

Event Report

- 1. Name of Event:** IIC Regional Meet 2025
- 2. Date and Time:** 25th November 2025 and 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM **Venue:** Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 4. Organized by:** Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), MoE's Innovation Cell, GoI
- 5. Major discussions in the event:**

A. Brief of the event:

The IIC Regional Meet 2025, hosted at EDII Ahmedabad, offered a comprehensive learning experience to understand the national innovation and startup ecosystem. The meet brought together innovators, faculty coordinators, IIC representatives, and ecosystem enablers from across Gujarat, creating a dynamic environment for learning, networking, and collaboration.

B. Exhibition Highlights:

More than 25 students and startups were invited to showcase their ideas, innovations, and products between 11:00 AM and 01:00 PM. A special attraction of the event was the "Swadesh Udyami – Bazar", dedicated to the Government of India's "Vocal for Local" vision, where over 20 homegrown entrepreneurial ventures exhibited their products.

C. Networking Highlight:

Connected with Mr. Hardeepsinh Jhala, Regional Manager (West Region), and Mr. Jigar Jiwani, Startup Portfolio Lead, Wadhvani Foundation, to discuss the IGNITE 5.0 Entrepreneurship Course, including its structure, assessment framework, support mechanisms, and implementation at the University.

D. Session Highlights:

- IIC Structure for Institutionalizing Innovation by Dr. Tushar Panchal, CEO, GTU Ventures

Dr. Panchal provided an in-depth orientation on the IIC Portal, covering portal navigation, event creation, documentation upload, quarterly activity submissions, and the evaluation framework. He explained the scoring mechanism, compliance requirements, and common reporting errors, emphasizing systematic reporting to strengthen institutional IIC performance.

- Role of Innovation Ambassador for Driving IIC by Shri Sandip Takwani, Assistant Manager, Karnavati University

Shri Takwani highlighted the Innovation Ambassador's role in mentoring students at the idea stage and driving early innovation activities. He emphasized upskilling through MOOCs, conducting sessions on and off campus, and accurate reporting of IA-led activities to enhance institutional evaluation and IIC performance.

- YUKTI Innovation & IPR Repository as an Innovation Pipeline by Shri Kavita Shah, Innovation Ambassador

Shri Shah explained YUKTI as a centralized national platform for documenting and managing ideas, prototypes, business models, and startups. He described it as an institutional innovation pipeline enabling access to mentoring, competitions, investors, and incubation support, helping innovators track progress and leverage national opportunities.

- Startup Ecosystem Development by Shri Jay Sudani, CEO, PIERC, Parul University

Shri Sudani shared Parul University's validation-first approach to student startup development through a structured three-phase process:

- Phase 1: Verbal idea articulation to assess clarity and feasibility
- Phase 2: Two-week bootcamp focused on discipline, leadership, teamwork, and startup fundamentals
- Phase 3: Customer validation to gather real market feedback before prototyping or SSIP funding

He emphasized that this approach reduces idea failure and significantly improves startup success rates.

6. Learning outcomes of the event:

- Gained a deeper understanding of the IIC portal, reporting system, and scoring mechanism
- Learned the role of Innovation Ambassadors and methods to conduct impactful innovation sessions
- Understood validation-first startup approaches to reduce idea failure and enhance student startup success
- Improved awareness of innovation ecosystems, YUKTI participation, and startup exhibitions
- Connected and discussed possible collaboration with the Wadhvani Foundation for entrepreneurship training
- Networked with ecosystem enablers, mentors, and innovators

7. Photos:



Dr. Dipan Sahu, Assistant Innovation Director of the Innovation Cell, AICTE addressing participants



Ms. Diya Ramnani, 5th Sem, B.Sc Biotech, SoS and Ms. Diya Visani, 5th Sem, B.Sc. Biotech, SoS (Participated as intern from Iota Design & Innovations Lab Pvt Ltd.)

The startup is extracting color from tomato peels and developing a value-added product that can be used as a coating for medicines.



Ms. Nishita Navlani, Vice-President, E-Club; Ms. Lavanya Jain, Technical Associates, GUITAR and Kirankumar Parmar, Sr. Manager, GUITAR at EDII-Ahmedabad