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**Subject: Invitation to Institutions and YIC/APF Shortlisted Innovation Teams for Regional Meets of Institutions Innovation Councils (IIC) at 26 Locations on 25th Nov., 28th Nov. and 2nd Dec 2025 - Reg.**

To,  
The Heads of Institutions

Greetings from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

We are pleased to invite all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with existing Institutions' Innovation Councils (IICs) as well as prospective IIC institutions to nominate and confirm their participation in the upcoming 26 IIC Regional Meets, scheduled in three phases: 25<sup>th</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> November, and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025.

This third edition of the IIC Regional Meets will be held on a larger and grander scale to celebrate the achievements of the innovation and start-ups ecosystems across more than 16,000 HEIs. These Regional Meets are designed to serve as platforms for engagement and networking, enabling IIC institutions to showcase their achievements, share knowledge and experiences, and interact with other HEIs, ecosystem enablers, and resource agencies within the region. This collaborative effort aims to further the innovation movement in line with the national innovation agenda.

Additionally, the Regional Meets will provide a platform for over 3,500 innovators and start-ups shortlisted as part of the YUKTI Innovation Challenge (YIC) 2025 and the AICTE Productization Fellowship (APF) 2025. Here, they will have the opportunity to demonstrate their innovations, receive mentoring, and undertake pitching sessions as part of the second round of evaluation for these schemes. This process will determine their selection for the next round of funding assistance from AICTE, facilitating their transition from innovation to start-up with incubation support.

I urge all institutions with shortlisted innovations in the first round of YIC and APF 2025 to encourage nominations and facilitate the participation of their teams in the Regional Meets as per the schedule. This will provide innovators an excellent opportunity for demonstration, mentoring, and evaluation to further refine their innovations and leverage funding assistance opportunities.

Institutes and innovators may use their IIC & YUKTI login accounts respectively to submit nominations and confirm participation in the IIC Regional Meets. For any assistance, please reach out to the team of IIC Implementation and AICTE Innovation Centres at: <https://iic.mic.gov.in/about-us/contact-us>.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation in the IIC Regional Meets.

Yours sincerely

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