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E Summit 2024

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1990 batch silver reunion endowment interest received from the donors of United States supports E-Summit every year.

The ninth edition of the annual Entrepreneurship Summit, hosted by the Entrepreneurship Cell of Indian Institute of Technology Madras, marked a significant milestone in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. Held from 7th to 10th March 2024, the summit stood as a beacon of inspiration and learning, drawing over 800 founders and 5000+ students participating from 400 colleges across India.

This year's summit distinguished itself by being the first student-run entrepreneurial festival in India to receive ISO, Startup India, MakeInIndia and UNESCO certifications. Supported by esteemed partners including WestBridge Capital, SBI's Startup Branch, and Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India Ltd., E-Summit 2024 featured a stellar lineup of over 35 investors and 40 notable speakers.

Four dynamic conclaves - Youth Conclave, Innovators' Conclave, Start-up Conclave, and Startup Essentials Conclave - provided a platform for knowledge sharing, networking, and exploration of entrepreneurial opportunities. The summit also showcased a Startup Expo, attracting 100 innovative startups to present their groundbreaking ideas to a diverse audience of over 15,000.

With a strong educational focus, E-Summit 2024 aimed to equip attendees with valuable entrepreneurial insights through lectures, workshops, and engaging competitions.

The E-Summit also held multiple sessions to address crucial challenges faced by tech founders, particularly in finance, legal, and tax domains thereby providing startups with the necessary knowledge and resources for sustainable growth and success.

The summit also witnessed the seventh edition of the prestigious pan-India fundraising competition, 'Elevate,' with 30+ VCs offering an investment corpus of 35Cr+ and the ninth edition of the Startup Accelerator Program, Bootcamp, which saw 50+ startups in the cohort. These initiatives, supported by leading venture capital firms and conglomerates, aimed to nurture and elevate promising startups from various domains. Further, the first ever Incubator's Summit was conducted, with 43 startups receiving incubation offers from top incubators across the country. The Summer Intern Fair saw over 80 students receiving internship offers from leading startups across the country.

Highlighting the inspirational aspect of the summit were the flagship Inspirit lectures, featuring industry leaders sharing their personal journeys and insights. Notable speakers included Mr. Ankur Warikoo (serial entrepreneur and content creator), Mr. Anand Srinivasan (IIT Madras alumnus and co- founder of Akasa Air), Mr. Abhinandan Sekhri (Co-founder of NewsLaundry), Mr. Ajit Balakrishnan (Founder of Rediff), and Ms. Radhika Aggarwal (Co-founder of ShopClues and the first woman to enter unicorn club).

As the curtains closed on yet another successful edition, E-Summit 2024 left an indelible mark on India's entrepreneurial landscape, inspiring and empowering the next generation of innovators and leaders.

The Four Conclaves

Youth Conclave

Youth Conclave is a multi-faceted confluence of engaging competitive and networking events that help an individual unlock their latent potential and skills in business and entrepreneurship. It is envisioned to promote entrepreneurial spirit and aptitude amongst the next generation of graduates hence paving the way for young leaders to ride the wave of change in the careers they undertake.

Innovator's Conclave

The Innovator's Conclave aims to cultivate the leaders of tomorrow by providing a diverse range of experiences across various disciplines. Through this conclave, participants will be equipped with the tools and knowledge needed to tackle emerging engineering challenges and capitalize on a multitude of market opportunities. The conclave seeks to enrich individual's thought processes and foster innovation that will shape the future landscape of technology and business.

Startup Conclave

Aiming to accelerate startup growth, Startup Conclave is concentrated on providing networking and experiential learning. It is a platform for founders, investors and startup enthusiasts to experience extreme networking, gather insights and knowledge on various significant topics and meet the right kind of people in the right business atmosphere.

Startup Essential Conclave

The Startup Essentials Conclave is dedicated to supporting early to mid-stage startups by addressing critical knowledge gaps in finance, legal, and tax compliance domains. Through workshops and one-on-one mentoring sessions, participants are equipped with essential tools and insights to navigate the complexities of the corporate world. The aim is to empower startups with the necessary resources and expertise to gain a competitive edge in their journey towards success

Capturing Key Highlights











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- 80+ internships offered in leading startups across India to IITM Students through Startup Intern fair
- 43 incubation offers to early stage startups from top incubators across the country
- 50 Startups selected to be part of Bootcamp, a startup accelerator program, with top 10 startups receiving equity free incubation
- 100 Startups to display and showcase their products and businesses to top VCs, successful entrepreneurs, professors of IIT Madras and students through Startup Expo 2024
- Launch of Entrepreneurship Cell in IITM Zanzibar Campus by Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu
- Launch of 8th Edition of E-Insider Magazine by Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu
- Unveiling of Drachen 5K, a 1:4 Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle prototype designed to fly at 200 kmph at an altitude of 5000 feet by Prof. V. Kamakoti, Director of IIT Madras. The UAV is built by Arctus Aerospace, a startup founded by Shreepoorna S Rao, a final year undergraduate student at IIT Madras
- E-Cells communities established in 25+ colleges including international ones, taking total pool of partner colleges to 100+ through Entrepreneurship Development Drive
- Workshops conducted in 50+ schools across India to introduce 30K+ students to entrepreneurship as a career pathway through the E-21 program
- Radio broadcasts and offline visits to 25+ villages in Tamil Nadu to create awareness about government schemes for rural entrepreneurs through E-Cell's social campaign Udaan



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