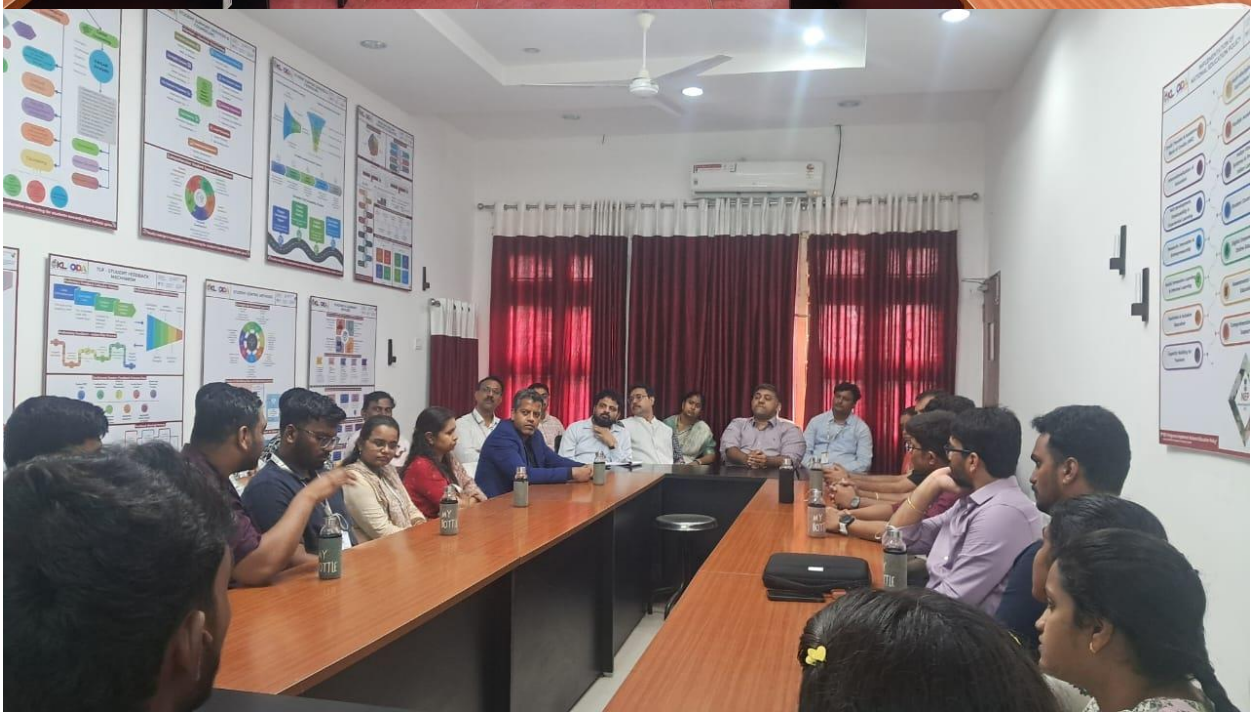
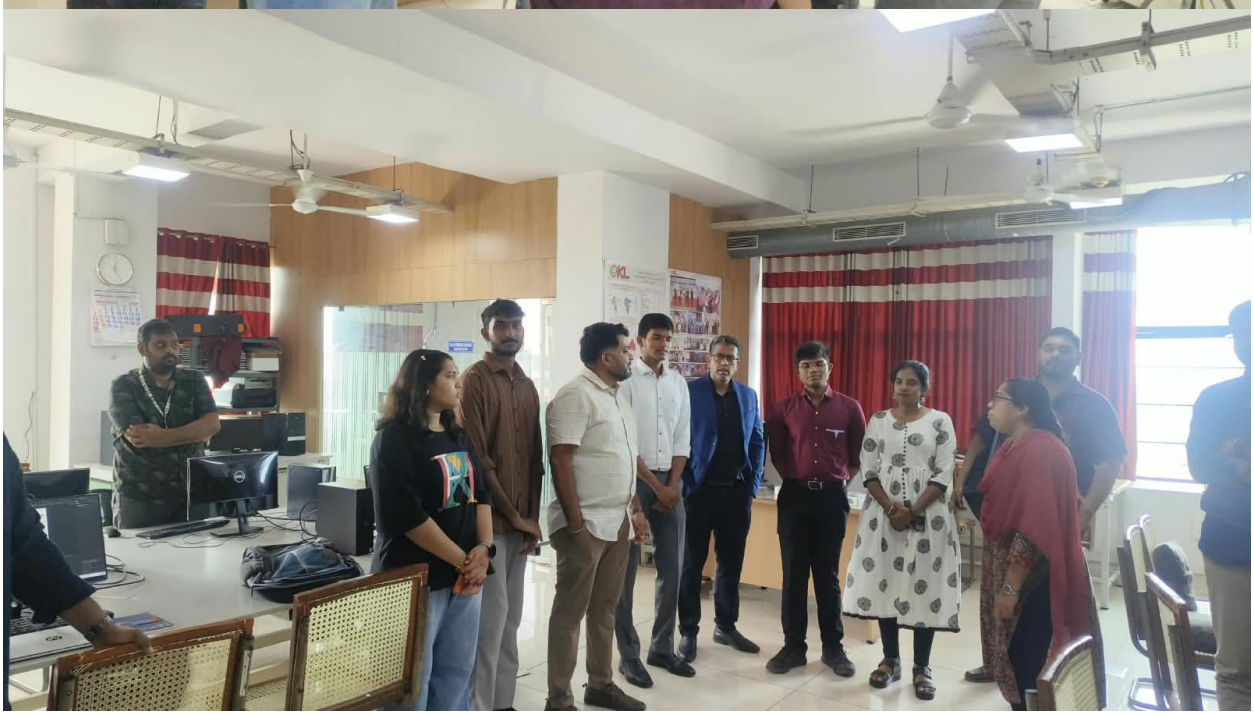
KL UNIVERSITY STRENGTHENS INDUSTRY–ACADEMIA COLLABORATION THROUGH RTIH CORPORATE–INSTITUTION INTERACTION













