VPM's Polytechnic, **Thane** is proud to announce that Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India and Institution's Innovation Council has awarded (four and a half stars out of five stars) for activities organized during the year 2019-20 under the leadership of Principal Dr D.K. Nayak and President IIC cell- Dr Usha Raghavan. The institute was awarded

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India has established 'MHRD's Innovation Cell (MIC) to systematically foster the culture of Innovation amongst all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the year 2018-19. The primary mandate of MIC is to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by supporting them to work with new ideas and transform them into prototypes while they are informative years.

MIC has envisioned encouraging creation of 'Institution's Innovation Council (IICs)' across selected HEIs. IIC promotes the culture of promoting creation of innovative ideas and implementing them into prototypes that will facilitate the students and the faculty to establish an ecosystem for incubation of ideas.

The IIC calendar is divided into three sections - MIC driven activity, IIC driven activity and Self driven activity. These activities are further categorized under the heads – Entrepreneurship, Start-Up, Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation etc..

MIC organises online talks /interviews delivered by leaders from various fields of expertise which motivates the students.

The IIC calendar consists of outcome-based workshops, idea competitions, prototype competitions will enhance the skill development of students. The students also develop the presentation skills.

The institute (Self) driven activity include guest talks in the areas of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, present industry scenario, patenting etc..

Reports of various activities performed were submitted online in the IIC portal. Institutes are assessed on the basis of number of activities under each section, the number of student participation, faculty participation, timely submission of reports and the projection of beneficiaries through these programmes.

VPM's Polytechnic, Thane organized 16 IIC driven activities, 22 MIC driven activities, 10 Self- driven activities. 10 innovative ideas were submitted and 5 prototypes were nominated for the innovation contest. These initiatives have certainly created the awareness and importance of providing solutions to problems that will benefit the society by and large