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Event Report

Makerfest Vadodara 2026

Date: 10/01/2026 & 11/01/2026

Organized By: Vadodara Innovation Council & Yuvalay Charitable Trust



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Makerfest Vadodara 2026

Date: 10/01/2026 & 11/01/2026

Time: 09:00 AM To 06:00 PM

Venue: Faculty of Technology & Engineering, M.S. University, Vadodara, Gujarat

Total Participants: 70

Total Visitors: 10000+

About GTU Venture:

Gujarat Technological University (GTU), established in 2007, has consistently been at the forefront of fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and skills development in Gujarat. With a rich history of supporting over 750 startups and generating thousands of jobs, GTU has carved its niche as a leader in the startup ecosystem of the state. The launch of GTU Ventures aligns with the broader vision of scaling up the university's contributions to the state's economic development, supporting Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision for a Viksit Bharat@2047.

As part of our ongoing efforts to meet the ever-evolving demands of the industry and global education trends, GTU has unveiled the GTU Ventures, an umbrella initiative bringing together all of the university's efforts for innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry collaborations.

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About The Event:

Maker Fest is an Indian version of the global Maker Faire movement, which began in California in 2006. Maker Fest Vadodara is an annual event that has been bringing innovations to light since 2019. Creators from different walks of life such as tech enthusiasts, artists, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, science experimenters, fusionists, environmentalists, food artisans, and early-stage startups participate as Makers. From young inventors to well-experienced veterans, people from all age groups are welcome.

Makers showcase their captivating creations, and those who attend get a sneak peek into the future. It's not just about observing – it's a place to spark your inner maker and learn how to make your own ideas a reality! Over 400 maker teams have joined the journey of Maker Fest Vadodara so far, making their mark on the canvas of innovation. Our aim is to build a culture of innovation, give a platform to innovators who don't get one, celebrate the efforts of creators, and ensure they receive constructive feedback to enhance their creations.



Executive Summary:

MakerFest Vadodara 2026 successfully concluded as a flagship innovation and maker event held on 10-11 January 2026. The two-day event created an exceptional platform for makers, startups, students, and innovators to showcase cutting-edge prototypes and solutions while fostering collaboration and entrepreneurial growth. With 70+ maker exhibitors on Day 1 and over 10,000 visitors across both days, the festival demonstrated significant engagement from the university, startup ecosystem, and broader community. The event achieved its core objectives of inspiring the maker spirit, facilitating meaningful networking, and positioning GTU Ventures as a catalyst for innovation in Vadodara.

Event Overview:

Aspect	Details
Event Name	MakerFest Vadodara 2026
Duration	Two days
Dates	10-11 January 2026
Operating Hours	09:00 AM to 06:00 PM (both days)
Location	Vadodara (Venue details to be added)
Primary Organizers	Vadodara Innovation Council & Yuvalay Charitable Trust
Ecosystem Partner	Gujarat Technological University & GTU Ventures
Event Scope	Innovation and maker festival with prototype showcases, product demonstrations, and networking

Event Purpose & Objectives:

The primary objectives of MakerFest Vadodara 2026 were:

- Create a Making Platform:** Establish a dedicated venue for makers and startups to showcase innovations and prototypes
- Foster Entrepreneurial Mindset:** Inspire students and young innovators through exposure to cutting-edge ideas and maker culture
- Facilitate Networking:** Enable meaningful connections between students, startups, investors, mentors, and industry professionals
- Promote Innovation Ecosystems:** Strengthen the GTU and GTU Ventures ecosystem by connecting it with the wider Vadodara community
- Support Diverse Domains:** Showcase innovations across technology, healthcare, sustainability, environmental solutions, and design
- Generate Business Opportunities:** Provide makers with feedback, leads, and potential collaboration and investment opportunities



Attendance & Participation:

- **Exhibitors:** 70+ makers showcasing prototypes across technology, healthcare, sustainability, and design
- **Total Visitors:** 10,000+ community members over two days (10-11 January 2026)
- **Operating Hours:** 09:00 AM to 06:00 PM both days (27 hours total)
- **Key Activities:** Live demonstrations, product displays, interactive activities, and networking sessions

Key Achievements for Stakeholders:

- **Makers & Startups:** Valuable feedback from diverse audiences, qualified leads from professionals, networking with investors and mentors, ecosystem visibility
- **Visitors & Community:** Exposure to 70+ innovations, understanding of entrepreneurial culture, inspiration for new ideas, professional connections
- **Ecosystem Partners:** Demonstrated ecosystem quality and maturity, validated demand for innovation platforms, positioned GTU Ventures as local innovation catalyst

Impact on Innovation Ecosystem:

MakerFest Vadodara 2026 strengthened the local innovation ecosystem by connecting 10,000+ community members with emerging startups and makers. The event provided real-world validation for exhibitors, inspired students to pursue entrepreneurship, and reinforced Vadodara's position as an innovation hub. The vibrant atmosphere and diverse innovation showcase demonstrated strong community demand for continued innovation platforms.

Conclusion:

MakerFest Vadodara 2026 successfully established itself as a flagship innovation platform by bringing together 70+ makers and 10,000+ community members across two vibrant days. The event demonstrated significant local interest in maker culture, ecosystem maturity through high-quality innovations, and validated the replicability of the event model for future years. With systematic implementation of enhancements and continued stakeholder



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Glimpse of the Session:



MAKERFEST VADODARA 2026

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