

Report on SSIP Sensitization & Outreach through NMOCON 2026 Gujarat Biotechnology University

BACKGROUND

Under the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP), universities are encouraged to actively promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and startup culture among students through structured outreach and engagement initiatives. These activities aim to build awareness, foster ideation, and support the development of innovative solutions aligned with national priorities.

As part of this mandate, Gujarat Biotechnology University (GBU) undertook participation in NMOCON 2026 as a strategic initiative to enhance national-level visibility and expand SSIP outreach. The event provided an opportunity to connect with a diverse pool of students, researchers, and professionals from across India.

Participation in NMOCON 2026 enabled GBU to:

- Showcase its innovation-driven academic ecosystem
- Promote SSIP schemes and opportunities
- Engage with students from multidisciplinary healthcare and life sciences backgrounds
- Strengthen its positioning as a research-focused and innovation-oriented institution

About NMOCON 2026

NMOCON 2026, the 45th National Conference of the National Medicos Organisation (NMO), was held on 21–22 March 2026 at Medical College Baroda, Gujarat.

Key highlights of the conference include:

- Participation from 21+ states across India, ensuring strong national representation
- An estimated 2500+ delegates, including medical and dental students, doctors, researchers, and academicians
- Theme: “Journey Toward Oneness in Health – From One Health”, emphasizing integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to healthcare

The conference featured a wide range of activities such as:

- Scientific sessions and expert lectures
- Innovation and startup-oriented discussions
- Youth Parliament and academic competitions
- Poster presentations, reel-making, and creative competitions
- Workshops on research methodology, intellectual property rights, and quality assurance

Additionally, pre-conference activities like the Cyclothon from the Statue of Unity to Vadodara promoted health awareness, environmental consciousness, and social responsibility, aligning well with SSIP’s vision of holistic development.

Through its participation in NMOCON 2026, Gujarat Biotechnology University significantly advanced SSIP sensitization and innovation promotion. The university generated large-scale awareness about SSIP schemes and startup opportunities among students. It showcased its strengths in biotechnology and translational research while enhancing national visibility. The engagement also opened avenues for academic and research collaborations. Additionally, it encouraged students to adopt an entrepreneurial mindset and explore innovation-driven initiatives.

Conclusion

Participation in NMOCON 2026 proved to be a strategically valuable initiative for Gujarat Biotechnology University in advancing its SSIP outreach objectives. The event enabled: Effective dissemination of SSIP initiatives at a national level, Strengthening of GBU’s role in promoting research-driven startups

Overall, NMOCON 2026 significantly contributed toward bridging the gap in cumulative SSIP outreach targets, while also reinforcing GBU’s commitment to fostering an innovation-driven academic ecosystem.



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