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On

Session on Accelerator/ Incubator Opportunities

(*Academic Session: 2026-27*)

Organizing Committee:

SSIP & IIC Committee

Event Coordinator:

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Date of the event:

22/07/2026

(11:30 AM to 01: 30 PM)

Name of Event	Session on Accelerator/Incubator Opportunities		
Event Type (Co-curricular/ Extra-Curricular)	Extra- Curricular		
Platform	Offline		
Place of event	Room No.102, Mini Auditorium, AB-III, IAR University		
Date of the event	22/07/2026	**Time**	11:30 AM to 01:30 PM
No. of Student/ faculty Participants for Expert talk	110 Students	**Level of Activity**	University Level
No. of Participants for the event	Participants (Attendance sheet attached for reference in **Annexure -I**)		
Name of the Coordinator	Mr. Milan Trivedi, Assistant Professor & IIC Convener, School of Computing and Technology (SCT), IAR		
Name and details of the Expert	Mr. Mineshkumar Prajapati, Head Incubation, IAR University		
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Sponsoring authority	IAR	**Sponsorship/ Budget amount:**	-

Guest/Expert (External/Internal): Internal

Brief Profile of the Expert:

Mr. Minesh Prajapati is an experienced professional in the field of entrepreneurship, startups, incubation, innovation, and skill development, with more than 14 years of professional experience. He has worked extensively with government and institutional initiatives related to entrepreneurship development, startup ecosystems, incubation, innovation, and skill development. He has previously served in leadership and programme-management roles at Swarrnim Startup & Innovation University, EDII, and CED Gandhinagar, and has also contributed as a Specialist in Advisory Services for the Startup Ranking Framework 2023 for Gujarat. Currently, he is associated with IAR University in the area of incubation and entrepreneurship development, where he works towards strengthening the university's startup and innovation ecosystem, supporting student entrepreneurs, facilitating government schemes, and promoting industry–academia collaboration.

Objective of the Event:

The key objectives of the Session on "Accelerator/Incubator Opportunities" were to:

- Create awareness among students about startup incubators and accelerators and their role in supporting entrepreneurial ventures.
- Help students understand the various incubation and acceleration opportunities available through academic institutions, government agencies, and industry.
- Familiarize participants with support mechanisms such as mentoring, infrastructure, technical guidance, networking, funding, market access, and business development.
- Guide students on how to identify suitable incubators/accelerators and apply for relevant programmes.
- Encourage students to transform their innovative ideas into viable and sustainable startups.
- Develop an entrepreneurial mindset and motivate students to explore entrepreneurship as a career opportunity.
- Strengthen awareness of the startup ecosystem and available institutional and government support schemes for early-stage entrepreneurs.

Brief Overview of the Event:

Mr. Minesh Prajapati, **Head – Incubation, IAR University**, delivered an informative and engaging session on **"Accelerator/Incubator Opportunities"** aimed at creating awareness among students about the support systems available for transforming innovative ideas into successful and sustainable startups. During the session, he explained the **concept, role, and significance of startup incubators and accelerators** and highlighted how these platforms help entrepreneurs at different stages of their entrepreneurial journey. He discussed various forms of support offered through incubators and accelerators, including **idea validation, mentoring, technical and business guidance, prototype and product development, infrastructure and co-working facilities, networking opportunities, access to experts, funding and investor connect, intellectual property support, market linkages, and business scaling**.

He also emphasized the importance of understanding market needs, identifying the right incubation or acceleration programme, developing a strong value proposition, and preparing an effective business pitch. The session provided students with insights into how they can leverage **university-based incubation facilities, government-supported schemes, startup programmes, industry networks, and external incubation and acceleration platforms** to strengthen their entrepreneurial ventures. Participants were encouraged to actively explore available opportunities, seek mentorship, develop their ideas systematically, and take informed steps towards launching and scaling their startups. Overall, the session helped students gain a better understanding of the **startup support ecosystem** and motivated them to pursue innovation and entrepreneurship with greater confidence and preparedness.

Outcome of the Event:

The session enhanced students' understanding of the **role and importance of incubators and accelerators** in supporting startups from the ideation stage to market entry and business growth. Students gained awareness about various support mechanisms, including **mentorship, technical assistance, infrastructure, funding opportunities, networking, intellectual property support, market access, and investor connect**. The session helped participants understand how to identify suitable incubation and acceleration programmes and how to leverage institutional, government, and industry-supported opportunities. It also encouraged students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset, validate their ideas, seek expert guidance, and explore entrepreneurship as a viable career option. Overall, the session motivated students to take proactive steps towards converting their innovative ideas into **market-ready and scalable ventures**.

