

Department: E-Cell/IIC

Event Name: Incubation Centre Visit to Venture Studio, Ahmedabad

The E-Cell of Vishwakarma Government Engineering College, under the Institution's Innovation Council & Student Startup and Innovation Policy activity, organized an insightful visit to the Venture Studio Ahmedabad University under the **Institution's Innovation Council & Student Startup and Innovation Policy** activity. The visit featured an engaging session by Jeremy Fritzhand, who shared insights into startup ecosystems, incubation, and entrepreneurial growth. He also discussed his first project on hand-printing (“Baru”), emphasizing the value of grassroots innovation and sustainable business models. Students later visited the DST Prayas Shala and BioNest incubation centre, where they explored advanced facilities for prototyping and biotechnology-based innovation. At BioNest, students actively interacted with various startups, gaining a deeper understanding of their entrepreneurial journeys, challenges, and growth strategies. These interactions highlighted how BioNest supports startups through mentorship, technical infrastructure, funding guidance, and a collaborative ecosystem, enabling them to scale their ideas effectively. The visit provided meaningful exposure to real-world innovation practices and reinforced the importance of practical learning alongside academics. It inspired students to explore entrepreneurship and contribute to impactful, innovation-driven solutions.

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Key Features:

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- **Venue:** Venture Studio, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **Date:** 17/04/2026
- **No. of Participants:** 50
- **Organized by:** VGEC E-Cell, IIC
- **Faculty Coordinators:** Prof. Hetal Joshiyara and Prof. Swapna Pawar

Key Learnings:

- Understanding of the startup ecosystem and how incubation centers like Venture Studio Ahmedabad University support idea-to-venture transformation
- Importance of grassroots innovation, highlighted through Jeremy Fritzhand’s hand-printing (“Baru”) project
- Exposure to design thinking, experimentation, and iterative problem-solving in startup development
- Insights into prototyping and technical support at DST Prayas Shala

- First-hand interaction with startups at BioNest, understanding their journey, challenges, and scaling strategies
- Awareness of how incubation centres provide mentorship, funding guidance, infrastructure, and networking opportunities
- Realization of the importance of collaboration, innovation, and adaptability in entrepreneurship

Expert Quote

“Innovation doesn’t always start big—it often begins with simple, local ideas that are nurtured with the right support and mindset to create meaningful impact.” – Jeremy Fritzhand

Glimpses of the event:

