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| **Session Details** | |
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| Title: | **PANEL DISCUSSION WITH INNOVATION AND START-UP ECOSYSTEM ENABLERS** |
| Date: | 8th August, 2025 |
| Duration: | 9:00 am to 11:00 am |
| Activity Category: | Pannel discussion by successful industry experts and entrepreneurs. |
| Theme: | Entrepreneurship and Industry Insights |
| **Event Details** | |
| Brief about the Event: | The Microsoft Innovations Club along with The Entrepreneurship Cell of VIT Chennai, successfully hosted a remarkable panel discussion on 8th August 2025 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The event brought together four emerging entrepreneurs and industry experts, creating a dynamic platform for insightful dialogue on innovation, startups, and navigating early-stage challenges. With active participation from students across disciplines, the session provided valuable takeaways on building sustainable ventures and leveraging industry trends—making it a memorable and enriching experience for the VIT community. |
| Outcome of the Activity | This insightful session provided aspiring entrepreneurs at VIT with practical perspectives on launching startups, overcoming early challenges, and staying ahead of industry trends. By fostering meaningful dialogue between students and experts, it encouraged innovation-driven thinking. The Microsoft Innovations Club and E-Cell remain dedicated to organizing more such initiatives that transform ideas into impactful ventures. |
| Key Highlights: | Panelists :  Swayam Krishnan – CMO at Vertex Innovate  Amritansh Sharma - Analyst Intern at American Express  Vivek Gautam – Co-founder of DeepCure & intern at Quantinsti  Tasmai Krishnan – Outreach Director at Vertex Innovate  The event began with the panelists sharing their entrepreneurial journeys, emphasizing the importance of validating ideas, understanding market trends, and conducting proper risk analysis to make informed decisions in their ventures.  • Strategic Insights & Market Awareness: Speakers highlighted how aligning personal vision with market needs and timing plays a crucial role in building a lasting brand, especially in the early stages of a startup.  • Panel Discussion & Interactive Q&A: An engaging Q&A followed, where students posed questions on real-world startup challenges. The panelists offered diverse perspectives, enriching the discussion with personal experiences and practical advice.  • Guidance for First-Time Founders: The session provided key insights on navigating the startup ecosystem, offering valuable takeaways for aspiring entrepreneurs on building strong foundations, avoiding common pitfalls, and scaling effectively |
| **Participant Details** | |
| No. of students: | Students of multiple disciplines attended the event. |
| No. of Faculty/Staff: | Dr. Anushka K  Dr. Nachiyappan S  Dr. Braveen M |

| Photographs |  |
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**Attendance details 1 Aug, 2025**

| **S. No** | **Name** | **Roll Number** | **Date** | **Time** |
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| 1 | Nayonika Nair | 24BYB1016 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 2 | Shivanshu Singh | 24BYB1175 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 3 | Dhakshesh Sivakesh | 24BMH1093 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 4 | Animesh Reddy | 24BRS1248 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 5 | Aanya Malhotra | 24BLC1300 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 6 | Manish Chandra Koppolu | 25BME1119 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 7 | Vinayak V M | 24BEC1486 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 8 | Arushi Gupta | 24BDS1133 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 9 | Kandaala Sricharan | 25BRS1108 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 10 | Kaarthik | 25BEE1174 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 11 | Aagam Shah | 25BCE1169 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 12 | V. Aatralarasu | 25BLB1063 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 13 | ROHITH M | 24BEC1333 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 14 | Bhavitavya Bhaskar | 25BCE5037 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 15 | R. Vipin | 25BHE1034 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 16 | Yashika | 25BHC1005 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 17 | Keerthana S | 25BBH1043 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 18 | Suriya KS | 23BBH1007 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 19 | Mukul Goel | 24BDS1084 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 20 | Samridhi Gusain | 24BPS1053 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 21 | Amruta Gaikwad | 24BPS1064 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 22 | Sri Sashwin Janarthanan Babu | 25BBH1036 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 23 | Abhiram Bharatula | 25BCE1390 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 24 | Bhargav Kulkarni | 23BEC1392 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 25 | Swetha Divi | 24BRS1334 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 26 | Nagulapalli Praneeth | 24BAI1029 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 27 | Sonaa Rajagopal | 22MIS1028 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 28 | Harish M | 23BLC1045 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 29 | Atharva Bandekar | 24BRS1257 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 30 | Roshini Babel Jain | 24BRS1272 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 31 | Radhika Sharma | 24BAI1358 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 32 | Spandan Shekar Sahoo | 24BAI1536 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 33 | Kavyansh Aggarwal | 22BMV1036 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 34 | Adriza Banerji | 25BME1272 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 35 | Harleen Kaur | 24BCE1679 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 36 | Esha Srivastava | 24BCE5229 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 37 | Deepakchandar T | 23MIS1078 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 38 | Sriram | 23MIS1018 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 39 | Sanjey | 23MIS1100 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 40 | Arjun | 23MIS1110 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 41 | Devanandh | 23MIS1082 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 42 | Shashank | 23MIS1160 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 43 | Amarnath | 23MIS1056 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 44 | Pragadeesh | 23MIS1057 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 45 | Vaikunth | 23MIS1019 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 46 | Sai Kiran | 23MIS1044 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 47 | Eshaan | 23MIS1149 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 48 | Raina | 23MIS1099 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 49 | Vishnu | 23BCE1129 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 50 | Akhilesh | 22BRS1022 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 51 | Bhargav Saipatnaik | 24BRS1208 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 52 | Divyansh Porwal | 24BLC1352 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 53 | Sharanya Sasmal | 24BLC1319 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 54 | Harish | 23MIS1108 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 55 | Akhilesh | 22BRS1022 | 01/08/25 | 8:00 to 11:40 |
| 56 | Aditya Rana | 23BDS1020 | 01/08/26 | 8:00 to 11:40 |