

GTU INNOVATION COUNCIL

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GTU Innovation Council Team lead by Honorable VC , Prof Akshai Aggarwal at the felicitation function along with VC, IGNOU and former captain of the Indian cricket team and the current chairman of the selection committee Krish Srikkanth

On April 14, 2011, GTU won the best jury Award under in category of Best Interface between Academia – Industry at the World Education Summit 2011, New Delhi for its GTU Innovation Council project. The event was organized by IGNOU in association with the Centre for Science Development and Media Studies (CSDMS) and Elets Technomedia. The Co-organizers were AICTE, Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communication & IT, Government of India, National e-Governance Plan and others.

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Though GTU Innovation Council's first objective is to nurture creativity and innovation within the University community, it has been designed to act as a catalyst of change for the whole of the society. It is designed to focus on establishing close linkages between industries & businesses and students & faculty members in all the GTU's programs in Engineering, Management, Pharmacy and MCA to make research and development at the University relevant to the needs of industries at Gujarat, national and international levels. By bringing together the existing structures and facilities for working for innovation, the Council has been set up for helping create a culture of design in GTU's Learning Systems. The methodology, adopted by the Council, is of sending out its students and teachers to businesses, industries and various organizations to continuously prepare projects and case studies for changes, which may lead to improvement in products or processes. When 400,000 students and 27,000 teachers (our likely numbers in 2013-14) start working as a force for innovation, we expect that the education and research at the University will be rejuvenated through anchoring it with the real-life problems in businesses, industries and the society. In addition it will make our SMEs, spread over 160 industrial estates, and our society more innovative.

GTU Innovation Council has collaborated closely with Techpedia.in. GTU wants to document every single success of our students and faculty members and to make the information available to all the stake-holders so that our society develops self-confidence in its capability for designing new and useful products. The faculty members and the students will be able to use Techpedia.in for this purpose. GTU also wants to use the project for developing inter-relationship with national and international collaborations for innovation.

GTU Innovation Council has set up 25 GTU Innovation Sankuls, which are regional communities of GTU educational institutions and the industries in the region. The Council has worked on setting up Udisha (Universal Development of Integrated Skills through Higher Education) Clubs in every GTU Institution for mapping every Technology student with an appropriate industry and for developing the soft-skills of the students. Information about more than 300 Udisha Clubs has been received at GTU office.

During this year, the Sankuls and the Udisha Clubs have provided invaluable support to the Principals/ Directors of GTU's Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics for connecting more than 40,000 students to industries for their Final Year project.

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The GTU Innovation Council project is well designed and it is seen to have the potential to revolutionize the technology education by knowledgeable observers. Thus at a University in Maharashtra, while exhorting the faculty and students to work for innovations, one of the top-most scientists said that whereas United States Patent & Trademark Office had recorded 545 patents to entities in Maharashtra and only 51 for those in Gujarat in more than a decade, GTU Innovation Council has the potential to generate more than 545 patents in one year. GTU hopes that the Award will encourage the GTU community to work towards realizing the potential.