

## SSIP2.0 Sensitization Sessions

### Sardar Patel University Vallabh Vidyanagar SPU-SSIP-Navadhārā & SPSEC

**Event Name: Women Leading the World: Women Entrepreneurs Driving Change**

**Date:** 07/03/2026

**Venue/ Mode:** Auditorium Department of Chemistry, Sardar Patel University

**No of Participants:** 183

**Speakers Name:**

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**Brief Information of the Event:**

- Organized by SPSEC and SPU-SSIP Navadhārā, in collaboration with the **Women's Cell, SPU**, on the occasion of *International Women's Day*.
- Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Prof. (Dr.) Niranjan P. Patel** emphasized the pivotal role of women in building an innovative society.
- Panelists shared their entrepreneurial journeys, focusing on:
  - Science-driven innovation
  - Women's health awareness
  - Translating research into real-world solutions
  - Opportunities for young innovators in India's startup ecosystem
- The event also honored inspiring women from **SEWA** and the media.
- Cultural performances by students added a celebratory touch to women's empowerment.

✦ **Key Outcome:**

- **Empowerment through Role Models**  
The journeys of Mrs. Avni Sharma and Ms. Maitri Chaudhary provided real-life examples of women breaking barriers in science and entrepreneurship, motivating participants to pursue bold ideas.
- **Promotion of Science-Driven Innovation**  
The panel emphasized the importance of translating research into practical solutions, inspiring students to connect academic knowledge with entrepreneurial ventures.
- **Strengthening the Startup Ecosystem**  
Participants gained insights into incubation support, funding opportunities, and mentorship available through SPSEC and SSIP Navadhārā, encouraging active engagement with institutional resources.

- **Awareness on Women's Health & Social Impact**

Healthy Naari's initiatives highlighted how startups can address critical social issues, reinforcing the idea that entrepreneurship can be both profitable and impactful.

- **Networking & Collaboration**

The event created a platform for students, faculty, entrepreneurs, and community members to connect, fostering collaborations for future projects.

- **Recognition of Grassroots Women Leaders**

Honouring women from SEWA and the media showcased diverse forms of leadership, bridging the gap between grassroots activism and institutional entrepreneurship.

- **Cultural & Inspirational Engagement**

Student performances and guest addresses added a celebratory dimension, reinforcing the theme of women's empowerment beyond business and science.

- **Institutional Commitment to Gender Equality**

The Vice-Chancellor's address reaffirmed SPU's dedication to supporting women innovators and creating an inclusive environment for entrepreneurship.



## Speaker Notes

### Mrs. Avni Sharma

- Shared her journey of co-founding *Healthy Naari*, emphasizing the importance of **women's health awareness** and **science-backed solutions**.
- Motivated participants by showing how personal challenges can be transformed into entrepreneurial opportunities.
- Encouraged young innovators to focus on **social impact ventures**, reminding them that startups can drive meaningful change in communities.
- Her message: *"Innovation is not just about profit—it's about creating healthier, stronger societies."*

### Ms. Maitri Chaudhary

- Narrated her entrepreneurial path with *Srishti Lifescience Pvt. Ltd.*, highlighting the role of **research translation into real-world products**.
- Inspired the audience by stressing that **science-driven innovation** can empower women to lead industries traditionally dominated by men.
- Urged students and budding entrepreneurs to embrace **risk-taking and resilience**, sharing how setbacks shaped her success.
- Her message: *"Every idea has the power to transform lives if pursued with courage and persistence."*

### Ms. Priya Soni (Moderator)

- As Incubation Manager at SPSEC, she guided the discussion with clarity, ensuring the themes of **women's leadership, innovation, and empowerment** were well connected.
- Motivated participants by highlighting the **support ecosystem available at SPSEC**, encouraging them to leverage incubation facilities and mentorship.
- Reinforced the idea that **collaboration and networking** are key to entrepreneurial success.
- Her message: *"Your journey doesn't have to be alone—mentorship and incubation can accelerate your vision."*

