Institution's Innovation Council

Saurashtra University Rajkot

Startup Ecosystem Exposure visit

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Saurashtra University – IIC

The university is dedicated to instruction, research, and extending knowledge to the public (public service). Ministry of Education (MoE), Govt. of India has established 'MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC)' to systematically foster the culture of Innovation among all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The primary mandate of MIC is to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by supporting them to work with new ideas and transform them into prototypes while they are informative years. Saurashtra University is one the Organization that have constituted the IIC to foster the vision of MoE and be a part for the promotion and development of innovation ecosystem.

Event Schedule

Time	Activity
03:00 – 03:15 PM	Arrival & Registration of Participants
03:15 – 03:30 PM	Welcome Address & Introduction to the Visit
03:30 – 04:00 PM	Visit to Incubation Centre Facilities – Overview of infrastructure & support
04:00 – 04:30 PM	Interaction with Startups – Visit to Startup Rooms & engagement with teams
04:30 – 05:00 PM	Seminar on *"Role of Incubation Centres in Startup Growth"* by experts
05:00 – 05:15 PM	Q&A and Open Discussion
05:15 – 05:30 PM	Vote of Thanks & Group Photo

Event Registration Link

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Brief about Event

SU Startup and Entrepreneurship Council (SUSEC) in collaboration with Smt. J. J. Kundaliya Graduate Teachers College, Rajkot and IIC, Saurashtra University organized a Startup Ecosystem Exposure Visit on 29th August 2025 at the Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Science Laboratory, Saurashtra University, Rajkot. The program aimed to provide students with first-hand exposure to the incubation ecosystem, enabling them to understand the functioning of startup support systems, institutional guidance, and innovation-driven opportunities.

The event commenced with an introduction session in the seminar hall, where representatives of the Incubation Centre highlighted the importance of incubation facilities, available resources, and the role of innovation councils in supporting budding entrepreneurs. The talk also emphasized the government grants, startup schemes, and institutional support systems available to students and early-stage entrepreneurs.

Following the seminar, the students visited the incubation centre where they observed the working environment of startups and interacted with young innovators. They were given detailed insights into the facilities such as co-working spaces, mentoring support, prototype development labs, and funding opportunities that nurture entrepreneurial ideas into viable businesses.

The exposure visit also included a tour of startup rooms, where the participating students interacted directly with incubated startups. Startup founders shared their journey, challenges faced, and how incubation support helped them progress. This session gave students practical knowledge of entrepreneurial struggles and strategies to overcome them. The visit concluded with an interactive Q&A session where students clarified their doubts about the incubation process, research opportunities, and startup funding. The interaction motivated them to explore entrepreneurship as a career path and leverage incubation facilities for their innovative projects.

Key Points

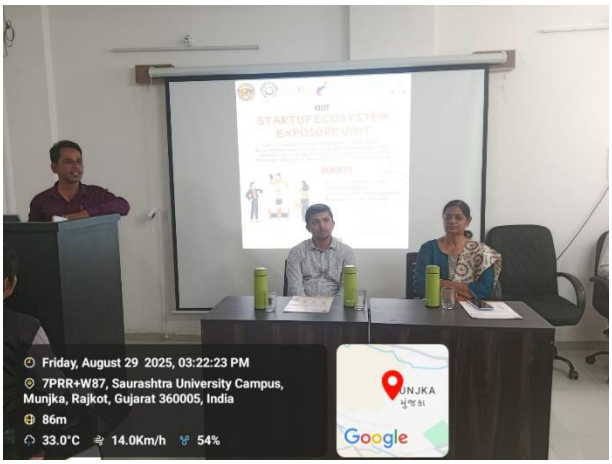
During the session, below mentioned points were discussed:

- Importance of incubation centres in nurturing startups.
- Awareness of government grants and institutional support.
- Exposure to startup workspaces and innovative projects.
- Insights into challenges and growth stories of incubated startups.
- Encouragement for student-led research and entrepreneurial initiatives.
- Role of seminars and workshops in building entrepreneurial mindset.

Outcome

The Startup Ecosystem Exposure Visit proved to be highly insightful, offering students a comprehensive understanding of how incubation centres function as the backbone of entrepreneurial ecosystems. The visit not only increased awareness about available support systems such as government grants, startup funding, and mentoring but also built motivation and confidence among students to take forward their own innovative ideas. By

interacting with startup founders and witnessing real-time entrepreneurial efforts, participants were inspired to think beyond academics and consider entrepreneurship as a viable career option. The hands-on exposure to startup rooms, incubation facilities, and seminar sessions created a strong bridge between theoretical learning and practical entrepreneurial knowledge, ensuring long-term benefits for the students' innovation journey.



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