



Navrachana University Vadodara

Department: Navrachana Innovation Foundation

Title of the Event: NUventure'26

Date: 12th January 2026

Summary Report of the Activity/Event Conducted

Category: (Seminar/Webinar/Symposium/ Training Program/Conference/Activity/Event etc.)	Event		
Name of Activity:	NUventure'26		
Name of the agencies/consultants involved with contact details (if any)	VCCI, TIE Vadodara, GVFL, House of Starts, Syncoro Ventures, Epic Ventures,		
Event organized for: (NUV Faculty/NUV Students/NUV administration staff/Outside/All)	All		
Organising unit/ agency/ collaborating agency:	NA		
Name of the Scheme	NA		
Year of Activity	2026		
Mode of Program: Online/Offline	Offline		
Venue:	Conference Room 1, Block A, Navrachana University		
Dignitary/s present at inaugural function:	No	Name	Designation
	1	Dr Sachin Parikh	Joint Commissioner, Directorate of Technical Education
	2	Prateek Parmar	Founder, Atomo Technologies
	3	Krishna Siddhapura	Founder, Story Tailor
	4	Dr. Nikita Vadsaria	Head Strategic Partnerships, Syncoro Ventures
	5	Mr. Apurva Arora	Director, Epic Ventures
	6	Mr. Apoorva Bhayani	VP, House of Starts
	7	Mr. Nishith Vasavada	Partner, House of Starts
	8	Mr. Arun V	Representative, Pontaq VC
	9	Mr. Kashyap Raval	Founder, Brevva
Total no. of participants	246		

Fees per participant If any (External/Internal)	0.00
Total Fees received If any	0.00
Income from Other Sources If any	NA
Total Income	0.00
Total expenditure if any	xxx

NUVenture'26 was conducted as the annual flagship entrepreneurship platform of Navrachana Innovation Foundation, bringing together academia, investors, founders, policymakers and students under one consolidated forum. The 2026 edition was centered on the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in shaping startup ecosystems, venture capital behavior, and founder readiness.

The event witnessed participation from over 1,500 students, 12 startup exhibitors, 10 investor-ready startups pitching in the Venture Vault, and 15 dignitaries and ecosystem leaders. Designed as a single-track, high-engagement conference, the event ensured focused exposure and sustained audience participation throughout the day.

Opening and Strategic Positioning

The event commenced with a keynote address by Dr Sachin Parikh, Joint Commissioner, Directorate of Technical Education, Government of Gujarat. His address underscored the role of academic institutions in strengthening state-level innovation infrastructure and highlighted the importance of deep-technology and AI-led entrepreneurship.

This year's edition formally positioned NIF as a platform bridging policy, capital, and early-stage innovation, particularly in the context of AI-enabled ventures.

Knowledge Sessions and Thought Leadership

The curated sessions were aligned to provide founders and students with clarity on capital, innovation cycles, and venture scaling.

- A panel discussion on "What Founders Forget While Raising Funds" featured Dr Nikita Vadsaria from Syncoro Ventures, Nishit Vasavada from House of Starts, Kapil Dev Kotnala from Fundvice, and Apurva Arora from Epic Ventures. The session focused on due diligence preparedness, governance discipline, valuation realism, and founder-investor alignment.
- Mr Prateek Parmar delivered a keynote on "Tech Innovations in the Last Decade," mapping global technological shifts and contextualizing AI as a structural enabler rather than a temporary trend.
- Mr Kashyap Raval presented the growth journey of Brevia, offering insights into building a mission-driven health-tech venture.
- A Fireside Chat with Mrs Krishna Siddhpura provided experiential insights into founder resilience, brand building, and navigating early growth cycles.

Venture Vault and Investment Interface

A core highlight of NUVenture'26 was the Venture Vault, a structured one-to-one pitching platform that facilitated direct conversations between startups and active investors.

