



**IIT Madras**  
**Zanzibar**

# RIEP – RISE 4.0 Innovation Bootcamp at IITM Zanzibar



## Fostering Innovation Across Borders

IIT Madras Zanzibar recently hosted the RIEP – RISE 4.0 Innovation Bootcamp, bringing together students, faculty, and innovation leaders from India, Kenya, and Tanzania to accelerate entrepreneurship, innovation and cross-regional collaboration.





## The Initiative

Over the past few days, IIT Madras Zanzibar served as the hub for a series of workshops and bootcamps focused on innovation and start-ups.

The programme is part of the Trilateral Research, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Partnership (RIEP) under the RISE 4.0 - Reimagining Innovation for Sustainable Ecosystems initiative.

### Supported by global partners including:

- United Nations Development Programme
- Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office
- British Council
- FUNGUO Programme

The initiative aims to strengthen innovation ecosystems and startup culture across India and East Africa.

## From Hackathon to Bootcamp

The journey began with an online international hackathon.

- 16 student teams from India and East Africa were selected.
- Teams received 3 months of mentorship from experts.
- 7 finalist teams were invited to IITM Zanzibar for intensive mentoring and final presentations.

The finalists presented their solutions to a panel of industry experts, faculty, and innovation leaders.





## Academic Collaboration

Alongside the student bootcamp, the event also hosted a Faculty Exchange Programme.

Senior academic leaders from **30+ universities across East Africa** participated, including institutions from:

- Kenya
- Tanzania

The exchange focused on **innovation commercialisation, research collaboration, and strengthening entrepreneurship ecosystems in universities.**



## Distinguished Inauguration

The programme was inaugurated by:

- Fatma Mabrouk Khamis, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Innovation, Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar
- Kumar Praveen, Consul General of India in Zanzibar
- Godfrey Nyamrunda, Deputy Head of UNDP Zanzibar Office
- Jacqueline Owigo, Research & Innovation Adviser, East African Research & Innovation Hub

Their presence reinforced the **growing global collaboration supporting innovation in the region.**





## Student Achievement

A proud moment for the campus

Team CarbonTrace from IITM Zanzibar secured a £3,500 non-dilutive grant at the RISE 4.0 Innovation Challenge following the final pitch during the Zanzibar Student Innovation Bootcamp.



The team developed a solution with strong potential to progress toward a minimum viable product (MVP) through continued mentoring and development.



## Closing

Through initiatives like the RIEP – RISE 4.0 Bootcamp, IIT Madras Zanzibar continues to:

- Strengthen global academic partnerships
- Enable student entrepreneurship
- Support innovation ecosystems across Africa and India

Empowering the next generation of innovators



