

Government Engineering College, Valsad

Innovation Meet

Mentoring, Collaboration and Networking

7th August, 2021.

As the Central and State Governments have been promoting the activities associated with innovation and start-ups in educational institutions, SSIP Cell and IIC, Government Engineering College, Valsad jointly organized 'Innovation Meet' on 7th August, 2021 for the purpose of contributing to activities related to innovation and start-up.



Figure 1 Highly motivational welcome speech by Dr V S Purani principal GECV



Figure 2 Active participation by all faculties, Entrepreneur's, officers and Invitees at the SSIP Innovation meet at GEC Valsad

Through this meet, an effort was made to bring together academicians, experts, entrepreneurs linked with GEC, Valsad as well as alumni of host institute those having start-up/business/entrepreneurship. In-depth deliberation was done among all the present experts on 'How the innovation and start-up eco-system can be built with mutual cooperation.

The effort undertaken by the institute is going to be of great benefit to the students, professors and all those who are connected with the institute start up eco system and want to emerge as start-ups and entrepreneurs.

The programme was begun with truly motivational welcome speech by Dr. V. S. Purani, Principal, G. E. C. Valsad. Mr. Kalp Bhatt, CEO, Association for Harnessing Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ASHINE), SVNIT, Surat, has given an introductory talk on a journey way to start up. He also expressed his interest to provide financial as well as mentoring support to any innovative and competent start-up ideas presented by the students and faculty members of the participating institutes.



Figure 3 Kalp bhatt CEO Ashine Surat on support system provided by his lead incubation center for taking idea to market

An incubation facility provided by District Science Centre & Planetarium, (NCSM, Ministry of Culture, Govt of India), was discussed by Mr. A. V. Jethe, District Science Officer, DSC. He explained that the facility provided as per norms by the DSCP can be a great opportunity for the students working in the field of robotics, 3D printing, drone making, PCB making, automation and some small-scale fabrication projects.



Figure 4 Dharampur science center Incubation facilities explained and discussion amongst the panelists for best outcomes.

Dr. K. L. Mokariya and Dr. Rajesh Malan gave brief about the ongoing innovation activities at GEC Valsad and explained that how the participating institutes can take lead to enhance innovation activities with best mutual cooperation.

The special guest of the event, Shri U K Jethwa (Ex Vice President Reliance Industries Limited) in his speech emphasized on taking the idea from mind to the market.



Figure 6 U K Jethwa Ex S.R VP Reliance, on mind to market concept

All the members present also expressed their views to enhance the intellectual properties of the institute by filing patents on projects, effective intra institute mentoring of projects, joint participation at state and national level events, utilization of incubation centre with mutual concern, exchange of vital information and joint publications with mutual concerns in prestigious national and international innovation conferences and filing IPRs etc.

The experts from the industrial units proposed to provide the necessary facilities for the students of the institute to work on the latest projects as per their interest and take it to the start-up level which is a matter of great pride for the institute.

Under the guidance of SSIP, coordinator Dr. K. L. Mokariya, Team SSIP and IIC has put its all efforts for the success of the programme. The students and faculty members could not meet physically has attended through the online platform of Microsoft team.



Figure 7 Glimpses of wonderful memories of the event SSIP meet GEC Valsad for best outcomes with memento in terms of motivation to alumni Entrepreneurs by Ashok Jete and Prof S V Damaniya

Building a culture of innovation is not only need and necessity of the time but also our passion