

REPORT ON SEMINAR

Subject: Introduction to Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0

Date: 19th February, 2026

Venue: Government Arts and Commerce College, Jam Khambhaliya

1. Introduction:

On February 19, 2026, the Government Arts and Commerce College, Jam Khambhaliya, successfully organized a one-day seminar to introduce the second version of the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP 2.0). The seminar was conducted under the aegis of the Education Department, Government of Gujarat, with the aim of fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among the student community.

2. Objective of the Seminar:

The primary objective of the seminar was to educate students about the provisions of the newly launched SSIP 2.0 policy. The session aimed to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industrial application by encouraging students to transform their innovative ideas into viable startups. Key focus areas included awareness of funding opportunities, mentorship programs, and the procedural aspects of idea validation.

3. Inaugural Session:

The seminar commenced with a warm welcome address by the college principal, Dr. P.R. Chauhan. In his opening remarks, Dr. Chauhan emphasized the importance of innovation in the current economic landscape and encouraged students to move beyond traditional career paths by becoming job creators rather than job seekers.

The formal inauguration was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Dr. Paresh Bhambhaniya, Principal of Government Arts and Commerce College, Okhamandal. Dr. Bhambhaniya was felicitated with a token of respect by the college administration.

4. Technical Session and Keynote Address:

Following the inaugural ceremony, the technical session was headed by the Chief Guest. In his keynote address, Dr. Paresh Bhambhaniya provided a comprehensive overview of SSIP 2.0. He highlighted the key differences between the original SSIP policy and the updated 2.0 version, noting the increased funding limits, easier patent filing processes, and the inclusion of a wider range of diploma and degree courses. He motivated students to identify local problems and work towards innovative solutions that could have a scalable social or commercial impact.

5. Coordination and Organization:

The entire event was meticulously planned and coordinated by Dr. Kamlesh R. Gojiya. Dr. Gojiya managed the logistical arrangements, ensured the smooth flow of the sessions, and facilitated the interaction between the guest speaker and the students. He also delivered the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the event, expressing gratitude to the management, faculty, and students for their active participation.

6. Participation:

The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from the student community. A total of 70 students attended the session, representing various streams within the college. The students engaged actively during the interactive Q&A session that followed the main presentation, showing keen interest in the grant application process and incubation support available under the policy.

7. Outcome and Conclusion:

The seminar concluded successfully on a high note. It succeeded in creating significant awareness regarding the entrepreneurial ecosystem supported by the Gujarat Government. The students left the seminar with a clearer understanding of how to utilize the SSIP 2.0 portal to submit their ideas and seek funding.

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