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R&D Cell of IIC

A Report on

"Thematic Hackathon/ Ideathon"

(*Academic Session: 2025-26*)

Organizing Committee:

R&D Cell of IIC, IAR
SSIP, IAR

Organizing Coordinators:

Dr. Khushboo Sinha, Assistant Professor, SCT, IAR
Dr. Pankti Bhatt, Assistant Professor, SCT, IAR

Report Prepared by:

Dr. Khushboo Sinha
Assistant Professor, SCT
R&D Cell Member of Institution's Innovation Council, IAR

Date of the event:

11th February, 2026

Name of Organizing Committee/Coordinator:

Event Type (Co-curricular/ Extra-curricular)	University-level Co-curricular Activity organized by R&D Cell of IIC, SSIP, IAR		
Platform	Offline		
Date(s) of the Event	11th February, 2026		
School of Biotechnology and Bioengineering:		Active participation of IAR students and sincere efforts of the Faculty organizing committee, Volunteer student committee and IAR (HR dept., IT dept., Non- teaching staffs, etc.) The event was highly successful due to the active participation of students from School of Computing and Technology at IAR. (Student attendance sheet attached for reference in Annexure 'I'.)	
No. of Students participants	Students: 0		
School of Computing and Technology:			
No. of Students participants	Students: 62		
Guest/Expert invited	Mr. Prashant Chettiyar, Founder- ExploitXplorers		
Media coverage	NA		
Link to session on online platform	**Pre-event Link**: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/iargandhinagar_hackathon-ideathon-expertsession-share-7425542762856628224-2mob?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAADkfF0sB2QMBDfkdKZfE4p_8GLXrTYEM40E	**Post-event Link**: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/prashantchettiyar_ideathon-startupecosystem-entrepreneurship-activity-7427562310887440384-EFIJ?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAADkfF0sB2QMBDfkdKZfE4p_8GLXrTYEM40E	
Payment advice from the Accounts department	NA		
Sponsoring Authority	IAR	**Sponsorship/Budget Amount**	INR 3400

Name of Organizing Committee/Coordinators:

Patron: Brig. P.C. Vyas, Director, IAR

Faculty Organizing Committee:

Dr. Khushboo Sinha, Assistant Professor, SCT, IAR
Dr. Pankti Bhatt, Assistant Professor, SCT

Brief Overview of the Event:

The Expert Session on Thematic Hackathon/Ideathon was conducted by the R&D Cell of Institutions Innovation Council, IAR University on 11th February, 2026. The session was designed as an interactive knowledge-sharing platform to familiarize students with the rapidly growing culture of hackathons and ideathons in academia and industry. These innovation-driven events play a crucial role in fostering creativity, interdisciplinary collaboration, and solution-oriented thinking among students.

The session was delivered by Mr. Prashant Chettiyar, an experienced innovator, hackathon winner, and founder of ExploitXplorers. With a strong background in cybersecurity, innovation ecosystems, and competitive hackathons, the speaker brought practical insights from real-world participation. His experience as an IEEE ambassador and national-level hackathon achiever added credibility and relevance to the session.

The primary objective of the event was to introduce students to the conceptual and practical aspects of innovation competitions, especially thematic hackathons that focus on solving domain-specific challenges such as healthcare, cybersecurity, sustainability, and AI-driven solutions. The session covered the structural flow of hackathons—from idea generation and team formation to prototyping and final pitching—helping students understand the lifecycle of innovation events.

A major highlight of the session was the comparison between hackathons and ideathons. Students learned that while ideathons emphasize creative thinking and problem ideation, hackathons focus more on building functional prototypes within a limited timeframe. The speaker also explained how thematic hackathons align with real-world industry challenges and government innovation missions, making them highly relevant for students aiming for startups, research, or competitive innovation platforms.

The session emphasized the importance of design thinking, problem identification, and rapid innovation methodologies. The speaker elaborated on how successful participants identify real-world problems, validate ideas through research, and present impactful solutions using structured frameworks. Students were guided on how to approach themes strategically, break down complex problems, and align solutions with feasibility and scalability.

The event highlighted the role of hackathons in career development. The speaker explained how participation can enhance portfolios, build technical and soft skills, open networking opportunities, and even lead to startup incubation or funding opportunities. Real-life examples from national and international hackathons were shared to illustrate how innovative ideas can evolve into viable products or entrepreneurial ventures.

Number of participants: 81 (62 students + 19 faculty) participants

Overall, the session served as a comprehensive orientation toward innovation ecosystems, bridging the gap between academic learning and practical problem-solving environments. It provided students with both conceptual clarity and actionable strategies, preparing them to confidently participate in upcoming hackathons and ideathons at institutional, national, and global levels.

