builders, equipping them with the knowledge and tools to nurture entrepreneurial thinking among students.

The program witnessed enthusiastic participation, insightful discussions, and encouraging feedback from participants, contributing to its remarkable success.

The insightful sessions were delivered by:

- ♦ **Mr. Mandar Joshi (CEO, COEP's Bhau Institute)** – Overview of the Startup Ecosystem and its Key Drivers
- ♦ **Mr. Rajiv Tulpule (CEO at RETCO Corporation)** – Creativity, Idea Generation, and Idea Validation
- ♦ **Mr. Anirudha Modak (Founder - Guru on Tap Consulting)** – Business Model Canvas and Converting Academic Projects into Startups.
- ♦ **Dr. Dr. Nutan Samdani (Associate Professor at SBUP)** – Faculty as Innovation Enablers and Startup Mentors

The sessions provided valuable insights, meaningful discussions, and several actionable takeaways that will undoubtedly help educators and professionals foster a stronger culture of innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership.

We were delighted to host faculty members and innovation leaders from various institutions. We look forward to strengthening collaborations with academic institutions and empowering faculty members to build vibrant innovation and startup ecosystems across campuses.

Faculty Empowerment Program (FEP)



COEP's Bhau Institute, in collaboration with MSBTE, successfully conducted a Faculty Empowerment Program (FEP) on "Fostering Innovation & Startup Ecosystem on Campus" for 26 Hub Institutes.

The program officially commenced with opening remarks by **Mr. Mandar Joshi** (CEO, Bhau Institute) and a special address by **Mr. Vijay Kolhe** (Deputy Secretary, MSBTE), setting the tone for a transformative and impactful learning journey.

Keynote Address on Understanding the Startup Ecosystem
 An insightful session by **Mr. Prasad Menon** (CEO – CIBA Incubation & President – ISBA) on the entire startup ecosystem and its key drivers, providing clarity on how innovation evolves from idea to impact.

Train the Trainer Sessions

Highly engaging sessions by **Mr. Sagar Ranshoor** (Head of Incubation, CIBA | Startup Facilitator) focused on:

Teaching students to think beyond boundaries

Building an entrepreneurial mindset among students



Day 2 of the **Faculty Empowerment Program (FEP)** at **COEP's Bhau Institute** focused on capacity building, practical exposure, and strengthening the startup ecosystem across Hub Institutes.

The day began with an engaging session by **Mr. Rajiv Tulpule**, offering hands-on insights into transforming ideas into viable startup opportunities.

Participants explored the innovation ecosystem, facilities, and support systems available for startups.

Overview of Government Schemes for Startups

Mr. Prashant Kharangate (AGM, COEP's Bhau Institute) shared valuable insights on various government schemes supporting startup growth.

Startup Founder's Journey

Mr. Mayur Pawar (Founder, Wingrow Agritech Pvt. Ltd. & Incubatee at Bhau Institute) shared his inspiring journey, key learnings, and practical insights from the startup ecosystem.

MSBTE–Bhau Portal Training

Conducted by **Mr. Abhijit Pawar** (Founder, Marworx Technologies Pvt Ltd), focusing on effective usage of the portal for reporting and program execution.

Strategic Planning & Hub Engagement

Mr. Swapnil Mali (AGM, COEP's Bhau Institute) guided participants on aligning activities across hubs, enhancing participation, and Strategic planning for activities of AY 2026–27.

MSME Support for Ideators

Mr. Abhay Daptardar (Assistant Director, Ministry of MSME) shared key opportunities and schemes for early-stage innovators. He also encouraged participants to actively support young student ideators in their journey towards building an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The program concluded with closing remarks by **Mr. Mandar Joshi** (CEO, COEP's Bhau Institute), marking the successful completion of two impactful days. He also expressed gratitude to MSBTE officials, all speakers, Principal Investigators, and Project Coordinators of Hub Institutes for their continuous support and commitment towards building a stronger startup ecosystem across Maharashtra under the MSBTE Bhau Program.

DANA – Bhau Idea Hackathon



DANA – Bhau Idea Hackathon proved to be an exceptional platform for innovators to showcase their startup ideas and entrepreneurial vision.

Out of 61 applications received, 6 promising ideas were shortlisted as finalists. These teams had the opportunity to present their concepts before the DANA jury, comprising distinguished industry leaders and domain experts.

After an engaging round of final presentations, 3 outstanding innovators emerged as winners.

They have been awarded a grant along with one year of incubation support from **Bhau Institute** to help scale their ventures and bring their ideas to life.

