

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

The Holy Cross Innovation and Incubation Council (HCIIC) at Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, established its Institution Innovation Council (IIC) on November 21, 2018, in alignment with the Innovation Cell, MHRD, Govt. of India. The vision of HCIIC is to Envisage a culture of entrepreneurship for progressing towards a sustainable society.

HCIIC has been a catalyst in creating an environment that promotes innovation, entrepreneurship, and the incubation of promising start-ups within the Holy Cross educational community. The Council actively engages students in hackathons and competitions, resulting in grants and accolades. With a robust network of over 300 student members, 40 Innovation Ambassadors, and 4 Certified Chief Innovation Officers, HCIIC showcases its commitment to nurturing creativity.

The Council's involvement extends to faculty mentors and expert members, establishing pre-incubation units, an incubation unit, and an Intellectual Property (IP) Facilitation Unit. The HCIIC Hub, inaugurated in February 2022, has successfully incubated 68 start-ups, filed 12 patents, and granted 5 copyrights, demonstrating its tangible impact.

HCIIC's dynamic start-up culture is evident through motivational sessions, awareness camps, expos, women leadership camps, and ideation workshops. HCIIC serves as a collaborative space, emphasizing inclusivity. HCIIC has empowered students with real-world skills enhancing their academic experience.