



Institution's Innovation Council Saurashtra University Rajkot

Podcast Series on “Rashtra Pratham” and “Celebrating Failures”

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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

Time	Activity
11:30 – 11:35 AM	Welcome & Introduction of the podcast series (<i>Rashtra Pratham & Celebrating Failures</i>)
11:35 – 11:40 AM	Brief introduction of the Guest Speaker – Mr. Ashish Chauhan , MD & CEO, NSE
11:40 – 12:10 PM	Screening of the debut podcast episode (<i>Rashtra Pratham</i>)
12:10 – 12:25 PM	Interactive discussion and reflections by students & faculty
12:25 – 12:30 PM	Closing remarks and conclusion of the session

Event Registration Link

<https://youtu.be/9LZ7t9kHZlw?si=5OBp7Wp8ob19N0fM>

Brief about Event

The Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) has initiated a unique knowledge-sharing platform through its Podcast Series titled "Rashtra Pratham" and "Celebrating Failures." The activity was conducted in a hybrid/online mode, ensuring that participants could engage with the sessions both on campus and remotely. The series was designed with the objective of inspiring students and faculty by showcasing the journeys of renowned Indian leaders, entrepreneurs, and start-up founders.

The central idea behind these podcasts is to nurture an entrepreneurial spirit among young minds by presenting real-life stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership. Through "*Rashtra Pratham*," participants get insights into the journeys of national leaders who have significantly contributed to India's growth story, while "*Celebrating Failures*" focuses on the learning that emerges from setbacks and challenges, encouraging individuals to embrace failure as a stepping stone to success.

The debut episode of "Rashtra Pratham" featured Mr. Ashish Chauhan, Managing Director & CEO of the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE). In his engaging session, Mr. Chauhan shared his personal and professional journey, highlighting how perseverance, decision-making, and innovation played a vital role in his success. His words resonated strongly with participants, as he emphasized the importance of resilience in leadership and the courage required to turn challenges into opportunities.

The event took place on 4th July 2025 at 11:30 AM and was widely attended by both students and faculty members of the institute. The podcast format ensured that the session was not only informative but also highly relatable, with participants able to draw parallels between their own challenges and the experiences shared by the speaker. Following the session, many students engaged in reflective discussions on how they could apply these lessons in their academic and entrepreneurial pursuits.

Institutions were encouraged to share the podcast links across their campuses and social media platforms to ensure maximum outreach. This collaborative effort helped increase awareness about the importance of entrepreneurial thinking and provided students with continuous access to the recordings for revisiting key learnings. The inclusion of both "*Rashtra Pratham*" and "*Celebrating Failures*" in the series ensures that participants receive a balanced perspective — celebrating achievements while valuing the critical role of setbacks in shaping stronger futures.

Overall, the podcast series created a powerful impact by combining the authenticity of personal experiences with the accessibility of digital platforms. It contributed significantly to the larger mission of the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, which is to build an innovation-driven ecosystem in academic institutions and cultivate leaders who can contribute to the nation's progress through creativity, resilience, and entrepreneurship.

Key Points

During the session, below mentioned points were discussed:

- Leadership Insights
- Inspiration from Real Journeys
- Celebrating Failures

- Hybrid Participation
- Institutional Involvement
- Resource Accessibility
- Alignment with IIC Mandate

Outcome

The podcast series “*Rashtra Pratham*” and “*Celebrating Failures*” proved to be a highly impactful initiative that combined inspiration, learning, and engagement. The debut episode featuring Ashish Chauhan of NSE offered practical and motivational lessons on resilience, adaptability, and visionary leadership. His journey served as a testament to the fact that true growth often comes from challenges and that innovation lies at the heart of long-term success. Students and faculty alike benefitted from the session, as it encouraged them to embrace failures positively, take calculated risks, and pursue innovative approaches in both academic and professional domains.

The activity also strengthened institutional efforts in creating an entrepreneurial culture by giving participants access to real stories that go beyond theoretical frameworks. The hybrid model ensured inclusivity and wide participation, while the availability of recorded episodes extended the learning impact beyond the live session. By fostering discussions on leadership, resilience, and failure as a learning tool, the podcast series significantly contributed to nurturing an entrepreneurial ecosystem on campus. In the long run, initiatives like these will empower students and educators to transform challenges into opportunities and contribute meaningfully to the nation’s innovation and start-up landscape.

About the Speaker/Chief Guest



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