

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:

Seminar on SSIP 2.0 Launching & Its Awareness

The Skill Development & Startup Cell, CAET, JAU, Junagadh, organized a seminar on SSIP 2.0 Launching and its Awareness on 30 September 2025 at the Seminar Hall, CAET, JAU, Junagadh. The programme was graced by the presence of Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JAU, Dr. A. G. Pansuriya, Director of Research, JAU, and Dr. Y. H. Ghelani, Registrar, JAU, who were invited as dignitaries for the event. Dr. Mrunal Ambasana, SSIP–BKNMU Coordinator, Junagadh, was also invited as the resource person and created awareness among the students about the SSIP 2.0 Policy, highlighting its objectives, benefits, and opportunities for student innovators and entrepreneurs. An SSIP grant awardee student from BKNMU was also invited to the programme and shared his success story and experiences with the students, inspiring them to pursue innovation and entrepreneurship. The role of the host institute, CAET, in the implementation of the SSIP 2.0 policy was highlighted by Dr. H. D. Rank, Principal and Dean, CAET, JAU, Junagadh. A total of approximately 196 undergraduate and postgraduate students from the College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology (CAET), JAU, Junagadh, participated in the seminar, along with 30 faculty members. The SSIP 2.0 launching seminar was organized with the objective of implementing the SSIP 2.0 policy at CAET, JAU, Junagadh, and to promote startup culture and entrepreneurship among undergraduate and postgraduate students.



