#### THIAGARAJAR COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, MADURAI – 625 015

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

#### **Title**

Promotion of Entrepreneurship Skills

## **Objective**

To promote entrepreneurial skills among students

## Context

The Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) is the gate way that promotes young entrepreneurs and startups to venture. It plays a vital role in connecting the fresh talents to resources by closely working with the Institute. The business incubation centre provides a healthy breeding ground for startups and has widened its scope by providing support to make the ideas to product to enterprise.

#### **Practice**

- Course offering in Design Thinking (Core) and Entrepreneurship Development (Open Elective) for students
- Establishment of MakerSpace to streamline their innovative ideas
- Conduct of ideathons / hackathons in-house contests and e-bazaar day for motivation
- Conduct of Patent Workshops
- Motivating the idea patent submissions
- Awards and recognitions to best ideas for further product development

## **Evidence of Success**

- 6 teams won First Prize in Smart India Hackathon (SIH) in the year 2022
- 4 patents granted and 6 patents published in the year 2022
- 11 Grants received from Government schemes
- 40 different ideas are at levels 3 to 7 for technology readiness
- 10 startups in TCE incubation center

# **Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

Sources for Funding