GUJARAT ARTS & COMMERCE COLLEGE (EVENING), AHMEDABAD

REPORT ON SENSITIZATION SESSIONS UNDER SSIP 2.0

Date	9 October 2026
Time	8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.; 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Venue	Seminar Hall
Theme	Sensitization & Awareness Sessions under SSIP 2.0
Organized by	SSIP, IIC, EDC & Innovation Club
Under the Guidance of	Dr. Manoj Patel, Principal
No. of Students Participated	44
Resource Persons	Mr. Parth Pandya, Assistant Incubation Manager, i-Hub; Dr. Hemen Dave, Environmental Science Expert; Mr. Mitesh Vadher, Centre In-charge & Innovation Fellow, Ahmedabad Innovation Centre, Innovation Cell, AICTE, Ministry of Education

Objective

The sessions were organized to sensitize students and startup ideators about the innovation and startup ecosystem under the Student Start-up & Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0. They aimed to encourage students to develop their ideas into ventures and to give them expert guidance and direction, particularly the students who already have ideas and are working on them.

Report

Gujarat Arts & Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad, organized three Sensitization & Awareness Sessions under SSIP 2.0 on 9th October 2026 in the Seminar Hall. Each session was conducted by an expert from the innovation and startup field.

As a Proof of Concept (PoC) review was also scheduled on the same day, the PoC applicant students attended these sessions along with other students. These applicants already have ideas and are actively working on them, so the experts' guidance was especially useful to them in taking their ideas forward. The sessions were coordinated by SSIP Co-Ordinator and students actively participated and interacted with the experts.

Session 1 (8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.) – Mr. Parth Pandya, Assistant Incubation Manager, i-Hub

Mr. Parth Pandya sensitized students and ideators about SSIP 2.0 and the support available for early-stage ideas through the incubation ecosystem. Key points covered:

- Overview of SSIP 2.0 and the opportunities it offers to student innovators.

- Role of incubation centres such as i-Hub in supporting ideas, mentoring and startup growth.
- Guidance to students who already have ideas on how to move from idea to prototype and then to a startup venture.
- Advice on validating the idea, understanding the problem and approaching incubation and funding support.

Session 2 (1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.) – Dr. Hemen Dave, Environmental Science Expert

Dr. Hemen Dave sensitized startup ideators, with special focus on environmental science, and guided students who are already working on their ideas at the Proof of Concept (PoC) stage. Key points covered:

- Importance of sustainable and environment-focused innovation and its startup potential.
- Guidance to students on strengthening the ideas they are already working on and building a practical, working proof of concept.
- Domain-specific feedback to ideators on environmental science projects.
- Direction on the next steps to be taken in their startup journey.

Session 3 (2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.) – Mr. Mitesh Vadher, Centre In-charge & Innovation Fellow, Ahmedabad Innovation Centre, Innovation Cell, AICTE, Ministry of Education

Mr. Mitesh Vadher sensitized students about innovation and startups and encouraged startup ideators to carry their ventures forward. Key points covered:

- Role of the AICTE Innovation Cell in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship among students.
- Opportunities, programmes and support available to student innovators and startups.
- Motivation and encouragement for students already working on ideas to continue developing them.
- Guidance on building a startup mindset and making use of the available ecosystem.

Outcomes

- Students and ideators developed awareness about SSIP 2.0 and the startup ecosystem.
- Students received encouragement and practical guidance from experts in the field.
- PoC applicant students, who already have ideas in progress, received expert guidance on how to proceed with their startup journey.
- Ideators received domain-specific input for environmental science projects.
- Participants were motivated to develop their ideas and explore incubation and mentoring support.
- The activity strengthened the College's efforts to promote an innovation and entrepreneurship culture in alignment with SSIP objectives.

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