- 10 curated startups pitched directly to investor representatives.
- 3 startups were shortlisted by Syncoro Ventures for extended discussions.
- Multiple letters of interest were initiated.
- Investor-led mentorship pathways were activated.

Participating investment networks included Syncoro Ventures, Epic Ventures, House of Starts, GVFL, Pontaq VC, Fundvice, and TiE Vadodara.

The format allowed serious capital conversations beyond symbolic pitching, reinforcing NIF's investment readiness orientation.

Startup Expo

Parallel to investor pitching, 12 startups showcased their products and solutions at the Startup Expo. The Expo enabled student interaction, validation, and ecosystem visibility. The single-track format ensured consistent footfall and structured engagement.

Strategic Outcomes and Institutional Milestones

NUVenture'26 led to several tangible outcomes:

- Formal MoU signed with House of Starts to co-design an AI-focused investment readiness cohort.
- Announcement of the "AI for Startups" cohort under NIF.
- Graduation of 3 startups from incubation: Writeroo, SIS, and TADCo.
- Strengthened investor relationships with regional and national capital networks.
- Media coverage by Times of India.
- Digital reach of approximately 8,000 engagements across platforms.

Overall Impact

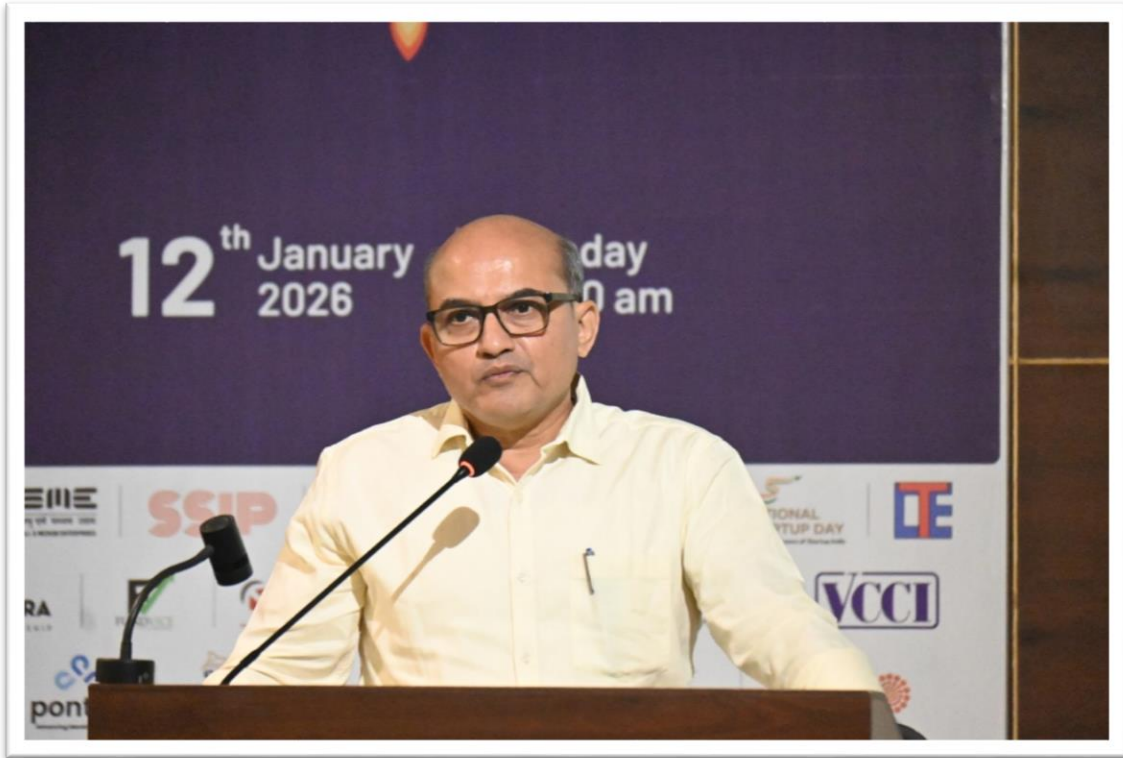
NUVenture'26 strengthened NIF's position as a structured startup platform rather than a standalone event host. The focus shifted from celebration to capital alignment and AI-led venture preparedness. The convergence of government representatives, venture capital firms, early-stage founders, and students created measurable ecosystem momentum.

