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**Subject:** Building Startup Ecosystem in the University

Dear Mr. Nautiyal

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the support that the Department of Industries has given to the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies in building a startup culture both inside and outside the university. Over a period of last three years it was through the support of the Department of Industries, University conducted a number of events in trying to build an entrepreneurial mindset among students and faculty.

As a University, we played a critical role in creation of Startup Policy of the state taking into account the aspirations of young people studying in the campuses.

Evangelizing entrepreneurship throughout the state of Uttarakhand through start up Yatra, jointly participating in seminars organized by TiE (The India US Entrepreneurs Network), global meet in Singapore regarding Financial Technology based Startups and many others were the milestones crossed.

I am sure the relationship, which we have established, would be very fruitful in building up of the Startup Ecosystem of Uttarakhand.

**Warm regards**

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