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14th February: GTU Innovation Sankuls Day

On 14th February 2011, 35 GTU students and faculties completed GTU's first Industrial Shodh Yatra to Naroda Industrial Estate. GTU has decided that 14th February will be celebrated as the **GTU Innovation Sankuls Day**.

The first **GTU Innovation Sankuls Day** will be observed on Tuesday, 14th February 2012. The students, faculties, co-chairs of all the 25 Sankuls are coming together on this "GTU Innovation Sankuls Day" at 6.00 PM at Paryavaran Mandir, Naroda Enviro Projects Ltd, Near Odhav Arbuda Cross-road, Old Panjrapole Circle, Naroda/SardarPatel Ring Road, Ahmedabad.

A Brief History:

On 10th July, 2010, GTU organized a meeting of a Forum of academicians and industrialists to discuss how innovation and research could become the defining characteristics of GTU. On 2nd August, 2010, the project of GTU Innovation Council was launched. In August-September, a pilot project under which the students worked on the problems, specified by the industries was successfully completed by students of some of the Colleges in Rajkot. A copy of the project report was sent to the Chairman of National Innovation Council in December 2010 and copies were sent to a number of Government officers.

After meeting the leaders of industries and businesses all over the state, on 14th of February 2011, the first Shodh Yatra was conducted by 35 students, led by 5 faculty members, including the Principal, VGEC. Nine industrialists of Naroda Industrial Estate, led by Sh Shaileshbhai Patwari welcomed the group of students and faculty members at their respective industries.

Today, GTU Innovation Council has 25 GTU Innovation Sankuls. Each Sankul is co-Chaired by a Chairperson (Academic) and a Chairperson (Industry). The Principal/ Director of every College/ Institute, affiliated with GTU, is a Member of the Sankul's Committee of a near-by Sankul. Every College/ Institute has an UDISHA (Universal Development of Integrated Skills through Higher Education) Innovation Club, where students and faculty members work together to develop industry-institute interactions. Every UDISHA Club has a Placement Committee, consisting of Pre-Final Year students.

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APPENDIX

The following students participated in 1st Industrial Shodh Yatra lead by Principal M.R.Patel and Prof Uday Trivedi, Prof M.G.Desai, Prof Shital Amin and Prof P.H.Rana of VGEC, Chandkheda at Naroda Industry Association. The Shodh Yatra was actively supported by 9 industries, led by Shri Shaileshbhai Patwari.

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