

SSIP Awareness Programme for First-Year Students

On 06 August 2026, the Mechanical Engineering Department of Vishwakarma Government Engineering College (VGEC), Chandkheda organized an SSIP Awareness Programme for first-year students to introduce them to the institute's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. The session was conducted by Dr. Dhruv Panchal and coordinated by Prof. S. A. Pawar. The session familiarized students with the objectives of the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) and the opportunities available for developing innovative ideas into prototypes and startups.

During the session, students gained an understanding of the journey from problem identification to innovative solution development, prototype creation, and potential startup formation. The resource person also highlighted the mentoring, prototype development assistance, funding opportunities, and institutional support available under SSIP, encouraging students to actively participate in innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives.

The programme inspired students to develop an innovative mindset and explore opportunities to transform real-life problems into impactful solutions through structured guidance, technical support, and entrepreneurial resources available at the institute.

Key Features:

- **Expert Speaker:** Dr. Dhruv Panchal
- **Event Title:** SSIP Awareness Programme for First-Year Students
- **Venue:** M-101
- **Date & Time:** 06/08/2026, 01:15 to 03:15 PM
- **No. of Participants:** 50 students
- **Organized by:** Mechanical Engineering Department
- **Faculty Coordinator:** Prof. S. A. Pawar

Discussion Points:

- Introduction to SSIP and its objectives for promoting student innovation.
- Understanding the institute's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.
- Identifying real-life problems as the foundation for innovation.
- Converting innovative ideas into prototypes and potential startups.
- Role of mentoring in supporting student innovators.
- Prototype development assistance available under SSIP.
- Awareness about SSIP funding, prototype grants, seed funding, and government startup schemes.
- Opportunities for students to participate in IIC, SSIP, and entrepreneurship-related activities.
- Importance of developing an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset during the first year.
- Institutional support mechanisms for turning ideas into practical solutions.

Outcome / Impact:

The programme helped create an early-stage innovation and entrepreneurship mindset among first-year students. Participants expressed interest in developing innovative ideas, participating in future innovation activities, and utilizing institutional support for prototype development and startup initiatives.

Glimpses of the event:

