

Report on

Building Entrepreneurial Universities in Gujarat through Research park systems, Culture and Institutional transformation

A session on **“Building Entrepreneurial Universities in Gujarat through Research park systems, Culture and Institutional transformation”** was organized for engineering students on 04/05/2026 at Admin Building B-202. The session aimed to create awareness among faculty members, researchers, and students regarding the importance of Research Parks in promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, industry-academia collaboration, and commercialization of research. The event emphasized how higher educational institutions can transform themselves into entrepreneurial universities by adopting globally recognized innovation ecosystems.

The major objectives of the expert session were to introduce the concept and significance of Research Parks. To explain the role of Research Parks in innovation and technology commercialization. To highlight successful Research Park models in India. To study the IIT Madras Research Park as a benchmark model.

To discuss strategies for strengthening Industry–Academia collaboration. To motivate faculty members and students towards entrepreneurship and startup development. To provide insights into building world-class entrepreneurial universities.

The expert session commenced with a welcome address and introduction of the distinguished speaker, Dr. K. L. Mokariya. During the session, he explained the concept of Research Parks and their contribution towards innovation-driven economic growth. He described Research Parks as innovation ecosystems that facilitate collaboration among universities, industries, startups, investors, and government organizations.

The resource person discussed the key components of Research Parks, including specialized infrastructure, startup incubation centres, technology transfer mechanisms, networking opportunities, and research commercialization. He emphasized that Research Parks bridge the gap between academic research and industrial applications, thereby accelerating innovation and employment generation.

Participants gained a comprehensive understanding of Research Park concepts and operations. Like Innovation ecosystems in higher education, Industry–academia collaboration models, Startup incubation and entrepreneurship, Technology commercialization, Best practices from IIT Madras Research Park, Strategies for institutional transformation, Future opportunities under SSIP, IIC, and Startup India initiatives.



The expert session proved to be highly informative and inspiring for faculty members, researchers, and students. The presentation successfully demonstrated how Research Parks serve as powerful catalysts for innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development. The IIT Madras Research Park case study provided a practical roadmap for developing similar ecosystems within higher educational institutions in Gujarat. The session motivated participants to strengthen research culture, enhance industry collaboration, and actively contribute to building entrepreneurial universities capable of addressing future technological and societal challenges. The event concluded with a vote of thanks expressing gratitude to the resource person, the Principal, the organizing committee, and all participants for making the session successful. In this session 45 students and 4 faculty members participated.