The Winners of the **DANA-Bhau Idea Hackathon** -

- 1) **Amit Chavan: AVN Agrobharat Pvt. Ltd.** "MilkPro, an IoT-enabled automated milk quality control technology designed for use at milk collection centers. The technology combines food-grade sensors, embedded electronics, and cloud-based analytics to perform real time, accurate and temperproof milk quality assessment.
- 2) **Bhausahab Shinde: BSVS Farmtech Pvt Ltd.** "an innovative, tractor-mounted agricultural harvesting technology designed for crops like jowar and bajra. The machine removes crops along with their roots, performs automated bundling with dual-point knotting, and shifts the harvested bundles to one side in a single pass.
- 3) **Sagar Ghode: Ghode and Jadhav Agritech Equipment Industries pvt Ltd** "Onion Topper (Back Machine) It picks up the dug onions, cuts off the Green (Wet) Leaves using their special roller technology, and collects the clean bulbs into a storage tank.

Congratulations to all the winners for their remarkable achievement and to every participant for contributing to such an inspiring and competitive environment.

We look forward to seeing these ideas grow into impactful ventures!

AI Agents for Businesses



COEP's Bhau Institute and IoTIoT organised 3rd edition of a session on AI Agents for Businesses where Soubhik Das and Aniket from QraftAI shared their journey of building AI Agents from idea to paying customers alongwith practical insights on AI adoption for businesses.

Mentorship Clinic and Legal Help Desk



COEP's Bhau Institute hosted a Mentoring Clinic on “**Empowering Startups with Cloud and AI Innovation.**”

Our speakers, **Mr. Ashish Bhatikar** and **Mr. Ravi Shankar**, shared valuable insights on accessing cloud credits, leveraging GenAI, and navigating migration support for startups.

We are grateful to Mr. Ashish and Mr. Ravi Shankar for taking the time to share their extensive experience with our startups.

We look forward to continued engagement and many more such impactful sessions.



At the **COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership**, we hosted a session on "**Financial Modeling and Startup Valuation**", led by **CA Arpit Parikh**.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Arpit for taking time out to engage with our startup community and for generously sharing his knowledge and experience.

We look forward to many more such impactful sessions that empower innovators and entrepreneurs to build resilient and scalable ventures.

COEP's Bhau Institute Startup Achievements



Congratulations to **Win Win Bites LLP** on winning the **Pune Agri Hackathon 2026** under the Post-Harvest Innovation Category! 🏆 🌾

This recognition reflects their commitment to developing innovative millet-based food products, promoting healthier snacking choices, and creating value addition opportunities in the agriculture and food processing sector.

COEP's Bhau Institute is proud to have you incubated with us. We wish the team continued success in building a healthier and more sustainable future. **Mayur Pawar, Vrinda Borkar**



Congratulations to **SenseLive** (Founder: **Abhijeet Bhoyar**) on securing **₹50 lakhs** in funding, led by the **Nagpur Family Fund**, with **Shashikant Chaudhary (Former MD, GlobalLogic)** as the lead investor.

A proud milestone, the funding cheque was presented by Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji at the Advantage Vidarbha 2026 Gratitude Ceremony.

This investment marks an important step in SenseLive's journey of developing innovative Industry 4.0 and Industrial IoT solutions for smarter, more efficient manufacturing.

We are proud to have SenseLive as an incubatee at COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership, and wish the team continued success as they scale new heights.



Congratulations to **GHODE & JADHAV AGRITECH EQUIPMENTS INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED** on receiving the Best Start-Up Award 2026 from **ICAR – Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research (DOGR), Pune.** 🏆

This recognition reflects the team's commitment to developing innovative agricultural machinery that reduces labour dependency and enhances the productivity and profitability of onion farmers.

We at **COEP's Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership** are proud to have them incubated with us, and wish the team continued success in advancing agricultural innovation and creating meaningful impact for farmers across India.



Congratulations to IDT Innovation Technologies Pvt. Ltd. on receiving support from the **Technology Development Board (TDB)**, **Department of Science & Technology, Government of India**, for the commercialization of its indigenous Industrial AIoT solutions.

The project, "**Industry 4.0: Development and Commercialization of Industrial AIoT Devices**," aims to enable smart manufacturing through advanced AIoT technologies for energy optimization, predictive maintenance, and real-time industrial monitoring.

This recognition reinforces the potential of homegrown innovation in accelerating India's Industry 4.0 and Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision.

COEP's Bhau Institute wishes the team continued success in driving digital transformation across the manufacturing sector.

Build At Bhau Institute






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BUILT AT BHAU



Octarange Technologies Pvt Ltd

Developing advanced Battery Management Systems (BMS) and Thermal Management solutions for Electric Vehicles, Energy Storage and Defence applications.



Battery Management Systems (BMS)
Smart, reliable and high-performance BMS for multiple applications.



