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To,
The Directors / Principals
Affiliated Institutes
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow

Subject: Call for Nominations, Student Participation in “IGNITE 2026” (Innovation | Growth | New Ideas)

Dear Madam / Sir,

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow, through **Innovation Hub Uttar Pradesh**, is pleased to inform you that the University is partnering with **IILM Institute for Higher Education, Lodhi Road, New Delhi** for the forthcoming **IGNITE 2026**, a national-level innovation platform for undergraduate and postgraduate students to present their **innovative start-up ideas** in the domains of **Business, Social Impact, Policy, and Product Innovation**.

The event aims to foster youth-led innovation, entrepreneurship, and thought leadership by connecting bright student innovators with experts, academia, and policymakers.

Event Details

- **Event Name:** IGNITE 2026 - Innovation | Growth | New Ideas
- **Date & Time:** 20 February 2026 (Friday), 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- **Venue:** IILM Institute for Higher Education, Lodhi Road, New Delhi (Adjacent to Banyan Tree School, 3 Institutional Area, Lodhi Road – 110003)
- **Organized By:** IILM Institute for Higher Education, in collaboration with Innovation Hub Uttar Pradesh, AKTU Lucknow

Key Highlights

- A platform for students to present startup ideas and gain **national-level exposure**
- Opportunity to **connect with academic and policy experts**
- **Attractive cash prizes worth ₹50,000 and E-certificates** for all participants
- Precursor to the **National Conference on “Indian Start-up Ecosystem: Current Status and Future Challenges.”**

Eligibility & Participation

- Open to **Undergraduate and Postgraduate students** from any recognized university/college/institute (Delhi NCR region)
- Participation may be **individual or in teams (maximum 3 members)**
- **Thematic Areas:**
 - Entrepreneurship, MSMEs & Local Economy
 - Indigenous Knowledge & Swadeshi Innovation
 - Social Impact & Inclusive Development
 - Public Policy & Governance
 - Climate Action & Environmental Innovation
 - Digital India & Emerging Technologies

Application Details

- **Registration Deadline:** 15 February 2026
- **Mode of Registration:** Students are required to **scan the QR code** provided in the enclosed flyer to register.

Institutes are requested to circulate this information among students, faculty members, and incubation/innovation cells, and encourage eligible students to participate and represent their institute at this prestigious platform.

For any further information or assistance, you may contact the event conveners:

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Regards



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LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI



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INNOVATION | GROWTH | NEW IDEAS



20th FEBRUARY 2026 10 AM TO 4 PM IILM LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI

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