Feedback from Students:

- Students found the session informative, interactive, and highly relevant to their entrepreneurial aspirations.
- The session helped students understand the difference between incubators and accelerators and their respective roles in startup development.
- Students appreciated the practical information on mentorship, funding, networking, technical support, and market access.
- Participants gained better clarity on how to identify and approach suitable incubation and acceleration programmes.
- Students found the guidance on idea validation, prototype development, business planning, and startup scaling particularly useful.
- Students expressed interest in utilizing IAR University's incubation facilities and startup support ecosystem.
- Participants suggested organizing more hands-on workshops, mentoring sessions, startup bootcamps, and investor-connect programmes.
- Students appreciated the opportunity to interact with an experienced professional and gain practical insights into the startup ecosystem.
- Overall, students provided positive feedback and expressed enthusiasm to participate in future incubation and entrepreneurship activities.

Short report for Social Media:

🚀 Session on "Accelerator/Incubator Opportunities" at IAR University

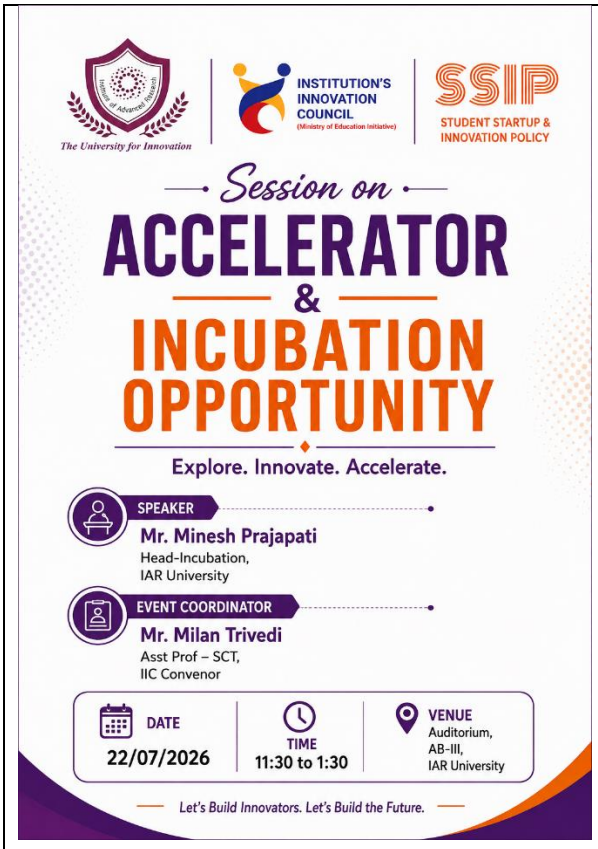
The **Institute of Advanced Research (IAR) University** successfully organized an insightful session on **"Accelerator/Incubator Opportunities"** for students and aspiring entrepreneurs. **Mr. Minesh Prajapati, Head – Incubation, IAR University**, delivered an engaging session highlighting the role of incubators and accelerators in transforming innovative ideas into **market-ready and scalable startups**.

The session covered key aspects including **idea validation, mentorship, prototype development, funding opportunities, networking, intellectual property support, market access, investor connect, and business scaling**. Students were also guided on how to identify and leverage suitable incubation and acceleration programmes offered through institutional, government, and industry-supported initiatives.

The session motivated students to **explore entrepreneurship, strengthen their innovative ideas, and actively utilize available startup ecosystem support**. The enthusiastic participation and positive feedback from students reflected their growing interest in building innovative and sustainable ventures.

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Glimpses of Session on Accelerator/ Incubator Opportunities









Media Coverage:

Link to the FB Page/Google Meet/YouTube etc.:

Twitter link: https://x.com/iaruniversity/status/2092211393886056524?s=20

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- Director, IAR
- Dean Academics
- Registrar
- Dean Research
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- All Female Staff and Faculties, IAR
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Enclosures:

- Annexure- I (Attendance sheet)

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Chairperson, IIC, IAR

Date: 05/08/2026

Place: Gandhinagar

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