

E-cells

# What are E-cells: Meaning and concept

## Entrepreneurship cells

- A **student run cell** (a small group of people within a larger organization) dedicated in **promoting the spirit and culture of entrepreneurship** among **the Indian students**.

“E-Cell IIT Bombay helps the hustling startups and young professionals via dynamic workshops, thought-provoking speaker sessions, high-stakes business plan competitions, and numerous other game-changing initiatives throughout the year to create a crucible for innovation. We stand as pillars of support for budding entrepreneurs, providing them with personalized guidance from experienced mentors, crucial funding opportunities, and a robust network that can change the course of their journey forever!”

<https://www.ecell.in/mainpage/home>

- First E-cell: IIT Bombay in 1998.
- Motto: 'Creating Job creators'
- The Entrepreneurship Cell was born as a part of a Career Management Center (CMC) for IIT Bombay in October 1998.

# Various activities conducted and initiatives taken up by the E-cell in IITB

**E-Summit:** A Business conclave - patronage received from Govt's flagship initiative [Make in India](#).

**Business plan competitions:** Eureka! - Asia's largest Business Model Competition.

**Platform for preparation:** Eureka Junior

**Workshops:** Illuminate- Illuminate is a series of pre-Eureka! workshops on entrepreneurship and business model drafting across India.

**FInCoF:** An initiative to bridge the gap between students and start-ups. (Free lancers, Interns, co-founders).

**EnB:** Entrepreneurship and Business Club (EnB Club) is an initiative of the Entrepreneurship Cell, IIT Bombay that aims to foster the spirit of entrepreneurship amongst the students of IIT Bombay. Below are some of the activities that will encourage students to foray into the field of innovation and business: Lecture Series, Workshops, Informal Sessions (Case study sessions, Stock Market Analysis etc.), Students Day Out (Students get a chance to spend time with an Entrepreneur, CEOs, Founders, Big Businessman for a day), Online Quizzes, Games like Virtual Stock Market, Business Simulation etc.

**AASHA:** Social initiative proudly led by E-Cell IIT Bombay in collaboration with the esteemed Child Help Foundation. Dedicated to the cause of Child Welfare and Protection, Aasha serves as a beacon of hope for vulnerable children. Our mission is twofold: to mobilize vital donations from our wide network of stakeholders, including both companies and individuals, and to encourage enthusiastic professionals to become dedicated CHF volunteers.

**NEC:** National Entrepreneurship Challenge NEC is a platform that helps colleges build an actively functioning E-Cell. It's a 6 month-long competition where we guide students by giving them tasks that are essential for any Entrepreneurship cell to work smoothly.

**Campus Executive:** Internship programme provided by IITB E-Cell.

**EnSpace:** Blog, Annual magazine written and edited by the students.

# Significance and Advantages of Joining E-cells

Mentorship

Professionalism

Provides exposure

Networking

Funding opportunities



## Mentorship

Most often, mentorship relationships happen naturally within any professional setting when someone with more experience (the mentor) offers valuable insights to someone with less experience (the mentee).

Establishing formal mentorship programs adds the **structure** and **consistency** necessary for long-lasting and positive outcomes.

Joining an e-cell makes it possible for the students to have a mentor or a group of mentors who would typically guide him/her in the journey of familiarising himself/herself in the field of entrepreneurship.

## **Professionalism**

E-cells give you an opportunity to experience the world of professionalism where an individual learns how to leave behind personal prejudices and biases and engage with the task at hand with efficacy.

**The right motivations and the habit of standard practices are inculcated in a professional environment.**

## **Provides exposure**

Platforms such as Eureka! and the E-summits organized by several E-cells across the country provide a chance to display one's own talents and entrepreneurship skills which could lead to attracting investors.

**These events provide a platform for entrepreneurs to showcase their ideas to a wider audience, gain exposure, and build visibility for their businesses.**

## Networking

Entrepreneurship cells provide networking opportunities for entrepreneurs to connect with like-minded individuals, potential investors, and partners.

These connections can help entrepreneurs gain valuable feedback on their ideas and find support for their businesses.

## **Funding opportunities**

E-cells provides funding opportunities for startups and entrepreneurial ventures through various channels and mechanisms such as Pitch Competitions, crowd-funding campaigns, collaboration with government agencies for grants and programs etc.

**It plays a crucial role in connecting startups with funding opportunities by providing access to networks, resources, and platforms where entrepreneurs can showcase their ventures to potential investors and supporters.**

Many other IITs also have their own E-cells now.

IIT Kanpur <https://www.ecelliitk.org/>

IIT Bhubaneswar <https://www.iitbbs.ac.in/e-cell-info.php>

IIT Jammu <https://i2edc.iitjammu.ac.in/home>

IIT Guwahati <https://www.ecelliitg.in/>

IIT Indore <http://ecell.iiti.ac.in/>

IIT Kharagpur <https://www.ecell-iitkgp.org/>

IIT BHU <https://esummit.ecelliitbhu.com/contact>

IIT Patna <https://ecell.iitp.ac.in/>