Vijayawada, October 30, 2026: As part of the Corporate–Institution Connect initiative of the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub (RTIH), Amaravati, a delegation of industry executives, corporate representatives, and startup leaders visited KL University on October 30, 2026, to explore opportunities for strengthening industry–academia collaboration in innovation, technology development, startup incubation, and industry-oriented education.

The visit aimed to foster meaningful partnerships between industry and academia by identifying opportunities for collaborative research, technology transfer, startup ecosystem development, industry-sponsored projects, and industry-driven student initiatives.

The delegation comprised representatives from six organisations and startup ventures, including **DeepLure**, represented by Mr. Harsha Vardhan, Founder & CEO; **Spaceinf Technologies Pvt. Ltd.**, represented by Dr. Sridevi Talluri, Founder & CEO, along with her team; **Xaptronics Systems Pvt. Ltd.**, represented by Mr. Vamshi Charan Rapolu, Co-Founder & COO; **GROWVIEW**, represented by Mr. Raghu Vegiraju, Co-Founder; **IoT-Based Rider Safety Monitoring System**, represented by Mr. Gowtham, Founder; and **Retronenergies**, represented by Mr. Deepesh Kumar, Founder & Director. Senior executives and representatives from RTIH also accompanied the delegation.

During the visit, the delegation interacted with **Dr. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE)**, who attended SAMYAK 2026, the flagship technical fest of KL University, as the Chief Guest. The interaction highlighted the importance of industry participation in higher education, innovation-driven learning, and the development of entrepreneurial ecosystems.

The delegation also interacted with **Dr. G. Pardha Saradhi Varma, Vice-Chancellor, KL University**, and the University's senior academic leadership, including the Additional Dean (Academics), Mr. Harikiran, and various Heads of Departments. The discussions focused on establishing sustainable corporate–institution partnerships through collaborative research, industry-sponsored projects, technology transfer, startup mentoring, product development, and industry-led student projects.

The visit was attended by **Dr. V. Rajesh, Senior Director, Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE), KL University; Dr. P. Saleem Akram, Assistant Director, CIIE; Dr. K. V. G. Naidu, RTIH Single Point of Contact (SPOC); Dr. Gaurav Kapoor, Director, Fab Lab; V. Ramakanth, CEO, Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC), RTIH; and Mr. Ganesh Rayala, Head – Youth Ecosystem & Marketing, RTIH**, along with other executives and representatives of RTIH.

The interactions emphasised the importance of bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements by providing students with opportunities to work on real-world industrial challenges, develop innovative solutions, and gain practical industry exposure. The participating organisations and startup representatives explored opportunities to mentor student innovators, facilitate prototype development, support intellectual property generation, and nurture promising entrepreneurial ideas.

The university leadership highlighted the importance of strengthening corporate–institution partnerships to promote experiential learning, industry-oriented research, entrepreneurship, and technology-driven innovation.

The visit marks another significant milestone in the ongoing collaboration between RTIH and KL University under the **Corporate–Institution Connect initiative**, reinforcing their shared commitment to building a vibrant innovation and startup ecosystem while preparing students to emerge as future innovators, entrepreneurs, and technology leaders.