The event reinforced three strategic pillars for NIF:

- AI-driven startup enablement
- Structured investment readiness
- Academic-to-capital ecosystem integration

NUVenture'26 marked a significant step toward institutionalizing Navrachana University as a regional startup convergence hub with growing national investor relevance.

Time	Activity	Description	Dignitaries	Venue
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration	Participants and guests register, collect kits, and network over tea.		Reception Area
10:00 AM - 10:02 AM	Inauguration Ceremony + Graduation	Welcome Address	Tosha Shukla	Main Auditorium
10:02 AM - 10:05 AM		Opening Remarks	Professor Pratyush Shankar	
10:05 AM - 10:10 AM		Cutting Through the Startup Chaos: Wha makes an incubator relevant	Professor Sandeep Vasant	
10:10 AM - 10:12 AM		Felicitation of Chief Guest		
10:12 AM - 10:25 AM		Keynote by Chief Guest	Dr Sachin Parikh	
10:25 AM - 10:30 AM		Graduation of 3 Startups	Writeroo, TADco, and SIS	
10:30 AM - 10:35 AM		Launch Event & MOU Signing	Cohort – AI for Startups	
10:35 AM - 11:00 AM	Tea Break			Main Auditorium Lobby
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Panel Discussion	What Founders Forget While Raising Funds	Dr Nikita Vadsaria (Syncoro), Nishit Vasavada (HoS), Apurva Arora(Epic), Kapil Dev Kotnala(Fundvice)	Main Auditorium
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Keynote	Tech Innovations in the Last Decade – The Atomo Story	Pratik Parmar	
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Fireside Chat	Journey of Story Tailor	Ms. Krishna Siddhapura	
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM	Keynote	All You Need to Know about Our Homegrown Startup – Breva	Mr Kashyap Raval	
12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch Break			Dining Area
02:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Pitching Event	Venture Vault – Selected startups pitch their ideas to a jury in one-to-one format	Syncoro Ventures, House of Starts, Epic Ventures, GVFL, Fundvice, Pontaq VC, Kovin Tech, Wadhvani Foundation	Main Auditorium
11:30 AM - 02:00 PM	Startup Showcase	Startups showcases their innovations at designated booths		Library Atrium



**Chief Guest Dr. Sachin Parikh
Joint Director, Directorate of Technical
Education, Govt. of Gujarat.**



Prof. Pratyush Shankar, Provost Navrachana University and Director NIF



Prof. Sandeep Vasant, Registrar Navrachana University and Director NIF



MoU signed with House of Starts (L to R: Mr. Apoorva Bhayani, Mr. Nishith Vasavada, Prof. Pratyush Sankar, Pro. Sandeep Vasant, Tosha Shukla)



**Panel discussion: Dr. Nikita Vadsaria, Mr. Apoorva Arora,
Mr. Nishith Vasavada, Mr. Biren Vora**



Fireside Chat: Mrs. Krishna Siddhapura and Tosha Shukla



The Atomo Story by Mr. Prateek Parmar, Founder of Atomo Technologies



Home-grown Start-up Story by Mr. Kashyap Raval, Founder of BREVA



Tosha Shukla, Head NIF (Navrachana Innovation Foundation)



One to One Pitching Session with Dr. Nikita Vadsaria from Syncoro Ventures



One to One Pitching Session With Mr. Vivek Jadav from GVFL



One to One Pitching session with Mr. Apoorva Arora from Epic Ventures



One to One Pitching Session with Mr. Yashesh Shah from Tie Vadodara



Student Start-ups Attendees