

Report on Industry-on-Campus(IOC) Initiatives at IES College of Engineering

➤ Introduction

The Industry on Campus (IOC) Cell of **IES College of Engineering** under the Electronics and Communication Engineering Department has been actively engaged in fostering innovation, research, and industry-academia collaboration. The primary objective of the cell is to expose students to real-time industrial projects, enhance their practical skills, and encourage entrepreneurial thinking by bridging the gap between theoretical learning and industry practices.

ThinkFo Tech innovations, PVT Ltd, Kinfra Park, Thalasseri, Kannur is the industry partner. The cell focus on providing practical industry experience to students, foster research and development, and generate revenue. We are aiming at manufacturing and selling electronic products, developing software solutions, this scheme stands as a testament to the success of "Earn while you Learn" and "Learning through Experience" concept. It improves the employability quotient of the students and facilitates their placement.

Objectives

Educational Enhancement: Integrate practical industry experience with academic learning

Research and Development: Encourage innovation and R&D in PCB technology.

Skill Development: Provide students with hands-on experience in electronics design and manufacturing.

Revenue generation: Create a sustainable business model for revenue generation.

Inauguration

The IOC cell was officially inaugurated on 15/01/2026 by K. Rameetha, Outstanding Scientist at the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), Kochi. P. T. Syed Mohammed, President of IES Education City, presided over the function. Dr. S. Brilly Sangeetha, Principal of IES College of Engineering, delivered the keynote address.

K. P. Abdul Rasheed, Senior Vice President of IES Education City; Directors K. P. Muhammed Ali and V. C. Shahida; Abdurahman, Manager of Sethuseetharam School, Kozhikode; M. K. Rachana,

Head of the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering; P. Linu Babu; and T. V. Sindhu, IOC Converners were among the dignitaries who attended the event.

As part of the programme, the official launch of the Humanoid Robotic Teacher was also held.







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- 1-week continuous training has been given for PCB fabrication.
- Workshop on Programming in C.
- Workshop on Kicad, Electronic Design Automation (EDA) software suite used for designing electronic circuits and Printed Circuit Boards (PCBs).
- Hands on workshop on Arduino and ESP 32.

- Workshop on Creo, a powerful 3D CAD (Computer-Aided Design) software suite used by engineers and designers to create, simulate, and manage complex product designs, from initial concepts to manufacturing.

➤ Ongoing Projects

The following projects are currently being undertaken under the guidance of the IOC Cell:

SL NO:	Name of the Project
1.	Humanoid Robo Teacher (External Work)
2.	Intelligent Humanoid Robot Assistant (Future External Work)
3.	ATAL Tinkering Lab (IES Public School)
4.	IES Tinker Board (Internal Work)

1. Humanoid Robo Teacher

Objective: To design and build a humanoid robot capable of performing simple human-like tasks such as interaction, gesture recognition, and basic mobility.

Key Features:

1. Voice Input System (using INMP441 I2S microphone)
2. Speech Recognition and Response (ESP32-based or cloud-assisted)
3. Facial Expression System (eye movement using servo motors)
4. Jaw Synchronization with Speech (servo motor)
5. Head Movement (DC geared motors)
6. Mobility System (4-wheeled with caster support)
7. 3D Printed Body for lightweight, scalable structure





2. Intelligent Humanoid Robot for Interactive Learning and Engagement

Objective: To create an AI-enabled robotic assistant for classroom teaching, capable of delivering lessons, answering basic queries, and supporting blended learning.

