Gujarat Arts and Commerce College (Evening)

Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad – 380006

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REPORT

Special Session on Startup and Innovation Ecosystem Sensitization Programme

1. Event Details

Title of Event	Special Session on Startup and Innovation Ecosystem Sensitization Programme
Date	29 September 2026
Time	12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
Venue	Government Science College, Maninagar, Ahmedabad
Organisers	SSIP & IIC Committee, Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Innovation Club, NEO Commerce Club & IQAC, Gujarat Arts and Commerce College (Evening)
Patron	Dr. Manoj Patel, Principal, G.E.S.-I
Resource Persons	Dr. Ijan Vaidya (SSIP Coordinator); Prof. Riddhi Suthar (SSIP Co-Coordinator)
Participants	249 students and faculty members of the host college

2. Introduction

The Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) of the Education Department, Government of Gujarat, aims to nurture innovation, creativity and entrepreneurial thinking among students. In line with this vision, and in association with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC, a Ministry of Education initiative), the SSIP & IIC Committee of Gujarat Arts and Commerce College (Evening), together with the Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Innovation Club, NEO Commerce Club and IQAC, organised a special session on the Startup and Innovation Ecosystem Sensitization Programme.

The programme was designed to build awareness among students about the startup ecosystem, the support available for young innovators, and the journey from *Antah Prerna* (inner motivation) to *Entrepreneur*.

3. Objectives

- To sensitize students to the startup and innovation ecosystem in Gujarat and India.
- To create awareness about SSIP, IIC and related government support schemes.
- To encourage students to develop innovative ideas and an entrepreneurial mindset.
- To motivate students to participate in ideation, incubation and startup-related activities.
- To strengthen collaboration among the college's EDC, NEO Commerce Club, IIC and IQAC.

4. Programme Proceedings

Government Science College, Maninagar, extended a warm welcome to the organising team, the resource persons and the participants. The programme was hosted by students. Dr. Manoj Patel, Principal and Patron of the programme, was present and addressed the session. He encouraged students to make use of the platforms offered by SSIP and IIC and to develop an innovative and entrepreneurial outlook.

Dr. Ijan Vaidya, SSIP Coordinator, spoke on the importance of innovation in today's startup ecosystem. He explained the concepts through a number of case studies, which helped students see how ideas grow into innovations and ventures and what lessons can be drawn from them.

Prof. Riddhi Suthar, SSIP Co-Coordinator, explained how SSIP works, including its procedural aspects, so that students understand how to take part in the programme and avail its benefits.

Students actively participated in an interactive session. The resource persons responded to the questions and offered practical guidance.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Chirag Shah of Government Science College, who expressed gratitude to the resource persons, the Patron Dr. Manoj Patel, the host institution, faculty members, organising committee members and participants.

5. Outcomes

- Participants gained a clear understanding of the startup and innovation ecosystem and the support structure provided by SSIP and IIC.
- Students were encouraged to think creatively and explore entrepreneurship as a career option.
- Interest was generated for future participation in ideation, innovation and startup-related activities.
- Collaboration between the organising bodies and the host institution was strengthened.

6. Conclusion

The Startup and Innovation Ecosystem Sensitization Programme was successfully conducted on 29 September 2026 at Government Science College, Maninagar, Ahmedabad. The insightful sessions by Dr. Ijan Vaidya and Prof. Riddhi Suthar inspired students to look at innovation and entrepreneurship with greater confidence. The organisers thank all participants and supporters for making the event a success.

7. Event Photographs



Address by the Dr. Manoj Patel





Session by Dr. Ijan Vaidya





Session by Prof. Riddhi Suthar

