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A Report On

Expert talk and Panel discussion

On **From Idea to Impact: Enabling Startup Success**

Date of the Event: 21st August, 2026

Organizing Committee:
SSIP & IIC, IAR

Event Coordinators:
Dr. Jyoti V Thaikoottathil, Associate Prof., SBBE, IAR

Dr. Neha Rajpara, Asst. Prof., SBBE, IAR

Ms. Riddhi Trivedi, Lecturer, SBBE, IAR

Report Prepared by:

Dr. Neha Rajpara

Name of the Event	Expert talk and Panel discussion On From Idea to Impact: Enabling Startup Success
Event Type (Co-curricular/ Extra Curricular)	Extra-Curricular Activity
Platform	Offline
Date, Time and Place of the Event	21st August, 2026 2:00 pm-5.30 pm A3-Auditorium
Total Number of Participants	105
Sponsoring Authority	Institute of Advanced Research and SSIP

Name of coordinators: Dr. Jyoti V Thaikoottathil, Dr. Neha Rajpara and Ms. Riddhi Trivedi

Brief overview of the event: The School of Biotechnology and Bioengineering, Institute of Advanced Research (IAR), in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) and the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP), organized an Expert talks and Panel discussion on "From Idea to Impact: Enabling Startup Success" on 21st August, 2026. The event was conducted in offline mode at the university campus, Gandhinagar. The objective of the event was to create awareness among students and aspiring entrepreneurs about the startup ecosystem, foster innovation and entrepreneurship, and provide insights into transforming ideas into successful and impactful ventures.

The event commenced with a welcome address. Ms. Kavya Tayal welcomed Dr. Jitendra Wagh, Co-founder and Director of Genexis Biotech, Vadodara, Gujarat, and Dr. Rucha Desai, Founder of Protpure Signate Animal Health and Nutrition Pvt. Ltd., Anand, Gujarat, along with all the participants. The objectives and structure of the event were briefly introduced to the attendees.

Following the welcome address, Dr. Jitendra Wagh delivered an engaging talk on his entrepreneurial journey. He shared how he transformed an idea into a successful business and discussed the challenges and struggles he faced along the way. He also explained how he secured funding from various agencies and highlighted the importance of perseverance, innovation, and effective planning in achieving startup

success. He explained how to identify problems and understand customer needs while developing a business idea. After the session, Dr. Dhara Patel, head, School of Biotechnology and Bioengineering, IAR presented a memento and certificate to Dr. Jitendra Wagh as a token of appreciation for his valuable contribution to the event.

Following this, Dr. Rucha Desai delivered a talk on "Beyond the Lab: From Scientist to Entrepreneur." She shared her own entrepreneurial journey and explained how a scientific idea can be developed into a business opportunity. She explained the importance of understanding the problem, market needs, and available capabilities. She also discussed the important steps involved in taking an idea from the lab to the market. She highlighted that a proof of concept is not the same as product validation, and that proper validation is necessary before introducing a product to the market. After the session, Dr. Jyoti V Thaikoottathil presented a memento and certificate to Dr. Rucha Desai as a token of appreciation for her valuable contribution and insightful session.

After that, a panel discussion was carried out on the theme "From Idea to Impact: Enabling Startup Success." The discussion was very interactive, and students actively participated by asking many questions related to company registration, IPR, funding, and various aspects of starting a business. The experts answered the students questions and shared practical advice based on their own experiences. The discussion helped students understand the basic steps and challenges involved in starting a business and encouraged them to explore their own startup ideas.

After that, Dr. Neha Rajpara delivered the vote of thanks. She expressed her gratitude to the experts, organizers, and participants for their valuable contribution and active participation in making the event successful.

Schedule of the event:

Activity	Time
Welcome and introduction of the event	2.00 pm to 2.10pm
Introduction of speaker 1	2.10 pm to 2.20pm
Expert lecture 1 Dr Jitendra Wagh, Co-founder-Director GENEXIS BIOTECH, Vadoada, Gujarat	2.20 pm to 3.20pm
Thank you vote and certificate to speaker 1 & Introduction of speaker 2	3.20 pm to 3.30pm
Expert lecture 2 Dr Ruchi Desai, Founder - Protpure Signate Animal Health and Nutrition Pvt. Ltd. Anand, Gujarat.	3.30 pm to 4.30pm
Thank you vote and certificate to speaker 2	4.30pm - 4.40pm
Panel discussion (Dr Jitendra, Dr Ruchi Desai and Dr Jyoti V Thaikoottathil -Moderator**)**	4.40pm - 5.20pm
Vote of Thanks - Dr Neha Rajpara	5.20pm - 5.30pm

Event flyer


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EXPERT TALK & PANEL DISCUSSION
THEME
FROM IDEA TO IMPACT:
ENABLING STARTUP SUCCESS
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DATE
21st August 2026 (Friday)
TIME
02:00 PM Onwards
VENUE
A3 - Auditorium IAR, Gandhinagar
OUR SPEAKERS
Dr. Jitendra Wagh
Co-founder - Director
GENEXIS BIOTECH
Vadodara, Gujarat
Dr. Ruchi Desai
Founder
PROTPURE TECH PRIVATE LIMITED
Anand, Gujarat
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Feedback from Students: Students found the session very useful and interesting. They enjoyed listening to the experts real-life experiences and learning about the challenges of starting a business. The discussion helped them understand entrepreneurship, innovation, and funding in a simple and practical way. Students appreciated the opportunity to interact with the experts and felt motivated to explore their own ideas.

