

Celebration of National Start-up Day 2026

Idea Hackathon

Date: 16 January 2026

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Activity Category: SSIP & Innovation Club

Mode of Activity: Online (Idea Submission through Google Form) – 7 ideas shared

Total No. of Students Participated in offline session: 13

Male: 11 **Female:** 2

National Start-up Day is celebrated annually to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and start-up culture among young minds. In alignment with this national initiative, the **SSIP & Innovation Cell of Government Science College, Veraval (GSCV)** organized an **Idea Hackathon** as part of the **National Start-up Day 2026** celebrations.

The event aimed to provide a platform for students to present innovative ideas, problem-solving approaches, and start-up concepts that address real-world challenges. The Idea Hackathon encouraged students to think creatively, develop entrepreneurial skills, and explore opportunities in innovation-driven careers.

The Idea Hackathon was organized with the following objectives:

- To promote innovation and entrepreneurial thinking among students
- To encourage students to identify real-life problems and propose feasible solutions
- To create awareness about the start-up ecosystem and government initiatives such as SSIP
- To recognize and reward innovative and impactful student ideas
- To inspire students to convert ideas into potential start-up ventures

The Idea Hackathon was open to students from all streams of Government Science College, Veraval. Interested students were invited to submit their ideas through a **Google Form** designed for idea registration and evaluation.

Students were required to submit details related to:

- Problem identification
- Innovative idea or solution
- Social, technological, or environmental impact
- Feasibility and originality of the concept

The online mode ensured maximum participation and accessibility for students.

All submitted ideas were evaluated based on predefined criteria to ensure transparency and fairness. The evaluation parameters included:

- Originality and novelty of the idea
- Relevance to societal or technological challenges

- Feasibility and scalability
- Innovation and problem-solving approach
- Overall presentation and clarity

After thorough assessment, the **best and most innovative ideas** were shortlisted.

The **top-performing ideas** were selected as winners of the Idea Hackathon. The winners were officially announced through a **WhatsApp broadcast message** and will be acknowledged through college notices and Innovation Cell records.

Best Innovative Ideas: Chavda Sidhhi

the winner received recognition from the **SSIP & Innovation Cell**, motivating them to further develop their ideas into potential start-up projects.

The Idea Hackathon generated enthusiastic participation and positive feedback from students. Key outcomes included:

- Enhanced awareness of start-up culture and innovation
- Increased student interest in entrepreneurship
- Encouragement to think creatively and independently
- Motivation to pursue ideas beyond academics

Students appreciated the opportunity to showcase their ideas and expressed interest in future innovation-based activities such as mentoring sessions, workshops, and incubation support.

The **Idea Hackathon organized on the occasion of National Start-up Day 2026** was successfully conducted and effectively achieved its objectives. The event served as an inspiring platform for nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial spirit among students of Government Science College, Veraval. It reinforced the importance of start-up initiatives and encouraged students to contribute meaningfully to national development through innovation.





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