Outcome of the Event:

The session successfully enhanced students' awareness and preparedness for participating in hackathons and innovation challenges. Key outcomes included:

- Increased understanding of innovation culture: Students gained clarity on how hackathons contribute to problem-solving, entrepreneurship, and skill-building.
- Motivation for participation: Real-life experiences shared by the speaker inspired students to actively participate in upcoming hackathons and ideathons.
- Skill development insights: Attendees learned about essential skills such as ideation, teamwork, pitching, and execution under time constraints.
- Networking and exposure: The session created opportunities for students to connect with an experienced industry professional and explore future collaborations.

Overall, the event acted as a knowledge and motivation booster, encouraging students to engage in innovation-driven competitions and apply creative thinking to real-world challenges.

Participants Feedback:

Students appreciated the opportunity to showcase their skills. The event was highly successful, and students gave extremely positive feedback as well as highlighted their willingness on participation for similar future events.

Report for Media:

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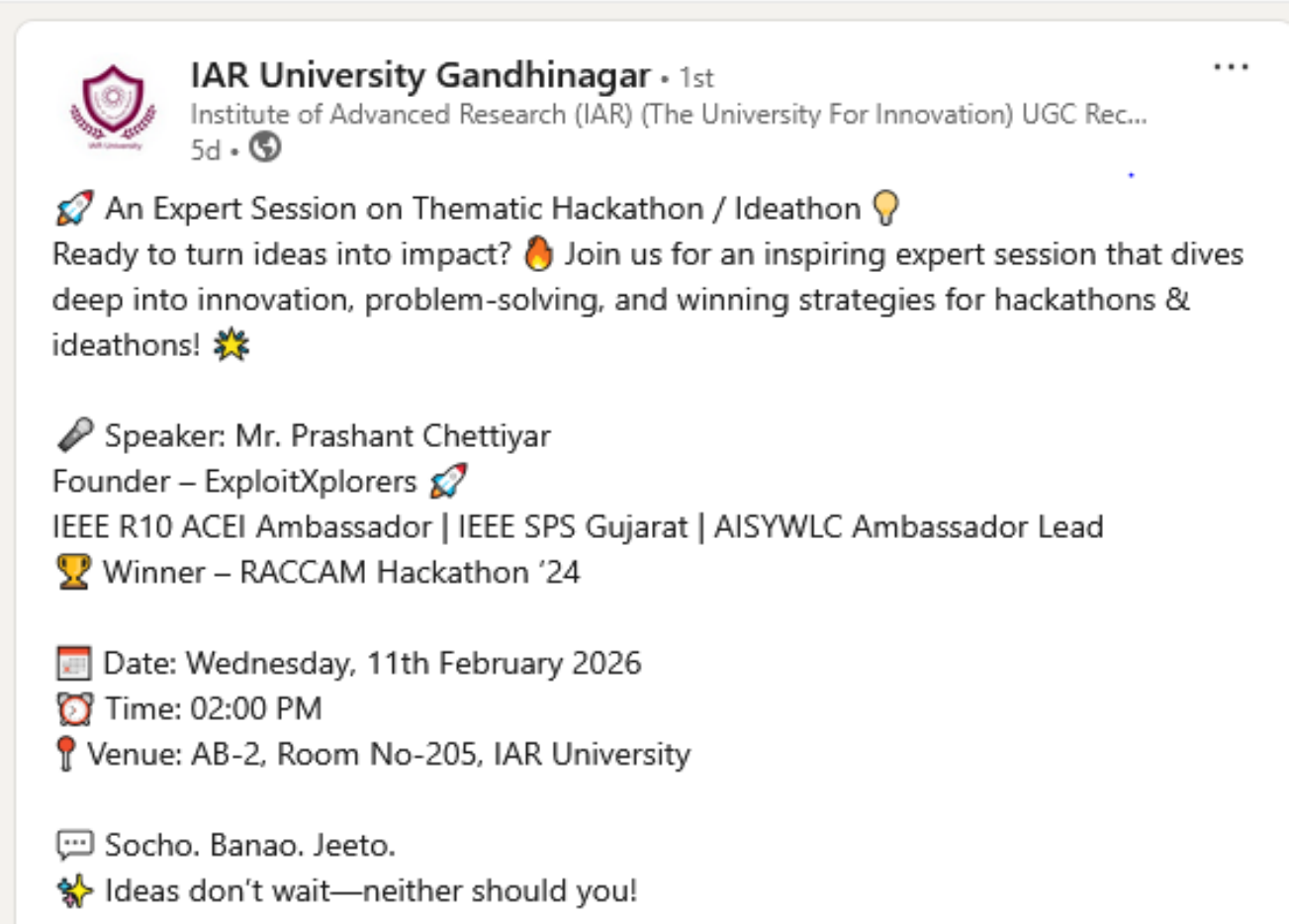

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🚀 An Expert Session on Thematic Hackathon / Ideathon 💡
Ready to turn ideas into impact? 🔥 Join us for an inspiring expert session that dives deep into innovation, problem-solving, and winning strategies for hackathons & ideathons! 🌟

🎤 Speaker: Mr. Prashant Chettiyar
Founder – ExploitXplorers 🚀
IEEE R10 ACEI Ambassador | IEEE SPS Gujarat | AISYWLC Ambassador Lead
🏆 Winner – RACCAM Hackathon '24

📅 Date: Wednesday, 11th February 2026
⏰ Time: 02:00 PM
📍 Venue: AB-2, Room No-205, IAR University

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✨ Ideas don't wait—neither should you!

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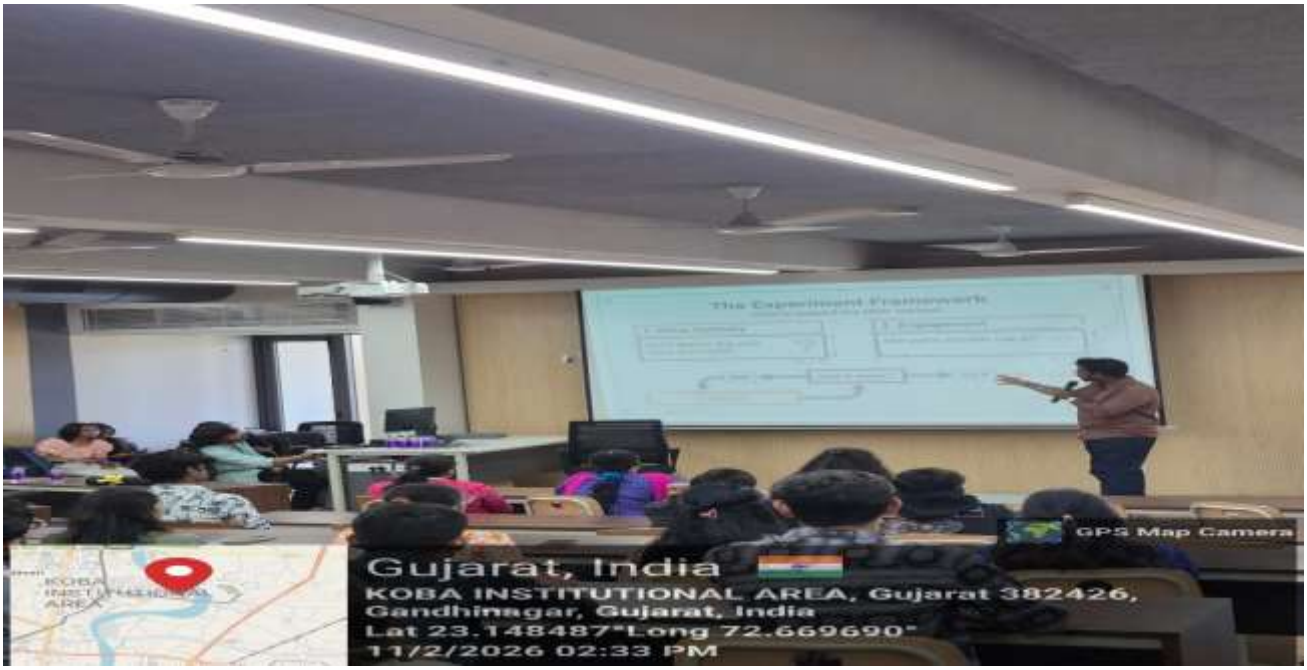
Media Coverage: NA

Glimpses of "Internal Smart India Hackathon" at University Level on 11-02-2026:



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Acknowledgement –

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- Registrar
- Dean Academics
- Dean Research
- Heads - All the Departments
- Faculty members - All the Departments

Report Copied to: (Attachment sent through email)

- Office of Director and Registrar
- Office of Dean Research and Academics
- Heads of all the Department
- SSIP/IIC Coordinator

Roli Mishra 26/02/2026.

