

A Report on “Session on Accelerators/Incubation -Opportunities for Students – Early-Stage Entrepreneurs”

ACTIVITY TYPE		Expert Talk	
DATE & TIME		30.06.25, From 10:30 AM onwards	Duration 1 Day
SEMESTER		5th	No. of participants 50
EXPERT NAME WITH DESIGNATION		Mr. Barot Kaushalkumar K, Assistant Professor, Mechatronics Engineering Department	
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The workshop was organized by the Parul Institute of Technology-IIC of Parul University in association with the Parul Innovation and Entrepreneurship Research Center as a part of one day Innovative event as a “Session on Accelerators/Incubation -Opportunities for Students – Early-Stage Entrepreneurs” on 30th June, 2025 for the students of Parul Institute of Technology, Parul University. The Expert session was conducted by Mr. Kaushal K Barot, Assistant Professor, Parul Institute of Technology, Parul University, Vadodara.

Objective:

1. Equip students with practical skills such as idea validation, business model development, market research, and customer discovery.
2. Encourage students to think innovatively and solve real-world problems by developing unique products or services.
3. Introduce students to startup culture, including risk-taking, adaptability, resilience, and the lean startup approach.
4. Provide access to experienced mentors, industry experts, and a network of entrepreneurs and investors to support idea growth.
5. Help students prepare for and access early-stage funding such as seed grants, angel investment, or venture capital.
6. Allow students to gain firsthand experience by working on their own ventures or collaborating on incubator projects, enhancing learning beyond textbooks.

Outcomes:

1. Participants are able to transform ideas into tangible products, services, or startups ready for market or further development.
2. Participants can improved soft skills (communication, leadership, problem-solving) and technical know-how make students more attractive to employers or investors.
3. Participants gain practical insights into entrepreneurship, business operations, and startup challenges through hands-on experience.
4. Participation boosts students' self-confidence and decision-making ability, fostering a mindset of initiative and ownership.

Activity Details:

There was a Session on “**Accelerators/Incubation -Opportunities for Students – Early-Stage Entrepreneurs**” for creating Startup environment

on 30th June, 2025, at Room no 335, Parul Institute of Technology, Parul University. This session was attended by Fifty students from the Parul Institute of Technology. Students are grateful and with utmost gratitude, would like to thank Mr. Kaushalkumar K Barot, Assistant Professor, Parul Institute of Technology, Parul University, Vadodara, for conducting such a great session.

The session was delivered by Mr. Kaushalkumar K. Barot, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechatronics Engineering, Parul Institute of Technology, Parul University, Vadodara. Students expressed their sincere gratitude to Mr. Barot for conducting such an insightful and inspiring session that highlighted real-world entrepreneurial pathways and opportunities available through incubation and accelerator platforms.

The session commenced with a warm welcome speech delivered by one of our university ranker students, Namasvi, in the esteemed presence of Mr. Shiju, Asst.Professor, who also presented a welcome gift as a token of appreciation.

Mr. Kaushal Barot began the session by explaining the concepts of startup ecosystems, the role of incubators and accelerators, and how students can actively engage in early-stage entrepreneurship while still pursuing their academic careers. He discussed the objectives of incubation, such as skill development, innovation, access to funding, mentorship, and networking opportunities.

He also shared success stories of student-led startups and explained how incubation centers at the university and government levels are helping students turn ideas into viable business ventures. Students were guided on how to pitch their ideas, build teams, prototype their products, and apply for seed funding or grants through incubators and accelerators.

The session emphasized the importance of consistency, self-belief, and adaptability, encouraging students to overcome challenges and use their knowledge and creativity to develop innovative solutions. The interactive session allowed students to ask questions and engage in discussions about their startup ideas.

The session was highly enlightening and served as a catalyst for many aspiring student entrepreneurs. It successfully contributed to nurturing an entrepreneurial mindset, promoting a culture of innovation, and encouraging self-driven learning among the students.

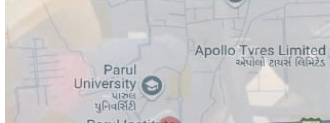
At the conclusion of the event, a vote of thanks was presented by a Mr. Shiju of PIT, acknowledging Mr. Kaushal Barot's efforts and dedication. The event ended on a positive note with an optimistic outlook toward future entrepreneurial initiatives.

Benefits in terms of learning/Skill/Knowledge obtained:

- Students learned how to validate startup ideas, build business models, and understand key concepts such as prototyping, pitching, and market analysis.
- Gained practical knowledge about incubators, accelerators, government schemes, and funding sources such as seed grants and venture capital.
- Encouraged students to identify real-world problems and develop innovative, feasible solutions using a structured entrepreneurial approach.
- Through interactive discussions, students improved their communication, team collaboration, and learned how to present and share their ideas effectively with mentors and peers.

Glimpses of Activity





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