

Evaluation Meeting for MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0 Held at CIED – IUST Foundation

19-08-2026: CIED-IUST Foundation conducted an Evaluation Meeting for MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0 in hybrid mode, following the inauguration of an MSME Incubator at CIED. The initiative marks an important step towards strengthening institutional support for budding entrepreneurs, innovators and startups in the region.

As part of MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0, a total of 64 ideas across six thematic areas were evaluated during the meeting. The themes included Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Automotive Technology, Robotics and Automation, Industry 4.0 and 5.0, and Other Frontier Technologies.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Parvez Ahmad Mir, CEO, CIED-IUST Foundation. The evaluation panel comprised distinguished experts representing both industry and academia. The industry expert panel included Er. Parvez Qalandar, Industry Consultant; Mr. Aashiq Bhat, Managing Director, Orion Valley Solar Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. Faisal Kawoosa, CEO, Techarch Pvt. Ltd. The academic panel comprised Dr. Basharat Nabi Dar, Coordinator EDC/CPMSB, Dr. Sajaad Ahmed Lone, Coordinator TBIC and Dr. Mohd. Junaid Mir, Coordinator C4i4.

During the meeting, the panellists undertook a detailed assessment of the ideas submitted under the various themes. The discussions focused on the innovation potential, technical feasibility, relevance, scalability, market potential and prospective impact of the proposed solutions. The experts also provided valuable observations and constructive feedback to help identify and shortlist promising ideas for the subsequent stage of screening.

The MSME Incubator, coupled with the ongoing evaluation under MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0, is expected to provide further impetus to emerging innovators and entrepreneurs, encouraging them to develop solutions with meaningful commercial and societal impact while contributing to the growth and strengthening of the regional MSME ecosystem.