



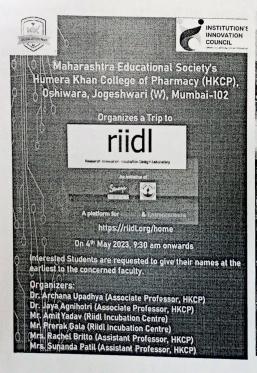
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Field Visit to an Incubation Centre 4th May 2023

In accordance with the Government of India initiative to stimulate innovations and start-ups across the country, we, the Institute Innovations Council (IIC), of Maharashtra Educational Society's Humera Khan College of Pharmacy wished to apprise our students on the role of incubation centres in promoting new business ventures.

riidl Somaiya Vidyavihar is a technology incubation centre which mentored many start-ups for conversion into successful businesses. We expressed our desire to visit the facility to Mr. Amit Yadav of riidl Incubations Centre at Somaiya Vidyavihar, Vidyavihar (East), Mumbai. He helped us organize the visit on 4th May 2023 to the Centre from 10 am onwards with his colleague Mr. Prerak Gala (Community Manager at riidl Somaiya Vidyavihar)





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On the day of the visit, 26 M.Pharm Students (First Year and Second Year) of the Pharmaceutics specialization along with two faculty (Dr. Jaya Agnihotri and Dr. Archana Upadhya) assembled at the Riidl Incubation centre on the 5th floor of Bhaskaracharya Building, K J Somaiya College of Engineering at 9:30 am.

They were graciously welcomed by Mr. Prerak Gala. Mr. Gala explained the working of riidl and its role in incubating and mentoring start-ups. He briefed them on the timeline of riidl's inception and its growth. He additionally informed about riidl having three divisions to cater to the various types of start-ups. He introduced them to Fab Lab, an open digital fabrication studio where incubates can learn the application and use of 3D printers, laser cutters, design software and electronics, XR Lab of riidl, as a place to design, develop and test software applications for the web or the mobile and Bioriidl. Bioriidl is a DIY BIOLAB equipped with instruments for cell culture, molecular biology, analysis, microbiology, 3D bioprinting based work. He also explained the various programmes supported by riidl such as Nidhi Prayas, Bioentrepreneurship program, project-based learning, start-up school India, riidl acceleration program and many more. He stressed that riidl provides mentoring in those areas the start-ups are deficient in so that they turn into successful ventures.





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He then accompanied them to Bioriidl where he introduced them to various incubatees. The incubatees were from various research and start-up organizations.

Mr. Pratik Kale was one of the incubatees who was working on preparation of leather from microorganisms as a substitute for the animal leather and synthetic leather. Dr. Chaitanya Joshi's student was working on his project that involved 3D bioprinting of bone tissue. They also met the scientist of Soreze Care who had recently launched Soreze® Advance for treating wound dressing and bed sores with the aid of work done at riidl and other incubation centres. Neha Kaner from Avisa Biotech who was working on a patented molecule for incorporation into sunscreens also engaged them and spoke about the challenges and opportunities available to start ups in India, the role about riidl and incubation centres from across the country and their commitment to promote ventures.

The students were inspired and enthusiastic about the future possibilities available to them in India due to such centres and schemes. The trip ended on a positive note and the students and faculty left with a change in perspective and in appreciation of the visit.

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