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Dear Dr Pankaj,

At the outset, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the faculty of St. Francis College for organizing the insightful ATAL Faculty Development Program (FDP) focused on fostering innovation and startups within the smart city context. The meticulous planning and execution of the event were truly commendable, making it a resounding success.

The theme of the event, revolving around innovation and smart cities, was highly relevant and thought-provoking. It provided a platform for vibrant discussions and knowledge sharing on the emerging trends and opportunities in creating smart cities. Kudos on getting such a diverse array of speakers who brought a wealth of expertise and global perspectives, enriching the discourse significantly.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the participants, whose enthusiasm and engagement were the driving forces behind the success of this event.

The question-and-answer sessions were particularly stimulating, with participants raising pertinent queries about the practical challenges and potential solutions in fostering innovation in urban environments. Questions ranged from the integration of AI and IoT in smart cities to the sustainability of startup ecosystems, reflecting the level of engagement among the attendees.

In conclusion, this event not only highlighted the critical role of innovation in urban development but also underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in shaping the future of smart cities. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of this enriching experience and look forward to future engagements that continue to inspire and drive positive change.

Thank you once again to you, the organizers, speakers and participants for making this event truly memorable.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ravi Mukundan".

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