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## REPORT: AICTE Regional Mentoring Session (Day 3)

**Event:** Three-Day Boot Camp | School Innovation Contest

**Date:** 30th January 2026

**Venue:** New Horizon College of Engineering (NHCE), Bangalore

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### 1. Executive Summary

The final day focused on communication, sustainability, and celebration of progress. Morning sessions covered **presenting innovative ideas with financials**, equipping teams to structure business viability, costs, and benefits beyond technical design. A mentor-led **Pitch Clinic** provided intensive coaching on preparation, practice, and performance, significantly enhancing delivery skills. Teams then presented across multiple evaluation boards (Library, Incubation Centre, Idea Lab, Capgemini Lab, Industry 4.0 Lab, and Schneider Electric Lab), receiving formal assessments and insightful feedback from Mentors and Wadhvani Foundation mentors. The **Closing Ceremony** in the Auditorium included a program summary, addresses by dignitaries, participant feedback sharing, felicitation, certificate distribution, and national anthem—marking a reflective and motivational conclusion.

**Key Impact:** Teams delivered polished pitches, received professional validation, and identified clear next steps for implementation. The boot camp concluded with strong participant enthusiasm, empowerment for classroom/school-level innovation, and reinforced commitment to fostering a sustainable innovation culture in PM SHRI Schools.

### 2. Session-Wise Details

**Theme/Focus:** Financial Viability, Pitch Mastery, Presentation, Feedback, and Closure

**Key Objective:** Communicate ideas persuasively; assess business feasibility; capture actionable takeaways.

#### 1. Day 2 Reflection & Alignment

- **Time:** 09:00 AM – 09:15 AM
- **Venue:** Library
- **Facilitators:** Wadhvani Foundation
- **Approach:** Quick consolidation to prepare for high-stakes pitching.
- **Activity:** Sharing reflections, final alignment on pitch content.
- **Outcome:** Teams confident and focused for final day.

## 2. Presenting Innovative Idea with Financials

- **Time:** 09:15 AM – 11:15 AM
- **Venue:** Library
- **Facilitators:** Wadhwani Foundation
- **Approach:** Business-oriented framing to add viability layer beyond design.
- **Activity:** Structuring financial models, cost-benefit analysis, revenue considerations for school innovations.
- **Outcome:** Teams understood sustainability; prepared realistic pitches.

## 3. Tea Break

- **Time:** 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

## 4. Prepare, Practice, Perform: Mentor-Led Pitch Clinic

- **Time:** 11:30 AM – 01:00 PM
- **Venue:** Library
- **Facilitators:** Wadhwani Foundation
- **Approach:** Intensive coaching on delivery, storytelling, and handling Q&A.
- **Activity:** One-on-one mentor feedback, repeated practice rounds, refinement of pitch decks.
- **Outcome:** Significantly improved presentation skills; polished, confident deliveries.

## 5. Lunch Break

- **Time:** 01:00 PM – 02:00 PM

## 6. Pitch Presentation Mastery: Assessments and Insightful Feedback

- **Time:** 02:00 PM – 04:15 PM
- **Venue:** Multiple Pitch Boards (Library, Incubation Centre, Idea Lab, etc.)
- **Facilitators:** Wadhwani Foundation mentors
- **Approach:** Formal evaluation + constructive critique for growth.
- **Activity:** Team presentations across boards, mentor scoring, detailed verbal/written feedback.

### Key Evaluation Boards & Venues:

- **Library & Incubation Centre:** General innovation and startup-ready ideas.
- **Specialized Labs: Evaluators:** Distinguished mentors including Dr. Mohan Das, Dr. Sujin Jose, Dr. Monika Gupta, Dr. Ishani Mishra, Dr. Sonia, and Dr. Jayanthi M, alongside experts from the **Wadhwani Foundation**.

**Participation Highlights:** Teams from various institutions showcased their prototypes, including **PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas** (Mandya, Dharwad, Tumkur, South Canara), **PM SHRI Adarsh Vidyalayas**, and several Government High Schools.

- **Outcome:** Teams received professional validation; clear improvement areas identified.

