

8th Annual Global Convention 2025 (AGC) hosted at MDI Gurgaon on 18th January 2025

The **Annual Global Convention (AGC) Event 2025** hosted at [Management Development Institute \(MDI\) Gurgaon](#) on **January 18, 2025**, with great success. Under the theme *“Accelerating Growth,”* this 24-hour event united entrepreneurs, investors, industry leaders, and innovators to stimulate collaboration, explore growth strategies, and celebrate the spirit of entrepreneurship.

This event also marked the announcement of launching **Incubation** centre designed to nurture start-ups and innovation, reflecting MDI Gurgaon’s commitment to empowering future leaders and entrepreneurs.

Key Highlights of the Event:

Inaugural Session: This 24-hour event will begin with the introduction of the Incubation Centre by Dr. Ruchi Agarwal, Faculty In-Charge and a warm welcome by Dr. Arvind Sahay, Director of MDI Gurgaon. *“MDI Gurgaon is proud to provide a platform for visionaries and innovators to come together. Initiatives like the AGC drive our mission to create a brighter entrepreneurial future,”* he stated.

Dr. Nikhil Agarwal, MD of FITT, IIT Delhi, emphasised the power of collaboration, saying, *“Academic institutions and start-ups can create immense value when they work in tandem, and events like these serve as catalysts.”*

Keynote speaker Mr. Manoj Mittal, CMD of SIDBI, highlighted the need for accessible financing for start-ups: *“By connecting innovative minds with resources, we are paving the way for a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem.”*

Chief Guest Dr. TVSN Prasad, IAS (Retd.), Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana, focused on policy support for start-ups. He commented, *“Policies that encourage entrepreneurship are the backbone of economic progress, and we must continue to refine them.”*

MoU Signed: Management Development Institute (MDI) Gurgaon and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT-D) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to foster collaboration in innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology transfer. This partnership aims to strengthen the incubation ecosystem by providing mutual support for start-ups, from mentoring to market access and funding. The MOU, announced on January 18, 2025, will drive synergies between IIT-D's Foundation for Innovation & Technology Transfer (FITT) and MDI Gurgaon’s Incubation Centre.

Investor Den: This session, moderated by Dr. Thomas B. Berger of Stuttgart, Germany, brought leading investors to assess innovative start-up pitches. Ms. Monika Pande from YourNest Venture Capital observed, *“The talent and creativity displayed here are truly inspiring. India’s start-up ecosystem is poised for extraordinary growth.”*

High Growth Start-ups Round Table: Founders of renowned start-ups, including OFBusiness, PolicyBazaar, and Ixigo, shared valuable insights during this engaging discussion. Mr. Alok Bansal, Co-Founder of PolicyBazaar, stated, *“This conclave underscores the importance of peer learning and knowledge-sharing in building a resilient entrepreneurial network.”*

MDI Gurgaon Innovator Brew and Book Launch: The day concluded with the MDI Gurgaon Innovator Brew, where participants networked and reflected on the event's success. A ceremonial book launch by Prof. Dhruv Nath celebrated the collective wisdom shared during the conclave.

A 24-Hour Celebration of Entrepreneurship: The event continued into the night, with activities such as a comedy club, a late-night *Chai per Charcha* session, and an early morning walk, fostering camaraderie among participants.

Dr. Parul Gupta, Chairperson of the Incubation Centre, commented, *"This conclave is more than an event; it is a movement to inspire and support entrepreneurs at every stage of their journey."*

Dr Ruchi Agarwal, Faculty In-charge of the Incubation Centre, commented, "We are offering a platform that provides attendees with the opportunity to network with entrepreneurs, investors, and mentors."

About MDI Gurgaon:

As one of India's leading B schools, MDI Gurgaon is internationally accredited and renowned for its excellence in management education and fostering innovation. The Entrepreneur Café AGC exemplifies its dedication to creating impactful, real-world opportunities for growth.

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