

# **Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship and E-Commerce**

## **Course Objectives:**

The course aims to

- Understand the basic concepts and theories of entrepreneurship.
- Identify and evaluate business opportunities in the digital economy.
- Develop skills in creating effective business plans and strategies.
- Gain knowledge of e-commerce platforms and technologies.
- Learn digital marketing techniques for online businesses.
- Understand the legal and ethical considerations in e-commerce.
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills relevant to entrepreneurship and e-commerce.

## **Course Outcomes**

**After completion of the course, learners will be able to:**

- Understand Entrepreneurship Concepts and Identify Business Opportunities.
- Navigate Legal and Ethical Considerations for E-Commerce Platforms.
- Implement Digital Marketing Strategies.
- Manage and Analyze E-Commerce Performance.
- Develop Growth Strategies.

## **Unit-1: Introduction to Entrepreneurship**

Definition of entrepreneurship, Characteristics of successful entrepreneurs, Importance of entrepreneurship in the economy, Types of entrepreneurship. Opportunity Recognition and Idea Generation; Identifying business opportunities, Idea generation techniques, Market research and analysis, Identifying target markets and customer segments.

## **Unit-2: Business Planning**

Components of a business plan, Writing an executive summary, Marketing plan development, Financial projections and budgeting. Legal and Ethical Considerations; Legal structures for businesses, Intellectual property rights, Ethical considerations in entrepreneurship, Corporate social responsibility.

## **Unit-3: Introduction to E-Commerce**

Definition and scope of e-commerce, Evolution of e-commerce, Types of e-commerce models (B2B, B2C, C2C), E-commerce platforms and technologies. Building an E-Commerce Website; Website design principles, Choosing a domain name and hosting provider, Payment gateways and security, User experience optimization. Digital Marketing for E-Commerce; Search engine optimization (SEO), Pay-per-click (PPC) advertising, Social media marketing, E-mail marketing.

#### **Unit-4: E-Commerce Logistics and Fulfilment**

Order processing and fulfilment, Inventory management, Shipping and delivery options, Returns and customer service. E-Commerce Analytics and Performance Measurement; Key performance indicators (KPIs) for e-commerce, Web analytics tools, Customer feedback and reviews. Scaling and Growth Strategies; Scaling an e-commerce business, International expansion, Strategic partnerships and collaborations, Exit strategies: mergers, acquisitions, IPOs

#### **Case Studies: Analysis of successful e-commerce ventures**

#### **Suggested Readings**

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