



Indira Gandhi National Open University National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education **Institutions' Innovation Council**

Entries are Invited for **YUKTI Innovation Challenge (YIC) 2023**

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

The Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) is inviting nominations for the YUKTI Innovation Challenge (YIC)-2023. IIC Institutions can nominate up to 10 best Innovations/Prototypes of Technology Readiness Level (TRL) stages 4 to 9 through the Institute's IIC Portal only. This year, the MOE has renamed the National Innovation Contest as YUKTI Innovation Challenge (YIC)-2023.

Why Should You Apply for YUKTI Innovation Challenge?

1. It provides an opportunity to participate in a National Level Contest organized by the Government of India.
2. It provides a 360-degree experiential learning opportunities for innovators to work on their Prototypes/Innovations for market validations, IP Generation, Prototype/Innovation Refinement, Business Plan Development, Startup Formation, etc.
3. You will get learning opportunities through a Series of Mentoring, Training, and Handholding Activities for Innovators to develop innovations with a scalable and sustainable business model.
4. Further support will also be provided to the eligible innovations to transform into start-ups by providing funding assistance and incubation linkage support.

What are the Conditions and Eligibility Criteria for Nomination?

1. IIC institutions can only nominate those innovations (verified and recommended status) that are listed in the YUKTI Innovation Repository. The year of development of nominated innovations can be any year during 2017-2022.
2. Innovator can be of any type including Students, Faculty, Alumni, and Entrepreneurs associated with the Institute.
3. If any application is currently in the IDEA stage (TRL 1-3) and first it needs to be upgraded to the INNOVATION/PROTOTYPE stage (TRL 4-9). Then submit on YUKTI Portal at <https://yukti.mic.gov.in/> **latest by April 10, 2023**. IGNOU-IIC will verify it and if found suitable, it may be recommended and nominated for the YUKTI Innovation Challenge 2023.
4. IGNOU reserves the right to nominate the best ten entries of the Students, Alumni and Faculty for the **YUKTI Innovation Challenge-2023**. Mere submission of your entry on YUKTI Portal doesn't make you eligible to be nominated for the challenge.

How to Apply for YUKTI Innovation Challenge?

As the nominations can be done by the Institution only, interested IGNOU Students, Alumni and Faculty should **first submit their Innovation/Prototype on YUKTI Portal** at <https://yukti.mic.gov.in/>. IGNOU-IIC will verify, recommend and nominate the best ten Innovations/Prototypes. **Students cannot submit their entries directly for the Challenge.** If you have already submitted your entry on YUKTI Portal, need not to submit again.

What is the Last Date?

The last date of submitting the entry for the YUKTI Innovation Challenge-2023 **is April 10, 2023.**

Contact for Clarification

For any clarification you may write to us at ncide@ignou.ac.in or contact at 011-29572965.