









Institution's Innovation Council Saurashtra University Rajkot

# **Accelerating Innovation Through Incubation**

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Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Science Laboratory Incubation Centre, Saurashtra University

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# Saurashtra University – IIC

The university is dedicated to instruction, research, and extending knowledge to the public (public service). Ministry of Education (MoE), Govt. of India has established 'MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC)' to systematically foster the culture of Innovation among all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The primary mandate of MIC is to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by supporting them to work with new ideas and transform them into prototypes while they are informative years. Saurashtra University is one the Organization that have constituted the IIC to foster the vision of MoE and be a part for the promotion and development of innovation ecosystem.

### **Event Schedule**

11:00	Registration Time
11:05	Welcome
11:10	Awareness session on Accelerating Innovation Through Incubation by Mr. Parth Sejpal
12:00	Programme Feedback - Conclusion
12:10	Closing Ceremony
12:15	Incubation Centre Visit

# **Event Registration Link**

bit.ly/SUSEC-AITI

#### **Brief about Event**

The Saurashtra University Startup and Entrepreneurship Council (SUSEC), in collaboration with SPRIHA and the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), Saurashtra University, organized an insightful session titled "Accelerating Innovation Through Incubation" on 21st August 2025 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Incubation Centre, Saurashtra University. The session was led by Mr. Parth Sejpal, IPR Chair Professor, SPRIHA, Saurashtra University, who shared his expertise on how incubation acts as a catalyst in converting innovative ideas into viable entrepreneurial ventures.

The event commenced with a welcome address highlighting the importance of incubation centres as vital platforms for nurturing innovation, supporting startups, and connecting budding entrepreneurs with mentors, investors, and resources. The audience comprised students, faculty, aspiring entrepreneurs, and researchers eager to explore opportunities in incubation-led startup growth.

Mr. Parth Sejpal, in his session, emphasized the role of incubation in bridging the gap between innovation and market readiness. He explained the structured support provided by incubators, including mentoring, infrastructure, seed funding, networking, and capacity building. He also elaborated on the significance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in safeguarding innovations during the incubation journey.

The speaker shared practical examples and success stories of startups that leveraged incubation to accelerate their growth and establish sustainable ventures. He further encouraged participants to use university incubation facilities to test, refine, and scale their ideas, transforming them into impactful business solutions.

The interactive nature of the session allowed participants to engage with the speaker through questions and discussions, particularly on funding opportunities, prototype development, and industry collaboration. The enthusiasm of the students highlighted their willingness to explore entrepreneurial pathways through incubation support.

The program concluded with a visit to the Incubation Centre at Saurashtra University, where participants witnessed firsthand the facilities, infrastructure, and ongoing innovative projects. This experiential exposure further motivated students to actively engage in incubation activities.

## **Key Points**

During the session, below mentioned points were discussed:

- Role of incubation in nurturing startups.
- Importance of mentoring, funding, and networking
- Safeguarding innovation through IPR.
- Success stories of incubation-led ventures.
- University incubation centre opportunities.
- Encouragement for student-driven innovation and entrepreneurship.

#### **Outcome**

The session significantly enhanced participants' understanding of how incubation drives innovation into impactful startups. Students and faculty gained clarity on incubation processes, funding opportunities, and the importance of IPR in entrepreneurial growth. The exposure to success stories and the university's incubation facilities inspired many students to ideate, develop, and pitch their own ventures. The concluding visit to the Incubation Centre provided practical insights and instilled confidence in participants to actively utilize incubation as a stepping stone toward their entrepreneurial journey.

# **About the Speaker/Chief Guest**



Mr. Parth Sejpal

IPR chair Professor SPRIHA Saurashtra university















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