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## Report of

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### Event Overview

The 16th Sankul Day of Gujarat Technological University was celebrated in Ahmedabad on 14 February 2026 as a flagship platform to recognize innovation, sustainability, entrepreneurship, and regional ecosystem development aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

The event brought together university leadership, distinguished guests, faculty members, innovators, and startup representatives, creating a strong institutional space for celebrating achievement and encouraging future innovation.

A total of 200 participants attended the programme, reflecting the event's wide relevance across the GTU ecosystem and its partner institutions.

### Distinguished Guests

The programme was graced by R. Ramanathan, Founding Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, and Governing Board Member of the India AI Mission, as the Chief Guest.

The Guest of Honour was Kishorsinh Chavda, Vice Chancellor, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, while Dr. Rajul Gajjar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of GTU, also extended her presence and leadership to the occasion.

Their participation highlighted the importance of inter-institutional collaboration and policy-aligned innovation promotion in Gujarat's higher education and startup landscape.

### Awards and Recognition

The Sankul Day ceremony honored excellence through 26 awards, selected from 167 statewide entries, showing the depth of participation and competitiveness in the award process.

These included 11 Innovate to Impact awards for student innovations, one i-SCALE award for a nanotechnology-based therapeutic innovation, student startup awards for early-stage and growth-stage ventures, and six Pedagogical Innovation Awards for faculty leaders.

The award structure reflected GTU's integrated approach to rewarding student creativity, entrepreneurial progress, and faculty-driven academic innovation.

## **Launch of Innovation Hubs**

A major highlight of the programme was the launch of GTU Ventures Regional Innovation Hubs at BVM Engineering College, Vallabh Vidyanagar; VVP Engineering College, Rajkot; and Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat.

These hubs are expected to strengthen district-level innovation clusters and expand access to mentoring, incubation, and startup support for emerging entrepreneurs across Gujarat.

This initiative also reinforces the role of regional institutions in converting local ideas into scalable innovation outcomes.

## **Programme Significance**

The 16th Sankul Day reaffirmed GTU's commitment to transforming students into innovators, entrepreneurs, and global contributors through sustained ecosystem building.

By combining awards, leadership participation, and the launch of innovation hubs, the event created a strong message that entrepreneurship is not only encouraged but institutionally enabled within the GTU network.

The event's theme and execution aligned closely with the larger national agenda of innovation-led development and inclusive regional growth.

## **Conclusion**

The 16th Sankul Day was a meaningful celebration of achievement, collaboration, and future potential within Gujarat Technological University.

With 200 participants, high-profile dignitaries, 26 awards, and the launch of new innovation hubs, the programme made a visible contribution to strengthening Gujarat's startup and innovation ecosystem.

It stood as a clear reminder of GTU's mission to promote aspiration, execution, and impact through education and innovation.