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NOTIFICATION

Inviting Entries for "Startup Competition-2026" (Best Startup Award-2026)

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is actively engaged in fostering its Students and Alumni towards Atmanirbhar through promoting, supporting and nurturing the Innovator Students and Alumni of IGNOU interested in setting up their own Startups.

As a part of the IIC Calendar Activity, the IIC-IGNOU is organizing a **Startup Competition-2026** for IGNOU Students and Alumni.

All the Students and Alumni of IGNOU who have set up a Startup or Innovative Business Venture are invited to submit the details of their Startup or Innovative Business Venture for the Startup Competition-2026.

The Startup Competition-2026 will be held in **Two Rounds**.

- In the First Round, the details about the startup/ innovative business venture submitted through the Google Form will be screened and shortlisted by an expert committee.
- In the Second Round, the shortlisted Students/Alumni will be required to pitch their Startup/ Innovative Business as per the template provided after completion of the First Round.

Finally, the **Best Startup Award-2026** will be given to the Startups/Business Venture selected after the pitching.

The entries for the First Round of the Startup Competition-2026 can be submitted through the Link: <https://forms.gle/Eb6gWHMouh65wrzk6> latest by August 31, 2026. For any clarification, the interested Students and Alumni may contact at email ncide@ignou.ac.in.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

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