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To,
The Principal / Director
All affiliated colleges/ Institutes
Savitribai Phule Pune University.

Subject: Organization of “SPPU Startup Talk Series – Conversations with Young Entrepreneurs” at Affiliated Colleges

Dear Madam/Sir,

Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Enterprise (CIIE), Savitribai Phule Pune University, is pleased to invite affiliated colleges to organize the **“SPPU Startup Talk Series – Conversations with Young Entrepreneurs”** at their respective institutions.

This initiative aims to promote **innovation, start-up awareness, and experiential learning** among students and aligns with the objectives of **NEP 2020** and the **Startup India** mission.

Programme Details

- Two interactive talks by young entrepreneurs/start-up founders
- Focus on entrepreneurial journeys, innovation, start-up challenges, and opportunities

Target Audience

- Undergraduate and Postgraduate students
- Research scholars and interested faculty members

Financial Support

- **₹5,000/- as honorarium for the resource person** and additionally **₹2,000/- for organizational expense per talk** will be provided by the University
- Maximum support of **₹ 14,000/- per college** (for two talks)
- The assistance may be utilized towards honorarium and organizational expenses

Colleges interested in organizing the programme are requested to convey their willingness to CIIE by filling out the Google form provided herewith, <https://forms.gle/qcbWiafi8ti7QKv8> by January 20, 2026. Detailed guidelines are attached to this circular.

The University looks forward to the active participation of colleges in nurturing a **vibrant start-up and innovation ecosystem** on campuses.

With regards,

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Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Enterprise (CIIE)
Guidelines for organization of
“SPPU Startup Talk Series – Conversations with Young Entrepreneurs”

The Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise (CIIE), Savitribai Phule Pune University, is launching the **Startup Talk Series** to inspire and empower students across affiliated colleges with real-world entrepreneurial insights. This initiative aims to foster innovation and startup culture by bringing young entrepreneurs directly to campuses.

Program Details

Colleges are encouraged to host two interactive talks by dynamic young entrepreneurs, focusing on topics like **startup journeys, challenges, funding strategies, and innovation**. Each talk lasts 60-90 minutes, including a Q&A session to engage 100+ students, faculty, and aspiring innovators. CIIE will identify and coordinate suitable speakers from its incubatee network and alumni ecosystem.

Financial Assistance

The university provides **₹ 7,000 per talk** (₹5,000/- as honorarium for the resource person and additionally ₹2,000/- for refreshments expense per talk) total ₹ 14,000 per college for two talks. Funds will be disbursed post-event upon submission of a brief report with attendance details, and UC with original bills/vouchers. This support ensures seamless execution without burdening college resources.

1. Objective

To promote **start-up awareness, innovation mindset, and experiential learning** among students, in alignment with **NEP 2020** and **Startup India**.

2. Eligibility

- All **affiliated colleges/institutes of SPPU**
- Each college may organize **two (2) talks** under this series

3. Programme Structure

- **Two interactive talks**
- Duration: 90 minutes per talk
- Minimum participants : 100 Students
- Timeline for the talk series: 1 Feb 2026 to 28 Feb 2026
- Speakers:
 - Young entrepreneurs/startup founders
 - Preferably associated with incubators, start-ups, MSMEs, or innovation ecosystems

4. Financial Assistance

- **₹ 7,000 per talk**
- Maximum **₹14,000 per college**
- Support to be used for:
 - Speaker honorarium and travel upto Rs. 5000/- per talk
 - Local organizational expenses for refreshments only upto Rs. 2000/- per talk
 - The expenses for shawls, mementos, bouquets, etc., will not be covered by the financial assistance received from the university. Colleges are encouraged to present books as souvenirs.

5. Roles & Responsibilities of College

- Execute it through your Startup & Innovation Cell Coordinator/Assign a **Faculty Coordinator**
- Identify and confirm suitable speakers
- Ensure active student participation
- Maintain attendance and photographic records
- Submit **Post-Event Report & Statement of Expenditure & Utilization Certificate signed by the Principal with original bill/vouchers**

6. Documentation to be Submitted (Within 10 Days)

1. Approval Email for conducting the event.
2. Programme Schedule
3. Expert Remuneration Voucher (Original)
4. Statement of Expenditure alongwith bills for Refreshments (Original) signed by the Principal
5. Post-Event Report
6. Utilization Certificate signed by the Principal
7. Attendance sheet (signed)
8. 3–5 photographs of the event
9. Copy of speaker consent/invitation

7. Mode of Submission

All documents to be submitted to **CIIE, SPPU**

Sr.No.	Documents	Mode of Submission
1.	Statement of Expenditure, Utilization Certificate, Bills/Payment Vouchers, Attendance	Physical Copy to be submit at the Office of the CIIE, International Centre, SPPU, Pune
2.	Statement of Expenditure, Utilization Certificate, Bills/Payment Vouchers, Attendance, Post Event reports, Photos	Online through Google Form provided