



HANSRAJ COLLEGE

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(2025-2026)

Event Name:- The panel discussion “Innovation Unplugged: Empowering Students, Shaping Futures,”

Organized By:- Institution’s Innovation council

Date:- 31st August 2025

Duration:- 2 Hour

Convener:- Dr. Ambika

Coordinator(s):- Prof. Monica Koul and Dr. Ritu Pandey

Number of student Participants:- 35

Number of Faculty Participants:-06

Number of External Participants (If Any):- NA

Expenditure Amount (If Any):- NIL

Mode of Session Delivery (Online/Offline/Hybrid):-Online

Objective of Program:- To enrich the knowledge of our students related to start up and entrepreneurship.

Benefit in Terms of Learning /Skill/Knowledge Obtained:- The speaker motivated the students to delve more into innovations, startups and opportunities.

Video Link of program (If any):- NA

If you have video then share. We will upload it on IIC YouTube channel

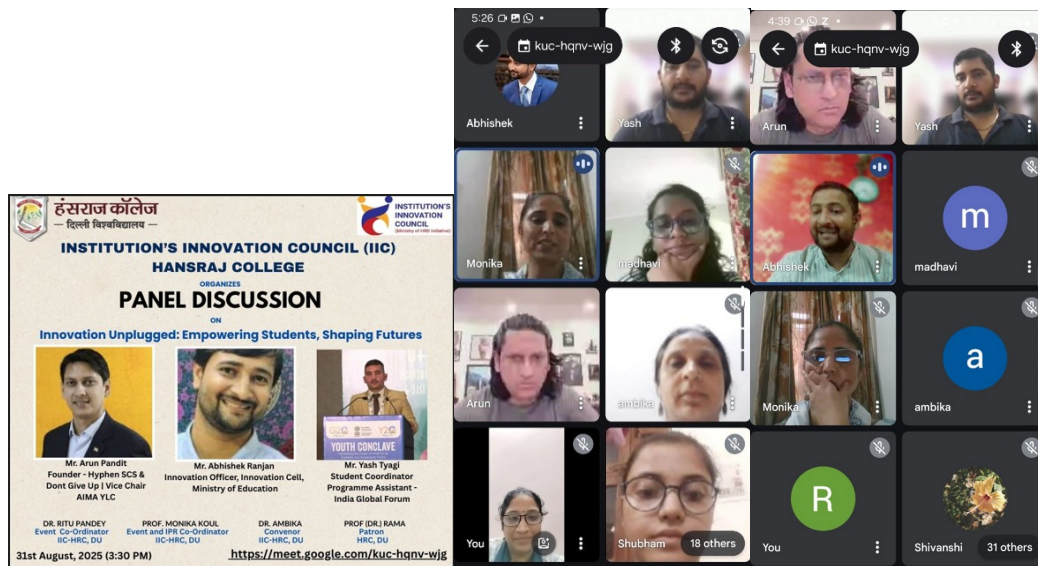
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Report:- The panel discussion “Innovation Unplugged: Empowering Students, Shaping Futures,” held under the aegis of the Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC), Hansraj College,

served as a compelling exploration of how campuses can become powerful incubators of creativity, entrepreneurship, and societal transformation. The online session started with the introduction of IIC Hansraj College working under the guidance of Principal Prof. Dr. Rama, Ms Alka Kacker, IQAC director and the coordinator Dr Ambika. Opening remarks by Prof. Monika Koul, the event showcased the vibrant innovation ecosystem developed at Hansraj . Moderated by Yash Tyagi, a student of Hansraj College, the discussion was seamlessly driven towards the theme of repositioning academic spaces for innovation. Panelists included **Mr. Abhishek Ranjan from the Ministry of Education**, who brought the policy-maker's perspective to the fore by discussing recent changes and ongoing improvements in India's innovation ecosystem and emphasizing the critical importance of policy in fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration, industry-academia connections, and robust student support networks. He highlighted the policy shifts aimed at empowering students to take risks and turn creative ideas into scalable solutions that fuel both individual careers and sustainable national development. Complementing this, **Mr. Arun Pandit, a well-known entrepreneur and member of AIMA YLC**, shared an industry-centric viewpoint, candidly addressing the realities of start-up life—including the inevitability of failures and setbacks—while underlining the importance of resilience, adaptability, and learning from adversity as keys to eventual success. Both panelists engaged thoughtfully on questions related to the availability of support funds, seed grants, and the growing need for strong mentorship and incubation ecosystems within colleges, providing attendees with a well-rounded understanding of practical and strategic pathways available to aspiring student innovators. The session also featured contributions from Ms. Madhvi Moni, who illuminated the challenges encountered at the grassroots, college level—such as building persistent moral support, overcoming institutional hurdles, and encouraging sustained student engagement with innovation activities. Throughout the event, the discussion touched on a multitude of interconnected themes including negotiation, vision-setting, and the importance of industry linkages, while also recognizing the crucial role of faculty and mentors in nurturing young minds. Student participation was vibrant, with attendees actively interacting with the panelists, seeking insights and guidance on navigating the innovation landscape. The session proved to be an eye-opener, offering valuable takeaways that will inform future initiatives. It concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks and a renewed promise from Team IIC Hansraj to keep advancing its mission by further strengthening its support for innovative student-led ventures, ensuring that Hansraj College remains at the forefront of fostering an entrepreneurial spirit and societal impact. The event

closed with formally placing on record the thanks to the dynamic panelists and organizing team, including the coordinator Prof Monika Koul and Dr Ritu Pandey.

Photographs:



Attendance:

Total Attendees: 41