Institution's Innovation Council

Saurashtra University Rajkot

Capacity Building Workshops for HEIs on

Establishment and Implementation of IIC &

Innovation Initiatives

30th June 2025 to 4th July 2025

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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

Rajkot Schedule:

Time	Program
	High Tea
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Registration & Refreshment
10:30 am – 10:35 am	Welcome
10:35 am – 10:40 am	Lamp lighting & Prayer
10:40 am – 10:45 am	Welcome dignitaries with token of gratitude
10:45 am – 10:50 am	*Inaugural Address*: Dr. Ranjan C. Khunt, President, IIC, Saurashtra University
10:50 pm – 11:15 am	*Introduction to Innovation & Entrepreneurship* Shyamsundar S., Manager - IP & Tech. Transfer, MIC, AICTE, Govt. of India
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	*"Innovation & Startup Lifecycle: Idea to Startups for HEIs"* Dr. Ijan Vaidya, OSD, Dept. of Higher Education, GoG

Time	Program
12:15 pm – 01:00 pm	*"Introduction to IPR, Grants & Schemes"* Sh. Mitesh Vadher, Innovation Fellow, MIC, AICTE, IP Clinic & Presentations by HEIs
01:00 pm onwards	*Vote of thanks*: Dr. Harikrishna Parikh, Vice President, IIC, Saurashtra University
**Networking Lunch**

Jamnagar Schedule:

Time	Program
**10:00 – 10:30 am**
10:30 – 10:40 am	Welcome & Prayer
10:40 – 10:50 am	Inaugural Address
10:50 – 11:15 am	Session on Innovation & Entrepreneurship – Shri Shyamsundar S. (MIC)
11:15 – 12:15 pm	Innovation & Startup Lifecycle – Dr. Keyur Parmar
12:15 – 01:00 pm	IPR, Grants & Schemes – Shri Mitesh Vadher (MIC)
01:00 pm onwards	Vote of Thanks & Networking Lunch
Time	Program
12:15 pm – 01:00 pm	*"Introduction to IPR, Grants & Schemes"* Sh. Mitesh Vadher, Innovation Fellow, MIC, AICTE, IP Clinic & Presentations by HEIs
01:00 pm onwards	*Vote of thanks*:
**Networking Lunch**

Morbi Schedule:

Time	Program
**10:00 – 10:30 am**
10:30 – 10:40 am	Welcome & Prayer
10:40 – 10:50 am	Inaugural Address
10:50 – 11:15 am	Session on Innovation & Entrepreneurship – Shri Shyamsundar S. (MIC)
11:15 – 12:15 pm	Innovation & Startup Lifecycle – Mr. Vivek Patel
12:15 – 01:00 pm	IPR, Grants & Schemes – Shri Mitesh Vadher (MIC)
01:00 pm onwards	Vote of Thanks & Networking Lunch
Time	Program
12:15 pm – 01:00 pm	*"Introduction to IPR, Grants & Schemes"* Sh. Mitesh Vadher, Innovation Fellow, MIC, AICTE, IP Clinic & Presentations by HEIs
01:00 pm onwards	*Vote of thanks*:
**Networking Lunch**

Surendranagar Schedule:

Time	Program
**10:00 – 10:30 am**

Time	Program
10:30 – 10:40 am	Welcome & Prayer
10:40 – 10:50 am	Inaugural Address
10:50 – 11:15 am	Session on Innovation & Entrepreneurship – Shri Shyamsundar S. (MIC)
11:15 – 12:15 pm	Innovation & Startup Lifecycle – Mr. Sandeep Takwani
12:15 – 01:00 pm	IPR, Grants & Schemes – Shri Mitesh Vadher (MIC)
01:00 pm onwards	Vote of Thanks & Networking Lunch
Time	Program
12:15 pm – 01:00 pm	*"Introduction to IPR, Grants & Schemes"* Sh. Mitesh Vadher, Innovation Fellow, MIC, AICTE, IP Clinic & Presentations by HEIs
01:00 pm onwards	*Vote of thanks*:
Networking Lunch	

Event Registration Link

Brief about Event

A District-Level Sensitization Workshop on the Establishment and Implementation of Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) & Innovation Initiatives was held on 30th June 2025 at Saurashtra University, Rajkot. The program was organized by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC), AICTE, in collaboration with Ahmedabad Indovation Centre and Saurashtra University, aiming to strengthen innovation and entrepreneurial frameworks across HEIs.

