

Event Report

1. **Name of Event:** Orientation & FAQ Session on Kickstart your SIH 2025 Journey
2. **Nature of the Event:** Orientation and FAQ Session
3. **Date & Time:** 10th Sept., 2025; 04:00 PM to 05:00 P.M.
4. **Venue:** Hybrid, Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/bwc-tkkp-tgh>) and CAD Lab, First Floor, SOT
5. **Organized by:** GSFC University, GUIITAR Council, SSIP, Startup Gujarat, and IIC (MoE GoI)
6. **Number of Participants:** 50
7. **Photographs of the event:** Annexure – 1
8. **Speaker:** Mr. Baljeetsingh Sucharia, Co-founder, LifeSecret Consultancy LLP, Ms. Shweta Rajput, HoD, CSE, SoT, GSFC University and Mr. Kirankumar Parmar, Sr. Manager, GUIITAR Council, GSFC University.
9. **Major discussions in the event:**

- **Introduction to SIH:**

Mr. Kirankumar Parmar introduced the event, explaining its significance as a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Since its inception in 2017, SIH has provided a national platform for students to solve real-world challenges posed by government bodies and industries.

- **Themes and Formats:**

Students were briefed about the two editions of SIH—**Software Edition** and **Hardware Edition**. The broad range of themes includes Smart Education, Healthcare, Agriculture, Robotics & Drones, Clean Energy, Heritage, and Cyber Security. For 2025, around 90 software problem statements and 45 hardware problem statements have been released.

- **Team Formation Guidelines:**

Teams must consist of six members, with at least one female participant being mandatory. Interdisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged, and students can seek mentorship both from GSFC University faculty and industry experts.

- **Internal Hackathon at GSFC University:**

To identify the best teams, an internal hackathon will be held on 20th Sep, 2025. Top-performing teams (50 Max) will be nominated for SIH 2025. Prizes will also be awarded at the internal round to encourage participation.

- **Winning Strategies & Guidance:**

Mr. Baljeetsingh Sucharia shared his rich experience as a mentor at multiple hackathons. He emphasised that **hackathons are about creative problem-solving, teamwork, and learning under pressure** rather than only coding. Key takeaways included:

- Clarify the problem statement and divide roles clearly.
- Keep solutions simple, feasible, and impactful.
- Avoid plagiarism; originality and innovation are critical.
- Focus on a proof of concept (PoC) or minimum viable product (MVP) rather than over-complex solutions.
- Manage time effectively using the 80/20 principle (20% planning, 60% building, 20% testing & presentation).
- Storytelling and clear communication are vital for pitching ideas successfully.

He also encouraged students to view hackathons as opportunities for **personal growth in project management, communication, and problem-solving**.

10. Learning outcomes of the event:

- Students gained a clear understanding of the **SIH structure, rules, and themes**.
- Participants were motivated to form **interdisciplinary and inclusive teams**.
- Practical **guidelines for preparing innovative solutions** were shared.
- Emphasis was placed on **teamwork, originality, and simplicity**.
- Students were inspired to treat SIH as a **learning opportunity for personal and professional growth**.
- The interactive Q&A ensured participants' **doubts were addressed effectively**.

Photographs:



Event Flyer for Social Media



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