#### 7. Tea Break

- **Time:** 04:15 PM – 04:30 PM

#### 8. Closing Ceremony – Feedback & Takeaways

- **Time:** 04:30 PM – 05:30 PM
- **Venue:** Auditorium
- **Facilitators:** NHCE leadership + Dignitaries
- **Approach:** Celebratory reflection and forward-looking summary.
- **Activity:** Program report, addresses, participant feedback sharing, felicitation, certificate distribution, vote of thanks, national anthem.
- **Outcome:** Strong sense of achievement; actionable takeaways for classroom/school implementation; motivation to sustain innovation culture.

### 3. Photo Documentation

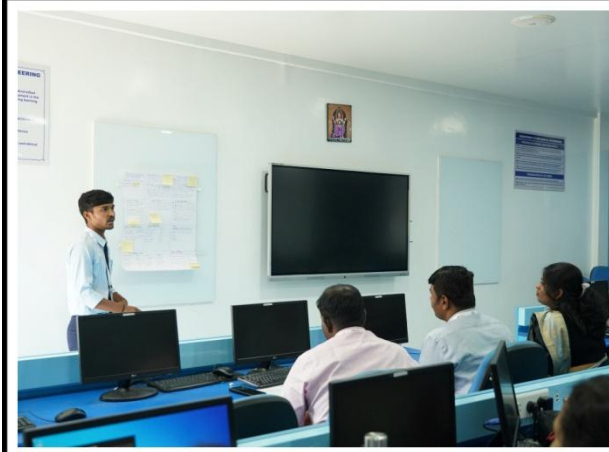
The following highlights from Day 3 have been documented for the final report:

- Teams practicing their pitches during the Mentor-Led Pitch Clinic.
- Action shots from the Pitch Presentation boards in the Library and Incubation Centre.
- The Closing Ceremony featuring VIP dignitaries and the distribution of certificates/takeaways.













Access Full Day 3 Gallery: [Day 1 & Day 2 Photo Folder](#)

**Overall Boot Camp Takeaway:** The three-day program at NHCE effectively bridged foundational learning, practical execution, and professional communication, empowering educators and students to drive user-centric, AI-aware, and viable innovations in line with national education goals.

## APPENDIX: Participating Schools & Evaluation Board Summary

here is the summary of the participating schools and the evaluation panels they presented to during the Day 3 Pitch Sessions.

### I. Participating PM SHRI Schools

The following schools participated in the final evaluation, representing various districts across the region:

| School Category                                   | Participating Institutions                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs)</b> | Mandya, South Canara, Dharwad, Chamarajanagara, Tumkur, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Bellary, Mysore, Kodagu, Davangere, Kolar, Gulbarga, Koppal, Raichur, Shivamogga, Udupi, Bagalkot, Chikkamagaluru |
| <b>PM SHRI Adarsha Vidyalayas</b>                 | Aurad, Devaragudi, Thathikallu (Mulbagal), Yadravi (Savadatti)                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>PM SHRI Govt. Schools</b>                      | GHPS Hangargi, KBMPS Talewad (Vijayapur), Govt. High School (Karatagi, Koppal)                                                                                                                              |
| <b>New Horizon Group of Schools</b>               | New Horizon Public School (Indiranagar), New Horizon Gurukul, New Horizon International School                                                                                                              |

### II. Evaluation Panels & Venues

Teams were distributed across the following labs and rooms, where they received feedback from technical and business mentors.

| Pitch Venue                              | Mentors / Evaluators                |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>SAP Room No: 105</b>                  | Dr. Mohan Das, Dr. Sujin Jose       |
| <b>DSP Lab (Rooms 116 &amp; 119)</b>     | Dr. Monika Gupta, Dr. Ishani Mishra |
| <b>24/7 Lab (Room No: 115)</b>           | Dr. Sonia, Dr. Jayanthi M           |
| <b>Library &amp; Incubation Centre</b>   | Wadhwani Foundation Mentors         |
| <b>Industry 4.0 &amp; Schneider Labs</b> | NHCE Technical Experts              |