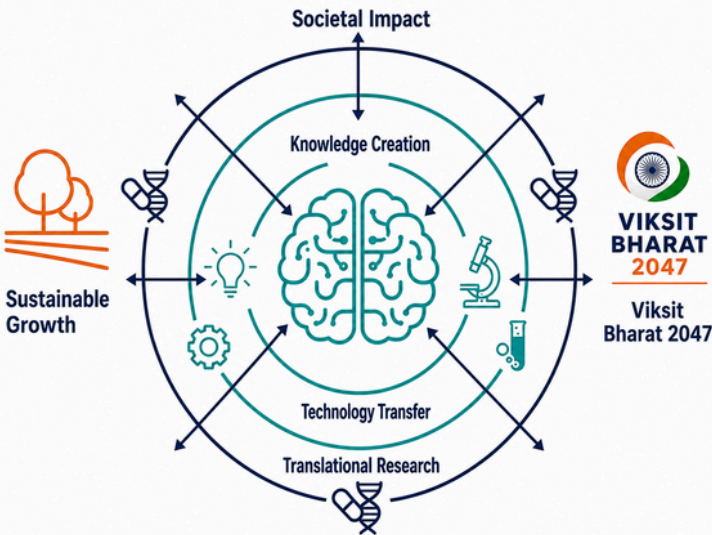


One Week Faculty Development Program

on

Research Translation and Startup Initialization

(July 13th - 17th, 2026)



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About the Institute

NIT Hamirpur is one of the thirty-one NITs under MoE, Govt. of India, which came into existence on 7th August 1986 as Regional Engineering College, a joint enterprise of the Govt. of India and Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. REC Hamirpur was awarded the status of Deemed University on 26th June 2002 and was upgraded to National Institute of Technology. The institute is located at the foothills of lower Shivalik ranges of Great Himalayas with an altitude of about 900 meters. Hamirpur is situated on Shimla Dharmshala highway and is about 80 km from Gagal Airport at Kangra/Dharamshala, whereas it is about 70 km from Amb Andora Railway station and 40 km from Chandigarh- Manali Highway on Shimla-Dharamasala highway.

The Institute offers Bachelor, Master and Doctoral programmes in Engineering, Sciences, Architecture, Management and Humanities. The offered programmes serve the purpose of building a comprehensive foundation of knowledge and help to enhance the confidence, creativity and innovation in its students.

About Incubation Centre Uttishthati Foundation (UTF)

Incubation Centre was established in NIT Hamirpur (H.P) in July 2017 in collaboration with Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. Whereas UTF is a non-profit organization established in September 2023 as a section 8 company under iTBI-NEB project -2022 by Department of Science and Technology (DST). A total of about 15000 Sq. ft. area has been dedicated in the Institute towards innovation, entrepreneurship, and startups related activities. Incubation centre has well developed ICT Lab, Hardware Lab, E-conference room, working space/offices for startups board /meeting room and in process of setting up D&D and FAB lab along with additional offices for students/faculty led startups. Incubation centre is actively engaged in organizing startup summits, pitch decks, workshops etc.

Under the guidance of a dedicated Board of Directors and Board of Governors of UTF, the foundation provides nurturing environment for budding entrepreneurs and supports them in bridging the gap between ideation and commercialization.

By providing state of art incubation ecosystem, the Uttishthati Foundation plays a vital role in strengthening the regional and national entrepreneurial landscape.

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About the FDP

The Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Research Translation and Startup Initialization aims to empower faculty members, researchers, innovators, and aspiring entrepreneurs with the knowledge and tools required to transform research ideas into impactful startups and real-world solutions. The program is designed to bridge the gap between knowledge generation and real world impact by ensuring that same has been effectively communicated, implemented and evaluated in practice. Participants will gain practical insights through expert lectures, case studies, interactive discussions, group activities, and exposure to successful entrepreneurial journeys.

The FDP will cover important aspects such as translational research, minimum viable product (MVP) development, product validation, commercialization strategies, company formation and the role of industry in nurturing academic-led startup ecosystems. The program is specifically designed to encourage translational research and innovation-driven thinking and strengthening the culture of entrepreneurship within academic institutions. The FDP will serve as a valuable platform for networking, collaboration, capacity building, and promoting research-led startup development among faculty members and researchers.

Broad Topics to be covered

- **Translational Research**
- **Startup Ecosystem in Academia**
- **Minimum Viable Product (MVP) Strategy and Product Validation**
- **Steps towards MVP Commercialization**
- **Need for filing Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and the process**
- **Incentives/Facilitations for women lead startups**
- **Essential Financial and Legal aspects for Startups**
- **Setting up a Company- A Comprehensive guide**
- **Role of Industry in Academia let startups**
- **Case Studies**
- **Group Discussion**

Eminent Speakers

- Eminent Experts from premier Institutes (IITs/NIT/IIMs/CUs etc.), Research Labs and Industry will share their insights and interact with the participants.

Important Dates

Last date for registration: 29-06-2026

Confirmation of selection: 01-07-2026

Eligibility

This program is open to faculty members, research scholars and industrial personnel.

Registration and Payment Guidelines

Registration Fee (Non-Refundable) (Through Bank Transfer):

- Rs. 500 for Research Scholars
- Rs. 1500 for Faculty
- Rs. 3000 for Industry Personnel

Bank Account Details :

- Name of the Bank: Union Bank of India
- IFSC: UBIN0914185
- Account Name: Uttishthati Foundation
- Account Number: 141821010000054

e-registration link (QR Code): [& Map](#)



- Registration is mandatory for participation
- No TA/DA will be provided for attending the FDP.
- Shared Accommodation will be provided to the participants in the Institute Hostel(s)
- Registration fee includes a course Kit, Refreshments, Boarding and Lodging
- The interested participants may use the scanner (above) for initiating the registration process.

Certificate

Certificates will be issued to participants with at least 75% attendance.

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