Payment advice from the Accounts department:

Guest/expert invited: Dr. Jitendra Wagh and Dr. Rucha Desai

About the experts:

Dr. Jitendra Wagh is the Co-Founder and Director of Genexis Biotech Private Limited, Vadodara. He holds an M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Biochemistry from M. S. University of Baroda, with expertise in molecular biology and biotechnology. His company develops animal-origin-free and alternative proteins using biotechnology techniques for applications in biopharmaceuticals, cultivated meat, stem cell research, precision fermentation, and recombinant DNA technology.

Dr. Rucha Desai is the Founder of Protepure Tech Pvt. Ltd., Anand, Gujarat. She holds a B.Sc., M.Sc., and Ph.D. in Physics and has around 12 years of academic experience. She started her entrepreneurial journey in 2023 and has expertise in chromatography. Her company develops agarose-based chromatography resins for protein purification and downstream bioprocessing applications.

Both experts shared their entrepreneurial experiences, challenges, insights on innovation, funding opportunities, and practical guidance for transforming ideas into successful startups, making the session highly relevant for students and aspiring entrepreneurs under the SSIP initiative.

Glimpse of event






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Outcome of the event: The Expert Talk and Panel Discussion provided participants with valuable insights into the startup journey, entrepreneurship, innovation, funding, and business development. The speakers shared their real-life experiences, challenges, and lessons learned, helping participants understand the practical aspects of turning an idea into a successful venture.

The interactive panel discussion encouraged participants to ask questions and learn from the experts experiences. Overall, the event was informative, interactive, and inspiring, and motivated participants to explore new ideas and develop an entrepreneurial mindset.

Media coverage: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/iaruniversity_iaruniversity-eventglimpses-fromideatoimpact-activity-7498265570338045952-IfbD?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&rcm=ACoAADWt354B4qpJT1cdZGJX9ApkmfIft4jXEJo

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Link to the FB Page/Google Meet/YouTube link: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1c2V6zdqin/

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Attendance of participant/attendees: Annexure- I

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Prof. Roli Mishra

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Date: 26/08/2026

Place: Gandhinagar

Attendance of Students

Name of Event: From Idea to Impact: Enabling Startup Success
Venue: A3 - Auditorium
Date: 21st Aug 2026

Sr. No.	Student Name	IAR Number	Program	Semester	Signature
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2	Dishan mandaliya	16118	B.tech Biotech	sem-3	
3	Roshni Kosrabe	15228	B Tech Biotech	Sem 5	
4.	Jisha Parikh	18659	B.Sc Biotech	Sem-1	
5.	Falak Adalaja	18827	B.Sc. Biotech	Sem-1	
6	Jadav Anjali	19221	BSc. Biotech	Sem-1	
7	Omi Joshi	18056	BSc Biotech	Sem-1	
8	Gargi Deepak Dalsaniya	18835	BSc. Biotech	Sem-1	
9.	Prajapati Jeel	18591	BSc. Biotech	sem-1	
10.	Krishty bhut	18964	BSc. Biotech	sem-1	
11.	Bhargavi chudasama	19061	BSc Biotech	Sem-1	
12.	Diya Yadav	18582	"	"	
13.	Divya Patel	18885	BSc Biotech	sem-1	
14.	Arya Rathod	18898	"	"	
15.	MANASHRI CHANLAWALA	18608	BSc Biotech	SEM-I	
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17.	Nimgaonkar Mihir S.	17181	"	"	
18.	Mangesh Patil	17185	"	"	
19	Mitesh Chavda	17240	"	"	
20	Yojanajyoti Patel	16029	"	"	

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23	Rahul Rajai	16593	MSc Biotech	3	R Rajai
24	Dixita Goswami	17739	M.Sc Biotech	3	
25	Pragnesh Prekhech	17041	M.Sc Biotech	3	
26	Heli Trivedi	16316	M.Sc Biotech	3	
27	Nandana Nair	16858	M.Sc Biotech	3	
28	Yashvi Verma	16644	M.Sc Biotech	3	
29	Shradha Tiri	17386	M.Sc Biotech	3	
30	Tanvi Jain	17447	MSc Biotech	3	
31	Hrishita Kashyap	17599	MSc Biotech	3	Hrishita
32	Chudaoama Dixita	17401	MSc Biotech	3	Dixita
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34	Anvi Savaliya	16909	M.Sc biotech	3	
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36	Desai Vishwa	17381	Msc. Biotech	3	Vishwa
37	Kruti Dhorajiya	16971	M.Sc. Biotech	3	
38	Kaushik Chavda	16983	Msc. Biotech	3	
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43	Khushi shah	18312	BSc Biotech	1	

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48	Kashish Jain	15132	BSc BT	5	
49	Jahan Desai	16423	Bsc BSS	3	
50	Nihira Panjwani	15069	BSc Bs	5	
51	Shivam Shekhawat	13136	BSc Bs	5	
52	Princy mori	15662	BSc BT	5	Mori
53	prince	15302	BSc BT	5	
54	Bhavyaraj patel	15824 ~~15824~~	BSc BT	5	Patel
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75	Dhyani	17392	"	III	
76	Mansi Shirsoya	17487	M.Sc Micro	III	
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79	Dashora Sumidhi	17026	"	"	
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81	Patel Dhruv	16530	"	"	
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85	Dhruvi Patel	14864	"	5	
86	Jiya Bhavik Patel	19104	Bsc Btech	I	
87	Omi Joshi	18056 ~~19221~~	Bsc "	I	
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93	Kavrishma R.H	19143	"	I	
94	Jinal chaudhori	19267	"	I	
95	khushi shah	18312	"	"	
96	Jisha Parikh	18659	"	I	
98	Gargi datar	18835		"	
99	Loonl Bishnoi	19290	"	I	
100	Prathum	15054	BSC-BT	5	PB Patel
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102	Heer Patel	15038	"	5	
103	Krishna Nayak	15792	"	5	
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106	Shreya	15296	"	"	shreya