



**Event Report**  
**Innovation Exploration Program**  
**YIP UNICEF**

**Date:** 16th December 2024

**Venue:** Acharya Chanakya Hall, Academic Block 4, GTU School of Management Studies



The *Innovation Exploration Program – 2024*, organized under UNICEF’s Young Innovators Platform (YIP), brought together educators, students, and key dignitaries to foster a culture of innovation and active problem-solving. The event focused on equipping young minds with the tools and mindset to address real-world challenges.

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### **Event Highlights**

#### **1. Welcome Address by Dr. K. N. Kher**

Dr. K. N. Kher, Registrar of GTU, formally opened the event with a warm welcome to the dignitaries and participants. He highlighted GTU’s journey toward fostering innovation and discussed the notable achievements of GTU Ventures in nurturing startups and creating a robust innovation ecosystem.



## **2. YIP Concept Briefing by Mr. Rahul Bhagchandani**

Mr. Rahul Bhagchandani from GTU Ventures briefed the gathering on the concept and objectives of UNICEF's Young Innovators Platform (YIP). He explained how the platform serves as a bridge between school students and the startup ecosystem, motivating them to tackle social and environmental challenges with innovative solutions.

## **3. Special Address by Mr. Prasanta Dash**

Mr. Prasanta Dash, Chief Field Office - UNICEF Gujarat, provided a comprehensive overview of UNICEF's initiatives. He emphasized the importance of young innovators contributing to global developmental goals and encouraged students to participate actively in innovation programs.

## **4. Interactive Session with Dr. Rajul K. Gajjar**

Dr. Rajul K. Gajjar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of GTU, led an interactive session with the students. She discussed real-world problems and brainstormed potential solutions, urging the students to be proactive and spontaneous in their thought processes. This session sparked lively discussions and increased students' engagement.

## **5. Website Demo and Application Encouragement**

The event concluded with a practical and encouraging session led by Mr. Yajuvendra Chauhan, Project Manager, GTU Ventures. He demonstrated how to apply for the YIP initiative via the official website, ensuring that both students and teachers understood the process thoroughly. He motivated attendees to apply promptly, ensuring early participation in this transformative program.

## **6. Visit to GTU Incubation Centers**

Post-event, the dignitaries and participants toured the GTU incubation centers, where they explored innovative projects and interacted with startup founders. This segment provided an immersive experience and showcased the real-world impact of innovation at GTU.

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## **Concluding Remarks**

The Innovation Exploration Program – 2024 was a resounding success, creating a platform to inspire and engage the next generation of innovators. The collaborative efforts of GTU Ventures and UNICEF under the YIP initiative emphasized the importance of innovation, education, and active participation in solving global challenges.

This event empowered students and educators alike, leaving them motivated to contribute their ideas to the larger ecosystem of innovation and societal impact.

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