Entrepreneurship Development & Business Acceleration Programme

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

North Eastern Council
Government of India

ORGANIZED BY

North Eastern Science & Technology Cluster of IIT Guwahati

for promoting Research, Innovation & Skill Development

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ABOUT NEST CLUSTER

The North Eastern Science and Technology (NEST) Cluster of IIT Guwahati, is a regional innovation hub aimed at strengthening the science, technology, and innovation ecosystem across the eight states of North-Eastern region of India. Operating on a Hub-and-Spoke model, it connects academia, industry, startups, and government to transform grassroots innovations into scalable technologies aligned with national priorities. Its key focus areas include **Grassroots Technologies, Semiconductors & AI, Bamboo-based Technologies, and Biodegradable Plastics & Solid Waste Management**, with a strong emphasis on youth engagement and capacity building.

5–DAY LEARNING JOURNEY

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
Entrepreneurial Mindset & Problem Discovery	Customer Validation & Value Proposition	Business Model & Market Fundamentals	Legal, Financial & Compliance Foundations	Go-to-Market, Funding & Pitch Readiness

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Hands-on Workshops & Case Studies
- Industry-led Expert Lectures
- Live Pitch & Expert Feedback
- Business Model Development Sessions
- Networking with Entrepreneurs
- Certificate of Participation

Associated Venture Partner

NEDFi Venture Capital Limited (NVCL) is a wholly owned subsidiary of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited(NEDFi), a Public Financial Institution, registered as an NBFC (NDSI) with RBI. **Selected Entrepreneurs under this program will be recommended to NVCL for suitable funding opportunities**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Innovators with Business Ideas
- Start-up Founders
- Students & Researchers
- Aspiring Entrepreneurs
- Professionals in Entrepreneurship

EXPERT SPEAKERS

- IIT Guwahati - School of Business
- Laghu Udyog Bharati & MSME & NEHHDC
- AITEC & CSD Society, Govt. of Assam
- Industry Experts and Startup Mentors
- Assam Skill University & Nagaland University
- NEDFi & NVCL & GBP & Bionest & O P Totla & Co

REGISTRATION

- Last Date to apply for EDP: April 16, 2026
- Payment: April 20, 2026 (On-Site)
- Intimation of Acceptance: April 17, 2026

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