

Students' Ideas for Hackathon 5.0 Reviewed

A one-on-one mentoring session titled **“One-to-One Review for Hackathon 5.0”** was organized on **24th July 2025** by the **Institute Innovation Council (IIC)** and **TC Venture Club** of **Thiagarajar College, Madurai**. The session aimed to support and guide student innovators preparing for submission to the **MSME Idea Hackathon 5.0**. The review was conducted by **Dr. R. Tamil Selvi, Head, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Sethu Institute of Technology**, who served as an external expert mentor. A total of **38 students** participated in the session, each presenting their innovation idea individually. The mentor provided constructive feedback and valuable suggestions to help the students refine their problem statements, align their solutions with market needs, and improve the quality of their proposals for submission.

The session was conducted to provide **individual expert mentoring and constructive feedback** to students preparing their idea submissions for the **MSME Idea Hackathon 5.0**. The goal was to refine the innovation proposals and ensure they align with the criteria set by MSME for funding and incubation support.

Participants:

- **Total number of student participants: 38**
- All participants were **student innovators** who had submitted or were in the process of submitting ideas for MSME Idea Hackathon 5.0.

Program Highlights:

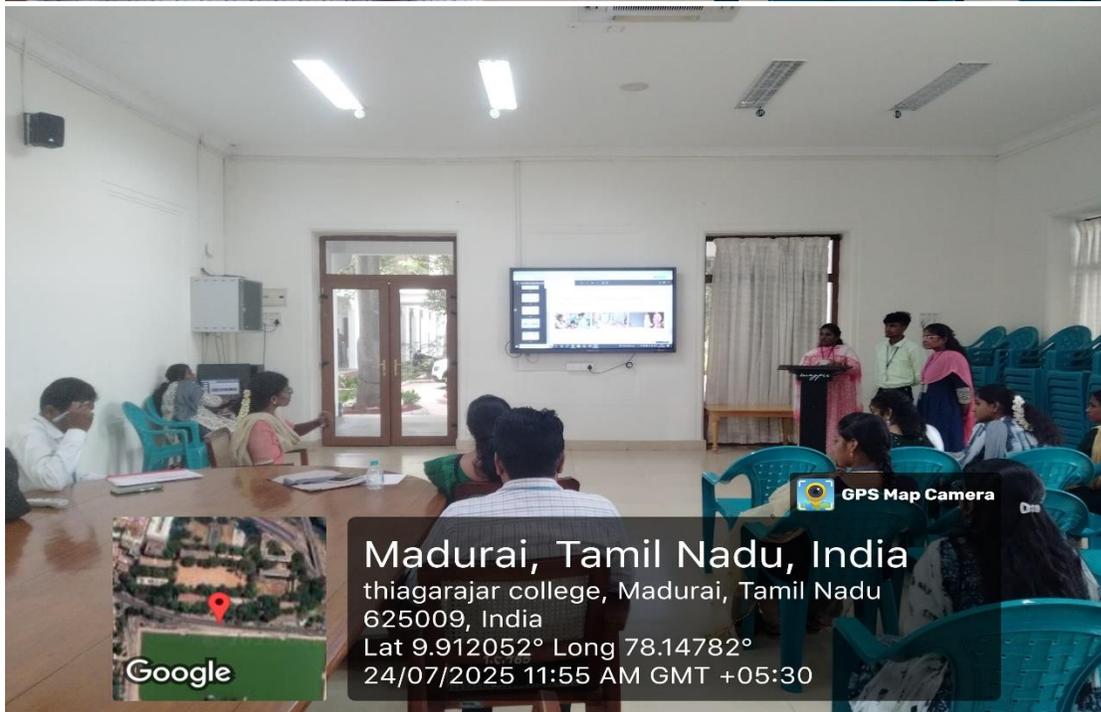
- The session featured **Dr. R. Tamil Selvi**, a respected academic and innovation mentor from Sethu Institute of Technology, who served as the external reviewer.
- Each student/team presented their idea briefly in a **one-to-one format**.
- Dr. Tamil Selvi provided **detailed feedback**, focusing on:
 - Clarity and definition of the **problem statement**
 - Feasibility and **practicality of the proposed solution**
 - Importance of **target user identification and expected impact**
 - Suggestions for improving the **submission document and pitch clarity**

Outcomes of the Program:

- Students received **valuable inputs to refine their proposals** for MSME Hackathon 5.0.
- Several students revised their **problem statements and implementation plans** based on expert advice.
- The session boosted students' confidence and improved the **quality of submissions** going forward.



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