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Report

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at SCET (Sarvajanik College of Engineering and Technology, Surat,) Surat

A conference for organizing the Innovation Sankuls at Surat, Ankeleshwar – Bharuch, Valsad-Vapi and Navsari was organized at SCET, Surat on 3rd April 2011. Prof. Akshai Agarwal, Honorable VC, GTU, Principals/ Directors of Colleges affiliated with GTU from Navsrai, Vapi-Valsad, Surat and Ankleshwer-Bharuch participated in this meeting. An equal participation was from South Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industries and MSMEs & Bigger industries from the region.



Dr. Ajoy Bhattacharya, president, Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI), welcoming Prof Akshai Agarwal , VC, GTU.

Conference of GTU principals, industry chamber authorities, various discrete industry leaders and representatives from SVNIT Surat, GCCI and Techpedia.

The session started with a welcome address by Shri Rajani Kant Marfatia, Chairman of SCET, Surat and Prof K.N.Mistry, Principal, SCET. Prof Akshai Agarwal described the concept of GTU Innovation Council, Innovation Sankuls and Udisha Clubs. Dr. Ajoy Bhattacharya, President, Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI), welcomed honorable VC for the initiative of GTU Innovation Council. Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta from Techpedia shared the agenda for the Innovation Sankuls and briefed about a few successful pilot cases of Innovation Sankul attempts under GTU Innovation Council. Mr. Tanmay Mehta, Secretary GCCI promised that GCCI would work for strengthening the Innovation Sankuls and assured of cooperation from MSMEs and industries to

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this excellent initiative. Some of the Industry leaders shared some valuable insights pertaining to specific vertical and geographic industry clusters in the region. Prof K.N.Mistry presented the work, already done by the Udisha club at SCET, Surat. A Principal from a College in Valsad-Vapi region shared valuable inputs especially in the pharmacy sector. To promote a user defined research ecosystem and to map the MSME issues of southern Gujarat industry leaders from GCCCI and SGCCI and others strongly recommended the proposed Industrial Shodh Yatra by faculties and students coordinated by each Udisha clubs at GTU colleges. The industry defined problems will be converted as real project work by students and faculties at GTU from the next academic year. Some of the Principals from polytechnics suggested relay model of innovation where a product/service can be conceptualized and realized via a few cycle of research and development work in multiple places and multiple groups. A few principals strongly recommended to create awareness about IPR and associated culture so that even at UG level research works will lead to some significant solutions. An empathetic model of innovations was the common tone shared by each participant in the conference. Industry leaders shared thoughts on distributed product/solution development via GTU students by modularizing the bigger problems into smaller ones and sharing it with multiple groups of students, guided by mentors from inside and outside of the college. General manager (HR) from L & T, Hazira industrial zone, Surat shared thoughts on moving ahead of conventional industry visit/training to a model where students and faculties will realize and document a problem from industry floor via interaction with shop-floor workers. He said that this will provide a better insight of the IDP; (industry defined problem).GTU will evaluate these IDPs in early part of the final year and give awards to the quality proposals of students. Principals who participated in this discussion said that this inverted model will at least enhance the innovation quotient among each faculty/student. Dr Bhattacharya offered full co-operation from SGCCI, the leading industry chamber in southern Gujarat, and offered meaningful partnership with each of the Innovation Sankuls and Udisha Clubs in the region. He along with Mr. Rohit Mehta , VP & IPP of Surat Diamond Association promised to provide all possible help to the youth of the colleges in the Innovation Sankuls of the region through continuous monitoring and feedback. Principals of respective Sankuls proposed to make sector specific objectives and approaches in various verticals of engineering and specially in designing ecosystem for interdisciplinary research works. Prof K.N.Mistry gave vote of thanks at the closing of the meeting and wished to design an action plan for the SCET-based Sankul with inputs from both industry and academia within a few weeks.

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Appendix 1

1. Ankleshwer-Bharuch Innovation Sankul: 14 GTU colleges and businesses and Industries of the area
2. Navsari Innovation Sankul: 14 GTU colleges and businesses and Industries of the area
3. Surat Innovation Sankul: 19 GTU affiliated colleges and businesses and Industries of the area
4. Valsad-Vapi Innovation Sankul: 11 GTU affiliated colleges and businesses and Industries of the area

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Appendix 2

List of a few participant from the Industries

Sr. No.	Name of the Organization	Name of the Participant	Designation
1	GJEPC, Surat	Mr. Chandrakant R. Sanghavi	Chairman
2	Sanghavi Exports, Surat	Mr. Aagam Sanghavi	Director
3	Sahajanand Chemicals, Surat	Mr. Dhirajlal Kotadia	CEO
4	Indian Diamond Inst., Surat	Mr. Samir D. Joshi	Dy. Director
5	Venus Jewel, Surat	Mr. Sevanti P. Shah	
6	Fairdeal Filaments Shalton Ind., Surat	Mr. Nitin Shah	Director
7	SGCCI, Surat	Dr. Ajoy Bhattacharya	President
8	RIL, Hazira	Mr. Suresh Lachhwani	Asst Vice President
9	Lexus, Surat	Mr. Janak Mistry	CEO, MD
10	Himson Groups, Surat	Mr. R.S. Bachkaniwala	Director
11	RIL, Hazira	Mr. Rajendra Mehta	AVP
12	Guj. State Elect. Co. Ltd., Ukai	Mr. D. N. Panchal	TPS
13	SGCCI, Surat	Mr. Rohit Mehta	VP& IPP of Surat Dimond Asso.
14	ONGC, Hazira	Mr. Ajay Garg	Chief Engineer (P)
15	ONGC, Hazira	Mr. Rajan Asthana	Chief Manager
16	UPL, Surat	Mr. Ashok Panjwani	Ex. Director
17	Rachna Group, Surat	Mr. J. P. Aharwal	Chairman
18	Garden Silk Mills, Surat	Mr. Kamal Desai	G.M. Mktg.
19	L & T, Hazira	Mr. Atul Desai	Head HR & Adm Sec.
20	Sargam Const. Pvt. Ltd., Surat	Mr. Bharat Shah	
21	Surat Manav Seva Sangh, Surat	Shri Bharat Shah	Vice President
22	SIECC, Surat	Shri Rajendra Chokhawala	Director