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## **Sectoral Innovation Council in Textiles**

GTU Innovation Council is working to foster innovations in every field of interest to GTU's faculty and students. GTU Innovation Council brought in more than 12 CEOs, Policy makers, Academicians, National Research Scholars and techies to the first one-day meeting of the Sectoral Innovation Council in Textiles on 25th Feb, 2011.

The agenda was to develop an understanding as to how ICT can be applied for various sectors in Textiles. Students from B.E and Diploma (Textile and EC), faculties from the Department of Textile and Industry Experts participated in the program. Students presented their IDPs to experts and the best efforts were awarded during the session.

Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Honorable VC of GTU, shared his vision of the Sectoral Innovation Councils and stressed how textile innovations are very important for industries in India and for Gujarat. He said that we had a great tradition of innovation in this sector which has to be again revamped so that textile can start playing a leading role in Indian economy.

**Ekata Mehul** from EiTra coordinated in pooling of experts into various panels. Experts like **Prof A.I.Thakkar**, HOD Textile LDCE gave significant inputs in making this effort more inclusive. **Mr. P.B. Jhala**, from NID, discussed about the future of textiles, with the increasing use of ICT. **Prof. S. Bhattacharya** (from MSU) and **Mr. Ashish Mehta** (an expert with 20 yrs of experience in Textile Instrumentation), **Mr. Amit Agarwal** ( MD of CTM Textiles) discussed the applications of ICT in the Textile Domain.

Innovation-investment-and enterprises are coming together to foster innovations at each corner of Sankuls and at each sector of needs.



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Mr. Uday Desai from E-Info chips joined the discussion and shared entrepreneurial aspects in embedding ICT into the business of textiles. HODs from various Textile departments participated and appreciated the efforts of GTU Innovation Council. Students, who got the opportunity of making a presentation about their IDPs/UDPs in the presence of professionals from industries and entrepreneurs, appreciated the efforts and claimed that given such a stage they would be able to deliver more innovative projects. Presence of Lead entrepreneurs in Textile from Gujarat motivated the participants who got a chance to interact with them directly and solve queries about their challenges/IDPs. A large number of Diploma students also participated in these efforts and showed a great deal of innovation capacity. Mr Hiranmay Mahanta, MD Techpedia.in declared that a series of such efforts will be done to further ignite the endeavor in textile innovations and to regain a space in the high end technology sector in textile engineering by nurturing textile innovations at GTU Innovation Council.

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