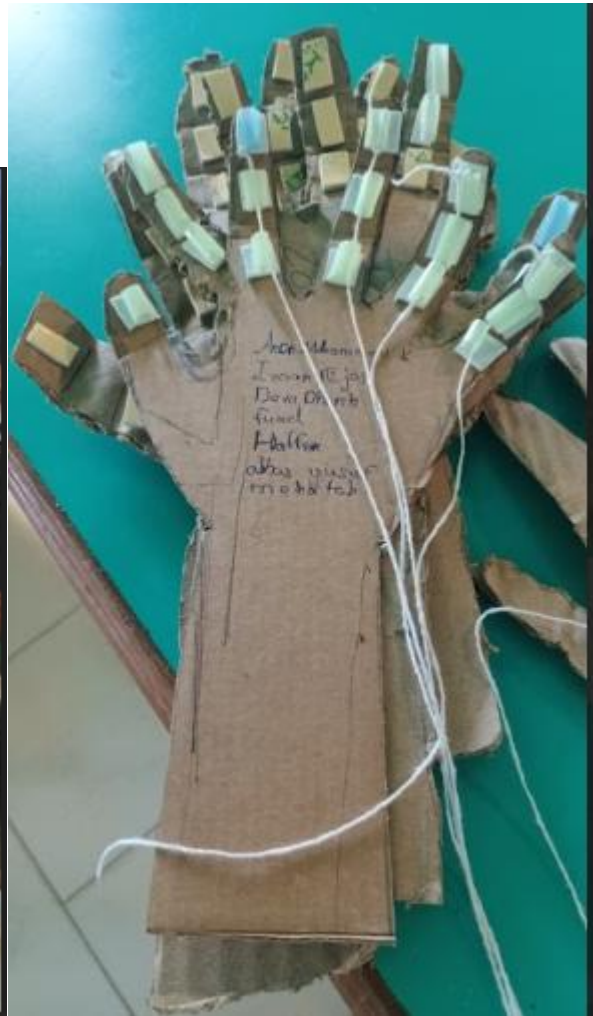
Key Features:

1. Voice Interaction and Audio Recognition using ESP32 and INMP441 mic.
2. Jaw, Eye, and Head Motion synchronized with speech.
3. Wheel-Based Locomotion for mobility.
4. Handshaking Mechanism using a stepper motor at the right shoulder.
5. Facial Recognition and Personalized Greeting powered by Raspberry Pi + camera.
6. Scene Description & Object Recognition with Google Gemini AI.
7. General Knowledge Q&A through cloud-powered NLP.
8. Custom Knowledge Base for institution-specific responses.
9. Touchscreen Mode Selection for interactive Q&A sessions.
10. Reward Dispensing System with servo-controlled candy/chocolate release.

3. ATAL Tinkering Lab

Objective: To inspire innovation at the school level by setting up a tinkering lab equipped with IoT kits, robotics modules, and DIY electronics.





4. IES Tinker Board

Objective: To Sell Customized Electronic PCB boards for School and college projects like automation, smart home systems, and healthcare monitoring.

IOC-Industry Partner

- ThinkFotech Innovations, Kinfra Park, Thalassery, Kerala
- Layrd Tech.-Start up lead by ECE Alumni student, Afsha K.A

Student Team (ECE)

Robo Teacher	Intelligent Humanoid Robot	ATAL Tinkering Lab	IES Tinker Board
Nirmal K.F	Amal V.S	Goutham Krishna S.N	Ananthakrishnan C.S
Amal V.S	Nirmal K.F	Amal V.S	Fathima Hiba V.M
Goutham Krishna S.N	Goutham Krishna S.N	Nirmal K.F	Lohith A.S
Faheem	Faheem	Aryan Jayan K	Muhammed Mubarak
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Impact and Benefits

- Enhanced student participation in hands-on learning and innovation.
- Strengthened industry-academia collaboration by aligning projects with industry requirements.
- Encouraged entrepreneurial initiatives among students through prototype development.
- Extended outreach activities to schools, thereby promoting STEM learning in the community.

Future Plans

- Collaboration with leading industries for joint projects and internships.
 - Patenting and commercialization of selected prototypes.
 - Organizing hackathons, workshops, and industry talks through the IOC platform.
 - Expansion of tinkering lab initiatives to more schools.

Conclusion

The IOC Cell under the Electronics and Communication Engineering Department has shown commendable progress in nurturing innovation and industry-oriented learning. With continued support from the management, the department aims to scale up its initiatives and establish itself as a hub of creativity, technical excellence, and industry collaboration.