

A Report on “Session on Angel Investment/VC Funding Opportunity for Startup Early-Stage Entrepreneurs”

ACTIVITY TYPE		Expert Talk	
DATE & TIME		21.07.25, From 10:00 AM onwards	Duration 1 Day
SEMESTER		1st	No. of participants 102
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The Session 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 Angel Investment/VC Funding Opportunity for Startup Early-Stage Entrepreneurs” on 21st July, 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. Familiarize participants with the definitions, differences, and roles of angel investors and venture capitalists in startup funding.
2. Provide insights into the various stages of startup funding (pre-seed, seed, Series A, etc.) and when angel or VC funding is appropriate.
3. Help entrepreneurs understand what makes a startup attractive to investors, including product-market fit, scalability, team strength, and traction.
4. Teach best practices for identifying potential investors, preparing investor pitch decks, and conducting successful fundraising meetings.
5. Educate participants on term sheets, equity dilution, valuation, and regulatory/legal considerations involved in securing external funding.

Outcomes:

1. To Introduce the Concepts of Angel Investment and Venture Capital Funding.
2. To Explain the Funding Lifecycle of Startups.
3. To Identify Key Criteria Investors, Look for in Startups.
4. To Equip Entrepreneurs with Strategies to Approach and Pitch to Investors.
5. To Create Awareness of Legal, Financial, and Due Diligence Aspects.

Activity Details:

There was a Session on “**Angel Investment/VC Funding Opportunity for Startup Early-Stage Entrepreneurs**” for understanding and apply knowledge of angle Investment and VC funding opportunities for future entrepreneur on 21st July, 2025, at Room no 245, Parul Institute of Technology, Parul University. This session was attended by One hundred two 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 knowledge sharing 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.

Mr. Kaushal Barot began the session by introducing the concepts of angel investment and venture capital funding, highlighting their critical roles in the startup ecosystem. He explained how early-stage entrepreneurs, especially students, can access these funding avenues while still in their academic journey. The session covered the significance of incubators and accelerators in providing structured support through mentorship, networking, skill development, and financial assistance, which are vital for startups aiming to attract external investors.

Mr. Barot shared inspiring success stories of student-led startups that successfully raised funds through angel investors and VC firms, demonstrating how young innovators can convert ideas into sustainable businesses. He guided participants on how to craft compelling investor pitches, form effective teams, develop prototypes, and apply for seed funding or government grants. The importance of understanding term sheets, startup valuation, equity dilution, and investment readiness was also emphasized.

Throughout the interactive session, students had the opportunity to discuss their startup ideas and ask questions related to funding strategies, investor expectations, and real-world challenges in fundraising. Mr. Barot encouraged attendees to remain consistent, adaptable, and confident, leveraging their academic learning and creativity to build innovative ventures.

The session was enlightening and motivational, acting as a catalyst for emerging entrepreneurs by deepening their understanding of the startup funding landscape. It significantly contributed to building an entrepreneurial mindset, promoting innovation, and encouraging proactive learning. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Shiju of PIT, who appreciated Mr. Kaushal Barot's valuable insights and commitment. The session ended on a highly positive note, inspiring students to pursue entrepreneurial goals with renewed confidence.

Benefits in terms of learning/Skill/Knowledge obtained:

- Students gained clarity on how angel investors and venture capitalists support early-stage startups, and when to approach them during their entrepreneurial journey.
- Students learned how university and government incubation centers can help them access mentorship, funding, and startup support while still pursuing their education.
- Students received guidance on how to effectively pitch their startup ideas to potential investors and apply for seed grants or accelerator programs.
- Hearing about student-led ventures that secured funding inspired participants to believe in the viability of their own innovative ideas.
- Students became familiar with essential concepts like equity, valuation, and legal documentation involved in startup funding processes.
- The session encouraged students to adopt a mindset of innovation, persistence, and adaptability—key traits needed for entrepreneurial success.

Glimpses of Activity





