**3.3.1: Institution has created an ecosystem for innovations and entrepreneurship with an Incubation center, entrepreneurship cell**

**Response:**

SGT University has developed an appropriate environment for Research and Innovation on the campus for faculty and students through various modes such as: SGT University Atal Community Innovation Centre (SGTU-ACIC), and Incubation Centre with leading experts in the field, and faculty members to forge a strong collaboration between the university and industry and to find solutions to technological problems locally.

**Innovations and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem at the University**

**Innovation:**
At SGT University, research partnerships between industry and academia have grown through relationships and a desire for innovation & opportunities for sponsorship. Relationships mature through the mobility of academics, graduates, and seasoned industry professionals. SGT University believes in the need to move education yardsticks by keeping the curriculum relevant and mentoring for Innovation through Tech talks, facilitated workshops, forums, sabbaticals, internships, etc.

SGT University has a dedicated IPR Cell which looks after the activities related to the evaluation and filling of patents, copyrights & design and other Intellectual Property of the University. In the last five years, the University students & faculty members have published more than 123 patents in various fields and many have to come in the near future.

The IPR Policy of the University is well publicized and can be seen through the link <https://sgtuniversity.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/IPR-Policy.pdf>

**Entrepreneurship & Incubation**

Atal Community Innovation Centre [ACIC] is a part of the Atal Innovation Mission by NITI Aayog under **"Aatmanirbhar Bharat"** & **"Make in India"** movements of the Government of India to support creativity & problem-solving ability of youth with its core values of innovation, leadership, ethics, and social responsibility.

The motive of the ACIC is to encourage a spirit of entrepreneurship in India's underserved and unserved regions by providing enabling infrastructure and facilitating an environment for innovation. ACIC has provisions for Seed Funding based on its terms and detailed information is available in the Incubation Policy of SGT University. Also, the ACIC connects Incubates with appropriate agencies where they can pitch their idea for financial support.

Currently, 40 ideas of the students & faculty members have been converted into start-ups and mentored by the various experts in their domain for further nurturing their product for market launching.

The ACIC of the SGT University has its own portal which can be seen at <https://www.acicsgtu.xyz/>.

**Facilities Available for Innovators and Entrepreneurs**

SGT University aims on providing the state of the art & global-level facilities to its innovators, incubates & entrepreneurs so that they can convert their thoughts into output.

SGT University, while providing infrastructure facilities like the Centre of Excellence, Laboratories, and Business Incubation Centre, also provides its stakeholders the mentoring support through eminent industry experts, incubators, academicians and researchers for their innovations and ideas.

SGT University also provides financial support to its students & faculty members involved in innovation & research ideas in the form of Seed Money. They have been provided a platform namely **“SYNERGY”** to showcase their innovative thoughts for converting into industry/community beneficial products. A glance at the year-wise **SYNERGY** can be seen through the link <https://sgtuniversity.ac.in/synergy/>