Signature
Dr. Roli Mishra
(Chairman, IIC, IAR)

Dr. Khushboo Sinha

Signature
Dr. Khushboo Sinha
Assistant Professor, SCT, IAR
(R&D cell member, IIC, IAR)

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Date: 11-02-2026

Place: Gandhinagar

ANNEXURE – I

Attendance:

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Attendance of Students

Name of Event: Thematic Hackathon/Ideathon
Venue: A2-205
Date: 11-02-2026

Sr. No.	Student Name	IAR Number	Program	Semester	Signature
1	Mahi Patel	14660	B.Tech(IT)	6	Mahi
2	Dinkal Ieuva	14344	B.Tech(IT)	6	
3	Archi Patel	14499	B.Tech(IT)	6	Arpatel
4	vishva Patel	14509	B.Tech CE	6	
5	Dhyani Patel	16126	BSc AI&DS	2	Dhyani
6	Hetvi Chauhan	17013	BSc AI&DS	2	
7	Riya Patel	14196	B.Tech(IT)	6	Rpatel
8	Diya Pandya	15728	B.Tech(IT)	6	Dpandya
9	Heshva Soni	15606	B.Tech(IT)	6	
10	Devanshi Makwana	15855	B.Tech(IT)	6	
11	Rutvi Gadara	17582	B.Tech(CE)	4	
12	Rabani Sonel	17583	B.Tech(IT)	4	
13	Khanak Tilva	17580	B.Tech(CE)	4	
14	Dhruvi kagathara	17587	B.Tech(CE)	4	
15	Prasannisya Rizvi	15468	B.Tech-IT	4	
16	Reya [illegible]	15336	"	4	
17	[illegible]	14946	"	4	
18	Chandni A Parekh	15723	B.Tech IT	5	
19	Krusha Patel	15496	B.Tech	5	
20	Christian Nerya	15852	B.Tech C.E	4	

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1	Refma. Meghjani	14931	BCA	Sem 4	
2	Mukund Sisara	15902	B.Tech IT	Sem-4	
3	Yogi Nitut	17840	B.Tech(CS)	Sem-4	
4	Kohan. Perla.	15417	B Tech(IT)	sem 4	
5	Patel. Yug	15352	B.Tech(IT)	sem 4	
6	Utsav patel	15520	B.Tech(IT)	sem 4	
7	Jainam Jani	15400	B.Tech(IT)	Sem 4	
8	Patel Rudra	15388	B.Tech IT	Sem 4	
9	Gaurav Sengar	15839	B.Tech IT	Sem 4	
10	Nemav Gohil	14774	B.Tech IT	Sem 4	
11	Bikash Shah	15174	B.Tech IT	Sem 4	
12	Kaavya Tayal	15562	BSc Biotech	Sem 4	
13	gemini Sheladiya	15966	B Tech IT	Sem 4	
14	vaishvi parmar	15935	B Tech IT	Sem 4	
15	manali radiya	15959	B Tech IT	Sem 4	
16	feny patel	15943	B Tech IT	Sem 4	
17	Sukani Jain	15931	B Tech IT	Sem 4	
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Attendance of Students

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Venue: A2-205
Date: 11-02-2026

Sr. No.	Student Name	IAR Number	Program	Semester	Signature
21	Vedanshi Puwar	14934	B Tech CE	4	
22	Patel Manav	15710	"	"	
23	Tanisha Thakor	15881	"	"	
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Sr. No.	Student Name	IAR Number	Program	Semester	Signature
21	Thakkar Krish	15843	B.Tech IT	4th	K.R. Thakkar
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Attendance of Faculty Members

Name of Event: Thematic Hackathon/Ideathon
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Sr. No.	Name of Faculty	Designation	Department	Signature
1.	Upasana Bhiloty	Assistant Prof.	SCT	
2.	Ankita Shah	Assistant Professor	SCT	
3.	Shraddha Khandelwal.	Lecturer	SHS.	
4	Brijesh Tajal	Assoc. Prof.	SCT	
5	Dr. Panketi Bhatt	Asst. Prof	SCT	
6	Dr. Khushboo Sinha	Asst. Prof	SCT	
7	Ms. Twinkle Patel	Asst. Prof	SCT	
8.	Ms. Dhruvi Chejjan	Lecturer	SCT	
9.	Ms. Dhairya Dave	Teaching. Asst.	SCT	
10	Mr. Pragnesh Trivedi	T. A	SCT	
11.	Ms. Diya Patel	Asst. Prof	SCT	
12	Ms. Pooja Chauhan	Asst Prof	SCT	
13	Ms. Harshida Chaudhary	Asst. Prof.	SCT	
14	Dr. Sanjay Sonar	" "	SCT	
15	Dr. Darshna Dalvadi	Assi. Prof.	SCT	
16.	Dr. Talak Thakker	Assi. Prof.	SCT	
17.	Dr. Deepak Kumar	Ass. Prof.	SCT	11/02/2026
18	Mohit Patel	Asst. Prof	SCT	
19.	Ms. Devangi Pareekh	Asst. Prof.	SCT	
	Abhishek Pandey	Ass Professor		

ANNEXURE – II

Budget Estimate:

S.No.	Items/Commodities	Amount (INR)
1	Remuneration	2600
2	Bookey	300
3	Certificate	500
	Total	3400

Proof of all the budget-estimates mentioned above have been submitted to the concerned authority.