The first technical session was delivered by Shri Shyamsundar S., Regional Manager – IP & Technology Transfer at MIC-AICTE. He provided an insightful overview of India's innovation landscape, the role of HEIs in fostering a culture of creativity, and strategies for institutional involvement in innovation and entrepreneurship. His session focused on ecosystem development, IP management, and capacity-building for innovation leaders within academic institutions.

In the second session, Dr. Ijan Vaidya, OSD, Department of Higher Education, Government of Gujarat, conducted a deep-dive into the Innovation & Startup Lifecycle. He discussed various phases from ideation, validation, and prototyping to startup launch and scaling. His talk emphasized building structured innovation pipelines within HEIs, including support mechanisms like pre-incubation and mentoring.

The third session was led by Shri Mitesh Vadher, Innovation Fellow at MIC-AICTE. He highlighted the importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and explained the various government grants, schemes, and support programs available to innovators and institutions. He encouraged participants to leverage central and state-level funding opportunities and stressed the need for early IP awareness and protection in the innovation process.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Harikrishna Parikh, Vice President of IIC, followed by a networking lunch. The sessions collectively offered valuable knowledge and actionable insights for building innovation capacity in academic institutions.

The District-Level Sensitization Workshop at Jamnagar focused on creating awareness about the role of HEIs in nurturing innovation and startups through the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC). The sessions covered key aspects such as innovation practices, startup lifecycle management, and institutional responsibilities.

Speakers like Shri Shyamsundar S., Dr. Keyur Parmar, and Shri Mitesh Vadher highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship, IPR, and government support schemes. The workshop gave participants clarity on how to transform innovative ideas into startups with institutional and policy support.

The Morbi workshop emphasized the integration of innovation culture in higher education. The event included sessions by Shri Shyamsundar S., Mr. Vivek Patel, and Shri Mitesh Vadher, focusing on entrepreneurship development, startup growth stages, and intellectual property rights.

Faculty and students were made aware of various government grants, incubation opportunities, and mentorship models that can strengthen institutional innovation pipelines. Practical insights

into startup development motivated participants to actively engage in entrepreneurial activities.

Held at Surendranagar, this sensitization workshop reinforced the need for structured innovation systems within HEIs. The program featured talks by Shri Shyamsundar S., Mr. Sandeep Takwani, and Shri Mitesh Vadher, covering entrepreneurship ecosystems, startup lifecycle management, and IPR awareness.

The workshop encouraged participants to adopt best practices for innovation-led growth, while also promoting collaboration among institutions. Discussions highlighted the role of incubation centers, funding avenues, and interdisciplinary efforts in building sustainable startups.

Key Points

During the session, below mentioned points were discussed:

- Innovation Awareness
- Startup Lifecycle
- IPR Guidance
- Government Schemes
- HEI Empowerment
- Capacity Building
- Ecosystem Development
- Institutional Support
- Faculty Engagement
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Startup Lifecycle (Idea to Launch)
- IPR Awareness & Grants
- HEI Role in Innovation
- Networking & Collaboration

Outcome

The District-Level Sensitization Workshops conducted at **Rajkot, Jamnagar, Morbi, and Surendranagar** proved highly impactful in strengthening the innovation and startup ecosystem across Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Participants gained valuable insights into innovation practices, startup lifecycle management, intellectual property rights, and government-supported schemes. The sessions provided clarity on institutional roles in nurturing student innovators, building structured pipelines from ideas to startups, and leveraging incubation and funding opportunities. Faculty members, students, and stakeholders actively engaged in discussions, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing across institutions. Collectively, these workshops empowered HEIs to align with national innovation goals, promote entrepreneurship at the grassroots level, and create sustainable innovation-driven environments in Gujarat.

About the Speaker/Chief Guest

Shyamsundar S.   Manager - IP & Tech. Transfer

MIC, AICTE, Govt. of India

Dr. Ijan Vaidya

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Sh. Mitesh Vadher

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Mr. Sandip Takwani

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Dr. Keyur Parmar

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in collaboration with

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