



Swarnnim Startup & Innovation University

Activity Report 2026

Institute / Department	Department of Innovation & Entrepreneurship
Activity / Event Name	Session on various Schemes for Startups and entrepreneurship by the Ministry of Education (Government of India)
Date of the event	3-06-2026 (Wednesday)
Duration	10.00 AM-12.00 PM
Location	Seminar Hall
Participant's Branch/Institutes	Students and Faculties
Programme Coordinator	Shri Jiten Thakkar Dr. Nivedita Dwivedi
Total Number of Participants	40 Participants
Supporting Members	Saurabh Kumar, Gaurav Sharma, Naimi

Introduction:

The Ministry of Education (MoE), through its Innovation Cell (MIC) and in collaboration with AICTE, has launched several transformative schemes aimed at building a robust innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem within Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). However, a significant gap often exists between the availability of these schemes and the awareness among faculty and students.

To bridge this gap, Swarnim Startup and Innovation University organized a two-hour intensive Faculty Development Program (FDP). The primary objective was to sensitize the university community about the various government schemes, funding opportunities, and support mechanisms that can be leveraged to transform ideas into viable startups and protect intellectual property

Objectives of the Session:

- a) To encourage entrepreneurial thinking for starting an entrepreneurial journey for Students and faculties of Swarnim Startup and Innovation University
- b) To provide relevant information about different Policies and schemes by the Ministry of Education in detail.
- c) To provide various supports by I- Hub for startups

About the Session:

The session was led by **Mr. Mitesh Vadher**, serving as an **Innovation Fellow at the Ahmedabad Innovation Centre**, an initiative supported by the **Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, Government of India**. Given his role at a state-level innovation hub, Mr. Vadher possesses deep, practical insights into how institutions and individual innovators can effectively utilise central government schemes on the ground.

The program commenced at 10:00 AM. In his opening remarks, Mr Vadher emphasized that while creativity is intrinsic, "systematic support and awareness of government funding are the catalysts that convert a classroom project into a commercial product." He structured the session to cover three broad categories: Ecosystem Building (IIC, SIC), Capacity Building & IP (KAPILA, Bootcamps, SWAYAM), and Funding & Challenges (Grand Challenges, YUKTI, I-Hub).

Mr Vadher provided a detailed walkthrough of the following nine schemes, tailoring the information specifically for the faculty and students of Swarnim University.

A. Institution Innovation Council (IIC) & School Innovation Council (SIC)

Mr. Vadher began by explaining the foundational role of IICs in HEIs. He noted that an IIC is the primary driving unit for creating an innovation ecosystem on campus .

- **For the University:** He advised the administration to ensure their IIC follows the MIC's annual activity calendar (minimum 3 activities per quarter) to gain maximum points in ARIIA (Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements) .
- **For Faculty/Students:** He explained that IICs act as the single window for students to access mentorship, seed funds, and industry experts, while SICs (School Innovation Councils) aim to catch young innovators at the school level.

B. YUKTI (National Innovation Repository) & YUKTI Innovation Challenges

Mr. Vadher described YUKTI as the "digital backbone" of the MoE's innovation strategy.

- **YUKTI Repository:** He urged faculty members to mandate students to upload their prototypes and proof-of-concepts (PoCs) onto the YUKTI portal. He noted that data entered here directly feeds into the Atal Ranking (ARIIA) and helps the institute benchmark its innovation output.
- **YUKTI Innovation Challenge:** He highlighted the 2025-26 edition, where student innovations with a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 4 or above (validated in lab environment) can be nominated by the IIC. Winners can receive financial support of up to ₹10 lakhs to accelerate their startup journey.

C. Funding Support by I-Hub (Gujarat)

Leveraging his local expertise, Mr. Vadher focused on the **i-Hub Gujarat** (the state-level incubator).

- **MoE-AICTE Investor Network:** He informed participants that i-Hub regularly collaborates with the MoE-AICTE Investor Network to host "Demo Days" and pitching sessions.

- **Opportunity:** He shared that early-stage startups from Swarnim could get the opportunity to pitch directly to Angel Investors and Venture Capitalists (VCs) through i-Hub's regional connects. Recently, over 35 startups got such an opportunity in UDYAMOTSAV 2025.

D. KAPILA (Kalam Program for IP Literacy and Awareness)

Addressing the critical area of Intellectual Property, Mr. Vadher detailed the **KAPILA scheme**.

- **Financial Support:** He explained that the government provides reimbursement of up to ₹5,600 per patent application (covering filing and examination fees) for students and faculty .
- **Mechanism:** He stressed that the university must form a five-member expert committee (including industry experts and legal advisors) to screen patent applications before applying for funds. He noted that the goal is to file 15,000 patents annually from HEIs.

