

- Singh, R. (2020). *Export and import management: text and cases*. SAGE Publishing.
- Rai, U. K. (2010). *Export-import and logistics management*. (2nd ed.). PHI Learning.

Important Weblinks

- <https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=export-management-system>
- <https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=import-management-system>
- https://www.icegate.gov.in/about_icegate.html
- https://cip.icegate.gov.in/CIP/#/import_and_export_through_post
- https://cip.icegate.gov.in/CIP/#/import_and_export_through_courier
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lxRK76JwH4>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eq2WRACDMfw>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUpVkJGA_q0

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Discipline Specific Elective Course- 6.9 (DSE-6.9): Business Incubation

| Course title & Code | Credits | Credit distribution of the course | | | Eligibility criteria | Pre-requisite of the course (if any) |
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| | | Lecture | Tutorial | Practical/Practice | | |
| Business Incubation DSE- 6.9 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | Pass in Class XII | NIL |

Learning Objectives

The course aims to familiarize the learners with development of business incubators and its management.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the course, the learners will be able to:

1. Explain the incubation as a concept, types of business incubators and the role played by business incubators in supporting entrepreneurial efforts;
2. Describe the process of business incubation, incubator structure, and value propositions leading to start-up development;
3. Explain about various funding opportunities available to business incubators and understand the funding needs of the incubator;
4. Explain about various aspects of development of a business incubator, such as preparation of feasibility study, team building, and preparation of business plan;
5. Carry management of business incubators involving formulation of policy for entry and exit, employee management, identification of key performance indicators and mentoring process.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-6.9

Unit 1: Introduction (5 hours)

Business Incubation- Concept and Principles; Incubator and Incubation; Pre-requisites of incubator; Development of an incubator; Types of incubators; Corporate and educational incubators. Incubation and Entrepreneurship. Business incubation models and success factors. Virtual business incubation. Agribusiness incubation. Government Policies and Programmes, Role of business incubation in the economy.

Unit 2: Incubation Process (7 hours)

Process of business incubation and business incubator; Pre-incubation and post-incubation; Idea lab; Business plan structure; Value proposition. Role of business incubation in start-up development.

Unit 3: Incubator Business Environment (7 hours)

Managing business incubator; Financing business incubator; Owners and Fund providers; Seed funding/venture capital; Angel Financiers: types, nature, and procedures; Services of incubators.

Unit 4: Planning an Incubator (13 hours)

Feasibility study; Team formation and team building; Examining sample business idea and writing business plans; Developing business plan; Business incubation marketing and stakeholder management; Understanding investor/lender's perspective and presenting business plan; Valuation of business plan and elevator pitch.

Unit 5: Managing Business Incubator (13 hours)

Policy formulation for entry and exit; Incubation structures; Roles and responsibilities of key players; Managing incubator employees; Performance indicators of business incubator. Mentoring process; Legal issues and other formalities.

Practical Exercises (30 hours):

The learners are required to:

1. Develop a comparative study of various business incubators in the context of real- life cases.

2. Analyse the case of a start- up and elaborate upon the business incubation process and business plan structure.
3. Identify funding sources for various business incubators on the basis of real-life examples.
4. Develop a business incubator plan and prepare its management plan.
5. Discuss various legal issues and other formalities for business incubator with help of case study

Suggested Readings:

- Adkins, D. (2002). *A brief history of business incubation in the United States*. Athens, Greece: National Business Incubation Association.
- Anand, P., Prasad, S., Mukherjee, S., Shukla, A. (2021). *The sustainability and challenges for entrepreneurship, business incubation and technology start-ups in India*. Eureka Publications.
- Blokdyk, G. (2021). *Business incubator A complete guide*. Brendale, Australia: 5starCooks.
- Gerl, E. (2000). *Brick and mortar, renovating or building a business incubation facility*. Athens, Greece: National Business Incubation Association
- Leonard, J. (2014). *Startup incubators and business accelerators: The Easy Way*. United States: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

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Note: Students in the team shall visit various centres of Incubation such as Incubation Centre at NSIC, NISBURD, MSME, etc., and other colleges' and Management Institutes' incubation centres. After the visit, the students have to present their learning experiences in the form of a formal report and the same will form a part of joint evaluation by internal and external examiners after taking formal viva-voce of the students. The evaluation of the submitted project report shall be completed after the classes are disbursed but before the commencement of theory examinations.