













MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT, PARUL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE IN ASSOCIATION WITH PARUL INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP RESEARCH CENTRE

ORGANIZED Expert Talk ON

SESSION ON INNOVATION/PROTOTYPE VALIDATION - CONVERTING INNOVATION INTO A START-UP

BY EXPERT

Mrs. ARNIKA PATEL

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10:00 pm onwards

25 June, 2025



Seminar Hall,

Parul Polytechnic Institute

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A Report On

"Innovation/Prototype Validation – Converting Innovation into a Start-up or Session on Achieving "Value Proposition Fit" & "Business Fit""

ACTIVITY TYPE	Innovation/Prototype Validation –	
	Converting Innovation into a Start-up or	
	Session on Achieving "Value	
	Proposition Fit" & "Business Fit	
DATE & TIME	25/06/2025 Duration 1 Day	
SEMESTER	3 rd & 5 th sem No. of 100	
	Mechanical participants	
	Engg Students	
EXPERT NAME WITH	Asst. Prof. Arnika Patel, Parul Institute	
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Organizer: Parul Polytechnic Institute and Parul Innovation and Entrepreneurship Research Centre (PIERC)

Objective:

- ◆ The Department of Mech Engg of Parul Polytechnic Institute organized an insightful expert talk on the topic "Innovation/Prototype Validation Converting Innovation into a Start-up or Achieving 'Value Proposition Fit' & 'Business Fit'". The session was delivered by Asst. Prof. Arnika, an academician with rich experience in guiding student-led startups and incubating innovative ideas through structured entrepreneurial frameworks.
- This expert talk aimed to enlighten students and faculty members on how to systematically transform innovative ideas or prototypes into viable startups by achieving a strong value proposition and aligning with market and business needs.
- To help students and budding innovators understand the importance of validating their prototype and innovations before entering the market.
- To introduce the concepts of "Value Proposition Fit" and "Business Fit" in the context of start-up development.





- To provide insights into the journey of converting innovative ideas into sustainable and scalable start-ups.
- To enhance the entrepreneurial mind-set among students by discussing real-life examples and case studies.

Speakers and Key Insights:

Asst. Prof. Arnika is a passionate educator and innovation strategist, known for her active role in nurturing student innovations at the grassroots level. With her academic background and hands-on experience in mentoring start-ups through various innovation and incubation cells, she has been instrumental in guiding early-stage entrepreneurs in identifying product-market fit and business feasibility.

• Prototype Validation:

Asst. Prof. Arnika Patel emphasized the need for early validation of ideas and prototypes through customer feedback, technical feasibility analysis, and cost-effectiveness assessment. She explained various techniques for MVP (Minimum Viable Product) development.

• Innovation to Start-up Transition:

The session covered essential steps such as identifying a core problem, offering a unique solution, building a strong team, and aligning innovation with real-world needs.

• Value Proposition Fit:

Prof. Arnika explained how a product must meet the actual needs and desires of customers. She shared tools like the Value Proposition Canvas and stressed the need to differentiate solutions from competitors.

Business Fit:

The session concluded with a discussion on achieving Business Fit – ensuring that the product or service fits into a viable business model, has revenue potential, and aligns with market dynamics.

• Interactive Discussion:

Students were engaged in an open Q&A session, where they received feedback on their own project ideas. Some shared how they could realign their innovation strategies based on the talk.





Learning Outcomes

Students gained clarity on the step-by-step process to convert an idea into a potential start-up.

They understood how to validate their innovation through user feedback and iterative prototyping.

Participants learned the importance of customer-centric product development and how to define a compelling value proposition.

The session motivated students to take their academic projects forward as entrepreneurial ventures by applying business model thinking.

The expert talk by Asst. Prof. Arnika Patel proved to be highly informative and motivational for students aiming to become innovators and entrepreneurs. It successfully bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical start-up building. The session aligned with the vision of encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship at the grassroots level in technical education.

Glimpses of the Program

















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