

SSIP 2.0 (Student Startup & Innovation Policy 2.0) cell:

The Student Start-up and Innovation Policy (SSIP 2.0) is an initiative by the Education Department, Government of Gujarat. It was launched on January 5, 2022, and is in effect for a period of five years (2022-2027). SSIP 2.0 is a flagship initiative of the Government of Gujarat aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship among students from schools to universities. It supports young innovators by providing **grants up to 2.5 lakhs for Proof of Concept (PoC) and prototype development**, helping them convert raw ideas into workable solutions with financial support. The policy also offers strong IPR support, including financial assistance for patents, trademarks, design registration, etc, that enables students to secure ownership of their innovations. Moreover, SSIP 2.0 strengthens the innovation ecosystem through continuous mentoring, expert guidance, and capacity-building programs delivered via seminars, workshops, boot camps, and hands-on training, ensuring that students receive both technical and financial support to pursue their entrepreneurial journey.

College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology (CAET), Junagadh Agricultural University (JAU), Junagadh, is one of the SSIP 2.0 grantee institutes. The institute has received a grant to provide financial assistance to innovative ideas under the SSIP 2.0 scheme for the period of 2025-27. The SSIP 2.0 program is being implemented through the Skill Development & Startup Cell, CAET, JAU, Junagadh, in accordance with the guidelines of the SSIP 2.0 Policy.

To enhance awareness of the SSIP Policy and foster an entrepreneurial spirit, several seminars and programmes were conducted, as outlined below:

Awareness Programme on Student Entrepreneurship

An Awareness Programme on Student Entrepreneurship was held on 13th June 2025 from 4:00–6:00 PM organized by Skill Development & Startup Cell at the Seminar Hall, FMPE Department, CAET, JAU, Junagadh. The programme was attended by 24 postgraduate students from FMPE, REE, SWCE, IDE, and PFE, along with faculty members. Dr. H. D. Rank, Principal and Dean, CAET, JAU & Dr. T. D. Mehta, SSIP Convener, JAU interacted with the participants and increased the enthusiasm towards entrepreneurship. The awareness lecture was delivered by Dr. C. S. Matholiya, SSIP Coordinator, CAET, JAU, Junagadh. Students were briefed on various government initiatives supporting student entrepreneurship, including RKVY RAFTAAR, SISFS, PRISM, NIDHI-PRAYAS, TIDE, Atmanirbhar Gujarat Fellowship, SSIP 2.0, Srujan, and other relevant schemes.

