

## **Report on Participation in Startup Conclave 2025**

**Date: 23 – 24 September, 2025**

**Venue: Mahatma Mandir**

**Participants: 650**

The Government Commerce College, Gandhinagar actively participated in the “Startup Conclave 2025” organized at Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar on 23rd and 24th September 2025. The participation of the college was carried out as per the instructions received from the Commissionerate of Higher Education, Education Department, Government of Gujarat.

Under the guidance of the Principal and faculty members, the college coordinated the participation of students in the conclave with the objective of exposing them to the rapidly growing startup ecosystem, entrepreneurship opportunities, innovation-driven industries, and emerging business trends. A total of 500 students participated on Day 1 and 150 students participated on Day 2 of the conclave.

The inaugural session of the conclave was graced by the Hon’ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah in the presence of distinguished dignitaries, policymakers, startup founders, investors, innovators, and representatives from various educational institutions. The event served as a significant platform for encouraging youth participation in entrepreneurship and innovation.

Prior to the event, the college administration undertook systematic planning and coordination for smooth participation of students. Faculty coordinators were appointed to supervise student groups, ensure discipline, and facilitate proper guidance throughout the event. Students were informed about the objectives and importance of the conclave and were encouraged to actively interact with exhibitors, startup founders, and industry experts.

During the conclave, students attended various keynote sessions, panel discussions, startup presentations, and interactive workshops conducted by renowned entrepreneurs, investors, mentors, and experts from different sectors. The sessions focused on innovation, startup funding, digital transformation, entrepreneurship

development, artificial intelligence, fintech, agritech, skill development, and opportunities available under Startup India and various Government initiatives.

The students received valuable exposure regarding the process of establishing startups, business model development, funding mechanisms, incubation support, and the role of innovation in economic growth. They gained practical understanding about how ideas are transformed into successful enterprises through mentorship, technology, and strategic planning.

One of the major attractions of the conclave was the startup exhibition area where numerous startups from different states showcased their innovative products and services. Students enthusiastically visited various exhibition stalls and interacted directly with startup representatives. The exhibits included innovations related to technology, agriculture, healthcare, education, finance, manufacturing, clean energy, and digital services. Such interactions helped students understand real-world applications of business concepts and emerging market opportunities.

The conclave also provided students with an opportunity to observe the functioning of investors, incubators, innovation hubs, and government support systems working towards entrepreneurial development. Many students expressed keen interest in entrepreneurship after attending the event and appreciated the practical insights gained through the sessions and exhibitions.

The participation of Government Commerce College, Gandhinagar in Startup Conclave 2025 proved to be highly informative, motivational, and beneficial for students. The event successfully enhanced awareness regarding startups, innovation, self-employment opportunities, and the importance of entrepreneurship in today's economy. Students actively engaged in all sessions and demonstrated enthusiasm in learning about contemporary business and startup culture.

Overall, the conclave served as an enriching educational experience for the students of the college and aligned effectively with the vision of promoting innovation, skill development, and entrepreneurial mindset among youth under the initiatives of the Government of Gujarat and Government of India.

The college expresses sincere gratitude to the Commissionerate of Higher Education, Education Department, Government of Gujarat for providing the opportunity to participate in such a prestigious and impactful event. The college also acknowledges the support and cooperation extended by faculty members, coordinators, and students for the successful participation in Startup Conclave 2025.