Thermal Management Solutions
Advanced thermal systems for safety, efficiency and longer battery life.



Cloud Analytics & Simulation
Data-driven insights, cloud analytics and simulation for better battery performance.



Safe, Reliable, Future Ready.
Designing systems that ensure safety, reliability and scalability across industries.

POWERING THE FUTURE WITH
SMART, SAFE & EFFICIENT
ENERGY SOLUTIONS





INTELLIGENT BATTERY
SYSTEMS FOR A
SUSTAINABLE &
ELECTRIFIED TOMORROW



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Building the future of intelligent energy systems, **Octarange Technologies** is developing next-generation battery management and thermal solutions for electric vehicles and beyond.

From advanced battery systems to cloud-based analytics and thermal management, the startup is focused on creating smarter, safer, and more sustainable energy solutions for the automotive, defence, aerospace, and energy storage sectors.

At **COEP's Bhau Institute** is proud to support innovators building deep-tech solutions with real-world impact.

BUILT AT BHAU

SPEEDLOOP
Mobility Reimagined

Speedloop Auto Pvt Ltd

Developing compact, efficient and smart electric vehicles for semi-urban and rural India. Building the future of sustainable and intelligent mobility.

TRL 8
Pre-booking
(Pre-revenue)

FOCUS
Compact Electric
Commercial Vehicles

MARKET
Semi-urban &
Rural India

VISION
Smart, Sustainable
Mobility for All

Driving the shift to clean, intelligent and inclusive mobility.

Backed by Bhau Institute to build, scale and create real-world impact.

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Speedloop Auto Pvt Ltd is developing compact and intelligent electric vehicles designed for semi-urban and rural India, with a focus on practical, sustainable mobility solutions.

By building efficient EVs tailored for real-world usage, the team is working towards making clean mobility more accessible and scalable.

COEP's Bhau Institute, we continue to support founders building solutions with meaningful impact.

BUILT AT BHAU

Krebzinstar Pvt Ltd (Tight The Nut)

AI/ML powered SaaS platform for local garages and vendors to drive efficiency, profitability and productivity.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

20,000+ Registered Users	24 Lakh+ Invoices Created	₹800 Cr+ Worth of Invoices	4.5 App Rating
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SECTOR
Automotive – After Sales

STAGE
Revenue Generating

INNOVATE | BUILD | IMPACT

#BuiltAtBhau

Krebzinstar Pvt Ltd (Tight the Nut) is building an AI-powered platform to streamline operations for local garages and vendors. Today, the platform supports over 20,000 workshops across India, improving efficiency, productivity, and profitability.

COEP's Bhau Institute, continue to support founders in building practical, scalable solutions across sectors.

Our new Incubatees Onboarded

- 1 Agnipankh Energy Private Limited
- 2 Quirklabs LLP
- 3 SocioTurtle Technologies LLP
- 4 UConneKT
- 5 Reparv Services Pvt. Ltd
- 6 Aerapot Private Limited
- 7 Notivo Technologies Private Limited
- 8 Nutrinnova Ventures Private Limited
- 9 Medmarvel Software Solutions Pvt Ltd
- 10 Ainnoverse Tech Center LLP
- 11 NeuralStream AgentiX Private Limited
- 12 Sahastiwa Solutions Private Limited
- 13 Helpreneur: The Growth Catalyst

Upcoming Event and New Programs



MAHAJYOTI-BHAU

INCUBATION PROGRAMME

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

MAHAJYOTI-BHAU Incubation Program for selected innovators with promising and innovative ideas from target groups under MAHAJYOTI in the state of Maharashtra. The Innovator must be a resident of Maharashtra State and shall belong to the Non-Creamy Layer group of OBC, VJ, NT and SBC categories.

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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

FOCUS AREAS

✓ AgriTech	✓ EV & Smart Mobility	✓ Foodtech
✓ Agriculture	✓ IOT AIML	✓ Technologies
✓ Renewable Energy		

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SOCIAL INNOVATION SUMMIT 2026

SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT



KEY FOCUS AREAS

Health Care	Agriculture	Environment	Clean Energy
Waste to Wealth	Grassroots Innovation	SDG Aligned Innovation	Sustainable Development

WHO CAN APPLY

- Social Entrepreneurs/innovators
- Startups
- Innovation Stages: Prototype / MVP/ Commercialization

BENEFITS OF TOP SOCIAL INNOVATORS

- Dr. Gauri Shah Social Innovation Grant of Rs 50,000/- per innovator will be given to top 3 social innovators.
- An opportunity for incubation and mentorship support at COEP's Bhau Institute, Pune.
- A certificate along with a memento will be presented to the top 10 social innovators.

Top 3 Innovators
₹50,000
Grant Per Innovator

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