


REPORT: **Day 1 – Innovation Workshop**

Title: **"Ignite to Innovate "**

 **Date:** Tuesday, 15th July 2025

 **Time:** 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

 **Venue:** VMA Hall, Union Christian College, Aluva

Organised by:

IEDC and NCC 7K Girls Wing of Union Christian College

In association with: UC College IQAC, IIC, ED Club, UAE Alumni Chapter, Department of Electronics and Computer Science, and Department of Economics.

Overview

The first day of the two-day innovation workshop titled **“Ignite to Innovate: Transforming Ideas into Action”** was conducted with great enthusiasm at the VMA Hall, UC College. The session was designed as an experiential, reflective, and group-oriented activity aimed at cultivating creativity, teamwork, and an entrepreneurial mindset among college students and NCC cadets.



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A total of **92 participants**, including undergraduate students and NCC cadets from UC College and neighboring institutions, actively took part in the workshop.



Workshop Objectives:

The core goals of the session were to:

1. Foster **creative thinking** and an **entrepreneurial mindset**
2. Equip students to **identify and analyze real-world problems**
3. Promote **teamwork, leadership, and collaborative reflection**
4. Encourage **value-based prioritization** through experiential learning.





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Session Highlights:

1 Welcome & Icebreaker Activity

The session began with an energizing game to activate lateral thinking and encourage student interaction.

2 Mini Talk with Visuals – What is Innovation?

Participants were encouraged to identify one challenge from their surroundings they'd like to solve. This helped them understand real-world innovation and reflect on its broader social impact.

3 Entrepreneurial Story Showcase

Students were divided into 10 groups and assigned real-life stories of Indian entrepreneurs. They discussed challenges faced and innovative responses created by the entrepreneurs. Each group then presented a 3-minute creative act — including skits, posters, and roleplays — showcasing what they learned.

4 Reflections and Worksheets

Participants reflected on their takeaways using a structured worksheet. They listed:

- A real-world challenge they wish to solve
- Their motivation behind it
- A skill they want to improve
- Their personal “innovation mantra”

5 Innovation Auction Game

Each group submitted a pressing problem statement. Using a gamified auction model, teams voted for the most investable and impactful problems, fostering peer learning and value-based evaluation.



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6 Gallery Walk & Open Discussion

Students walked through displayed ideas, left comments, and participated in open discussion on what inspired them the most. This deepened empathy and improved problem sensitivity through peer feedback.

7 Closing Circle & Call to Action

The session ended on a high note with students setting personal goals and preparing for the Day 2 Innovation Challenge.

Key Learning Outcomes:

- Students grasped the **concept and value of innovation** in addressing real-world challenges.
- Participants demonstrated **enhanced critical thinking, empathy, and team collaboration**.
- The workshop created a **positive, energetic, and reflective atmosphere**, empowering students to take initiative toward becoming change-makers.

Group Formation and Competition Prep:

Ten teams, each with around 10 members, were formed for the Day 2 **Innovation Challenge**. Participants were briefed on the competition format and evaluation process.

The following **real-world themes** were selected for the challenge:

1. **Clean water and sanitation for all**
2. **Affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all**
3. **Waste management – plastic, biowaste, e-waste**
4. **Traffic management**
5. **Educational tools using AI**



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A dedicated **WhatsApp group** was created for ongoing communication. Detailed instructions and guidelines for the next day's workshop and pitch competition were shared with all participants.

Resource Person & Coordination:

The workshop was facilitated by **Ms. Reshma Ralgin**, who engaged students with her vibrant storytelling and real-life insights into innovation. The session was effectively supported and coordinated by:

- **Dr. Jibin Jose Mathew** – Nodal Officer, IEDC
- **Lt. Nino Baby** – NCC Officer, 7K Girls Wing

The successful completion of **Day 1** set the stage for **Day 2: “From Idea to Impact – The Innovation Challenge”**, to be held on **16th July 2025**, where student teams will present and pitch their innovative solutions with a prize pool of ₹8500 sponsored by UCC UAE Alumni Chapter.

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