

# Industry- Academic Collaboration Visit Report

**Visit to Auto Cluster Development and Research Institute on the Occasion of National Technology Day**

**Date of Visit:** 11th May 2026

**Visiting Institution:** Vidya Pratishthan's Kamalnayan Bajaj Institute of Engineering and Technology

**Host Institution:** Auto Cluster Development and Research Institute

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## Delegation from VPKBIET

1. Dr. Sudhir B. Lande – Principal
  2. Dr. V. C. Todkari
  3. Dr. H. P. Borate
  4. Dr. Arvind Jagtap
  5. Dr. Hafiz Shaikh
  6. Mr. Mandar More
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## Representatives from Auto Cluster, Chinchwad

Representatives from various departments of Auto Cluster (Mr. Kiran Vaidya, MD) , startup founders, industrial experts, and industry representatives participated in the interaction and technical discussions during the visit.

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## Objective of the Visit

The visit was organized on the occasion of **National Technology Day** with the primary objective of strengthening the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Vidya Pratishthan's Kamalnayan Bajaj Institute of Engineering and Technology and Auto Cluster Development and Research Institute.

The visit also aimed to:

- Explore new opportunities for academic and industrial collaboration
  - Interact with startups and industrialists associated with Auto Cluster
  - Identify opportunities for student internships, training, projects, and research collaborations
  - Showcase the advanced facilities and capabilities available at the Centers of Excellence (CoEs) established at VPKBIET
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### **Proceedings of the Visit**

The VPKBIET delegation visited various facilities and innovation centers at Auto Cluster, Chinchwad and interacted with startup teams, entrepreneurs, industrial experts, and technical representatives.

A major highlight of the visit was the presentation delivered by **Dr. Sudhir B. Lande, Principal, VPKBIET**. Dr. Lande delivered an informative 20-minute presentation highlighting the academic achievements, research ecosystem, and advanced infrastructure available at VPKBIET.

The presentation mainly focused on the facilities and activities available at:

- SP Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Centre of Excellence in DMRA
- BFL Centre of Excellence

During the presentation, Dr. Lande explained the institute's initiatives in:

- Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies
- Industry-oriented skill development
- Innovation and entrepreneurship support
- Research and consultancy activities
- Industry collaboration and experiential learning opportunities
- Student project development and startup ecosystem

The representatives from Auto Cluster appreciated the initiatives undertaken by VPKBIET and expressed interest in collaborative activities involving startups, technical training, innovation projects, and industrial problem-solving.

The delegation also explored opportunities for:

- Joint technical programs and workshops
- Faculty and student interaction with industries
- Startup incubation and mentoring support
- Collaborative research and consultancy projects
- Industrial visits and hands-on training programs

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### **Outcomes of the Visit**

The visit proved highly beneficial in strengthening the relationship between both institutions under the existing MoU framework. The following outcomes were identified:

1. Strengthening of the existing MoU through active collaborative discussions
2. Enhanced interaction with startups and industrial representatives

3. Exploration of collaborative opportunities in AI, innovation, and skill development
  4. Possibilities for joint workshops, FDPs, internships, and certification programs
  5. Opportunities for collaborative research, consultancy, and prototype development
  6. Increased industry exposure opportunities for students and faculty members
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## Conclusion

The academic collaboration visit to Auto Cluster Development and Research Institute on the occasion of National Technology Day was highly productive and meaningful. The visit strengthened the existing collaboration between both institutions and opened new avenues for academic, research, startup, and industrial partnerships.

The presentation delivered by Dr. Sudhir B. Lande effectively showcased the advanced facilities and capabilities available at the Centers of Excellence at VPKBIET, particularly in the domains of Artificial Intelligence, innovation, and industry-oriented skill development.

The management and faculty members of Vidya Pratishthan's Kamalnayan Bajaj Institute of Engineering and Technology express sincere gratitude to the officials of Auto Cluster, Chinchwad for their hospitality, valuable interaction, and collaborative support during the visit.