

Report on Online Orientation Program for First Semester Students (A.Y. 2025–26) Gujarat Technological University

An online orientation program was organized for the first semester students of Gujarat Technological University (GTU) for the academic year 2025–26. The program was held virtually on 7th August 2025, starting at 3:00 PM. It was aimed at welcoming newly admitted students and familiarizing them with the university's academic structure, key personnel, and support systems.

The event featured several dignitaries who addressed and motivated the students. Dr. Rajul K. Gajjar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of GTU, served as the Chief Patron of the program. The Chief Guest was Smt. Sunaina Tomar (IAS), Additional Chief Secretary (Higher & Technical Education), Government of Gujarat. Mr. Meetul B. Patel, President of Entrepreneurship & Government Digital Transformation at the Wadhvani Foundation, was present as the Guest of Honour.

The program was officially invited by Dr. K. N. Kher, Registrar of Gujarat Technological University. Dr. Sarika Srivastava, Head of the Academic Section at GTU, coordinated the entire event.

The orientation was targeted at newly admitted students along with all faculty members and Principals or Heads of Departments of affiliated institutes. A link to join the session had been sent in advance to the official email IDs of the institutes. The program served as a valuable introduction for students, helping them transition smoothly into university life while setting the tone for the academic journey ahead.





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Gujarat Technological University organized an Online Orientation Program for First Semester students of A.Y. 2025-26 on **7th August 2025** to help them embark on their academic journey with clarity and inspiration. The orientation program aimed to provide students with essential insights into academic expectations, available learning resources, and the University's commitment to quality education and holistic development. More than 250+ institutes participated online in the Orientation Program.

The program began with an announcement by **Dr. Sarika Srivastava, Head- Academic Section** followed by a welcome address by **Registrar, Dr. K. N. Kher**. This was followed by an inspiring address by **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rajul Gajjar**.





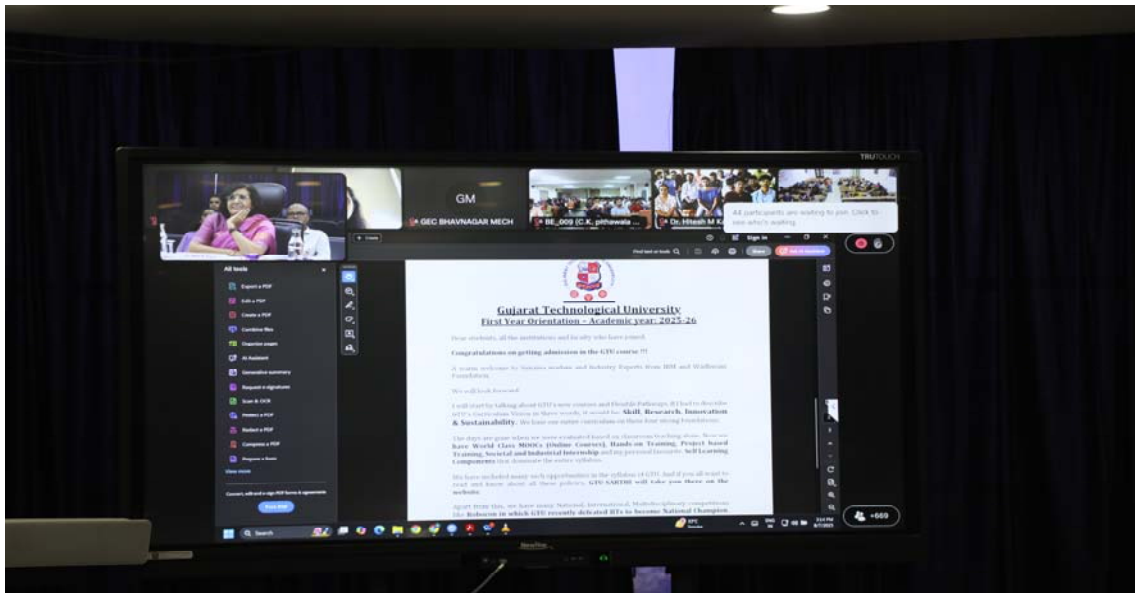
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The Guest of Honour, Mr. Meetul Patel, President of Entrepreneurship & Government Digital Transformation, graced the event and shared his insights on the evolving landscape of digital innovation, entrepreneurship, and the importance of aligning education with industry needs.





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Ms. Sheetal Soni, Country Channel Manager, IBM Career Education, addressed the students and shared insights on emerging technologies, industry trends, and career opportunities in collaboration with IBM.



Subsequently, the technical sessions commenced. As part of this, **Dr. Mihir Shah, Advisor – GTU Innovation & Startup Centre**, spoke about innovation and startup opportunities at the University. The session also included experience sharing by a GTU startup, highlighting real-world entrepreneurial journeys and success stories.





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Dr. Sarika Srivastava, Head- Academic Section, GTU delivered a talk covering the vision of the University, key highlights of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the importance and opportunities in MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), Multiple Entry Multiple Exit, and the implementation of Outcome-Based Education (OBE) in BE.

Dr. Keyur Darji, Deputy Registrar, GTU spoke about the University's skill development initiatives and internship opportunities, avenues for international exposure, the industry-oriented Minor and Honours programs, and also facilitated a session on experience sharing by students.



Mr. Mahesh Panchal, Head- IT Section, GTU provided insights into key digital initiatives of the University. He spoke about the AI-based initiative "GTU Sarthi", and also guided students on the use of DigiLocker and the creation of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) ID.

Ms. Shobhanarani Sengunthar, Head- Student Section, GTU spoke about the digital student support services offered by the University. She highlighted the various platforms and tools available to assist students throughout their academic journey.

Mr. Vishal Barot, I/C Controller of Examination, GTU spoke about important guidelines related to GTU examinations. He provided valuable information on exam procedures, rules, and best practices to help students prepare effectively.

GTU students - Dev Vyas, Amish Sharma, and Dhruv Saidava also shared their experiences, offering valuable insights into their academic journey and student life at the University.

The orientation program successfully introduced students to GTU's vision, resources, opportunities, fostering a sense of readiness and motivation for the academic years ahead.