

**Sardar Vallabhbhai Global
University Institution's Innovation
Council (IIC)**

“The Innovation Arc – Charting the Journey from Universities to Unicorns”

Date: 20th August 2025, Wednesday

Time: 9:00 am to 10:30 am & 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Venue: Seminar Hall SVGU Campus.

Event: “The Innovation Arc – Charting the Journey from Universities to Unicorns”

Organized By: IIC Cell, Sardar Vallabhbhai Global University

Sardar Vallabhbhai Global University (SVGU), in partnership with IIC, MoE's Innovation Cell, and SSIP, successfully hosted the seminar “The Innovation Arc: Charting the Journey from Universities to Unicorns” on August 20th, 2025. Held in two sessions, it drew enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and emerging entrepreneurs.

The session was delivered by **Mr. Kalp Bhatt, Partner at Atharva Consultants**, who brings over a decade of experience in the startup and innovation ecosystem. Having led incubators such as Dholakia INCUB8, ASHINE at SVNIT, and IGNITE at Silver Oak University, and collaborated with global organizations like Plug and Play and Inc42, he shared valuable insights on building robust innovation ecosystems.

Drawing parallels from **Stanford University and Silicon Valley**, Mr. Bhatt outlined how SSVGU and Gujarat can shape **Ahmedabad into India's innovation powerhouse by 2030**. Participants left inspired with actionable strategies to translate ideas into impact and nurture the **next generation of unicorns**.

The session had a transformative impact on students, igniting curiosity and confidence about innovation and entrepreneurship. Many participants expressed that the case study of **Stanford and Silicon Valley** helped them visualize how world-class ecosystems are built, while the parallels to Gujarat and SSVGU gave them a sense of ownership in shaping the region's future.

Students reported gaining **clarity on how academic ideas can be converted into startups**, and were especially motivated by Mr. Kalp Bhatt's real-world experiences in incubation, venture capital, and ecosystem building. The interactive discussions encouraged them to think beyond textbooks, explore collaborations, and actively pursue opportunities in incubation and research.

Overall, the seminar left students with **renewed inspiration, practical pathways, and a stronger belief in their ability to become innovators, founders, and changemakers**.

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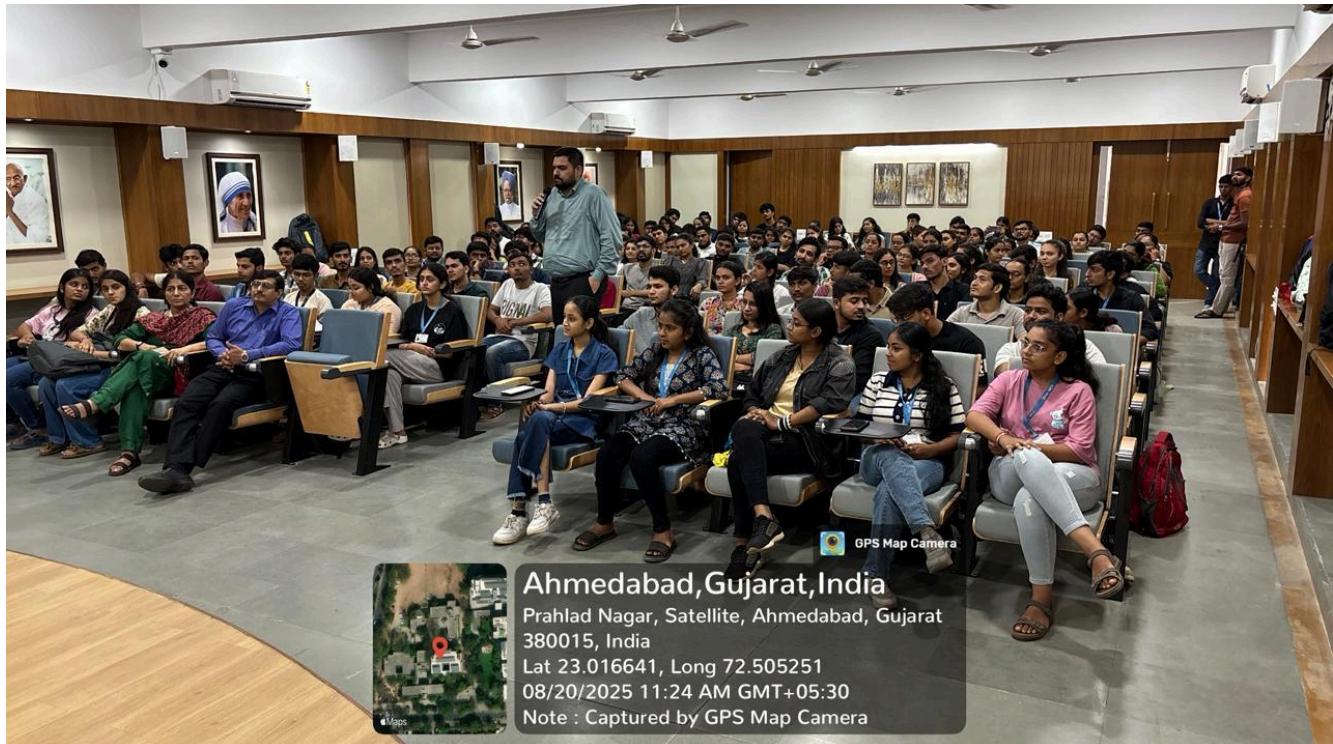
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