E. Youkti IPXcelerate

Building on KAPILA, Mr. Vadher introduced the IPXcelerate program as the "accelerator" for IP. He differentiated it by stating that while KAPILA pays for the *legal cost* of filing, IPXcelerate focuses on **Technology Transfer and Commercialization**. He explained that it helps connect the patent owner with industry players to license the technology, ensuring the innovation leaves the lab and reaches the market.

F. Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamps

Mr. Vadher described the IDE Bootcamps as intensive, short-duration programs aimed at faculty and student mentors. He noted that these bootcamps, often conducted in hybrid mode, train participants in design thinking, product lifecycle management, and business model canvas. He recommended that Swarnim's IIC nominate at least two faculty members for the upcoming regional IDE Bootcamp to become certified innovation ambassadors.

G. Grand Challenges

He described Grand Challenges as "national problem-solving marathons." Unlike internal hackathons, these are sponsored by various central ministries (e.g., Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Health) to solve specific national problems. Winners receive direct funding, mentorship from industry CTOs, and the prestige of solving a national priority problem.

H. SWAYAM Prabha (Channel 9)

Mr. Vadher highlighted the **SWAYAM Prabha** initiative, specifically **Channel 9**.

- **Utility:** He explained that Channel 9 is dedicated to "Education, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship."
- **Action Item:** He advised students to tune into Channel 9 to watch recorded lectures on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and startup success stories, which complement their formal coursework.

Outcome of this session

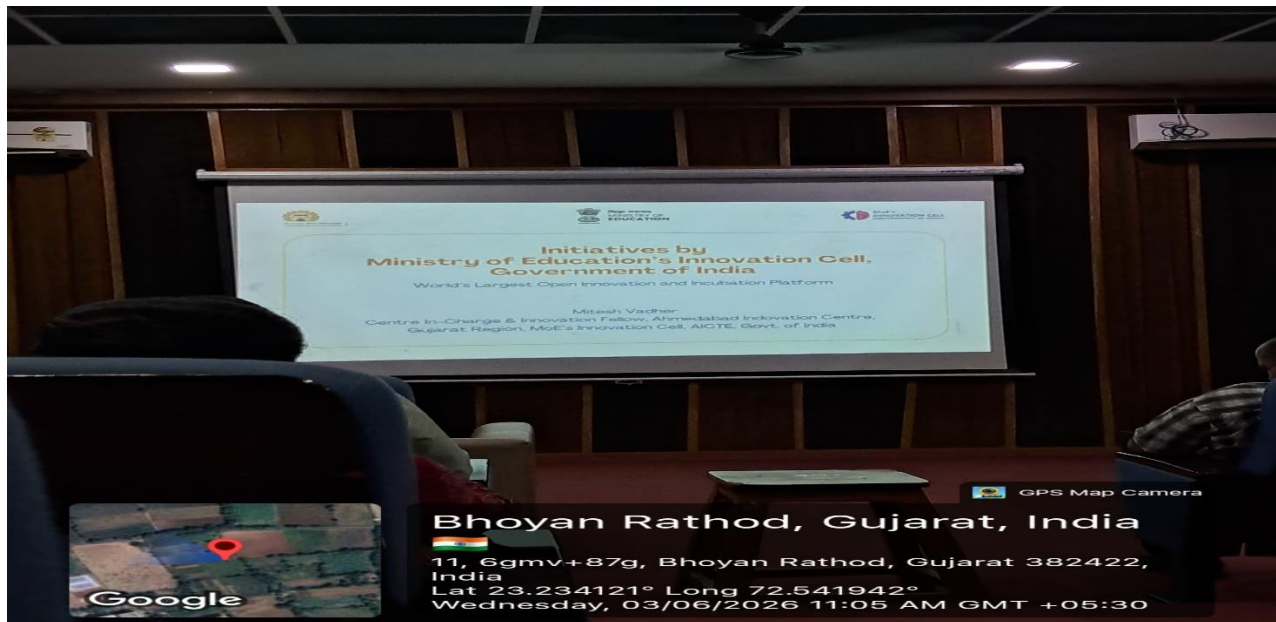
The session successfully transformed passive awareness into active institutional action. Swarnim Startup and Innovation University moved from being a spectator of government schemes to a proactive participant. The key outcomes—YUKTI registration, patent screening committee formation, IDE Bootcamp nominations, and alignment with I-Hub's funding network—will collectively strengthen the university's innovation ecosystem and directly contribute to the vision of the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell.

Conclusion:

The session concluded on a high note of optimism and accountability. Participants left not with passive notes, but with active assignments—a direct reflection of Mr. Vadher's impactful delivery and the university's commitment to follow through. The collective sentiment was best captured by a student remark overheard after the session:

"Finally, someone told us how—not just what."

Photographs:





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