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“TiE over Coffee” with Shri Arvind Patel and Honorable VC, GTU, Dr. Akshai Aggarwal

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A bunch of young techies, who are aspirant entrepreneurs, came together on 1st September 2012, at the GTU conference room to listen to Shri Arvind Patel founder of Sahajanand Laser Technology (coordinated by The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) and GTU Innovation Council) at “TiE over Coffee”. The audience comprised of 4 young faculty members, many young engineers, who had graduated in May 2012 and some young students who are aiming to become entrepreneurs. “GTU is working for excellent learning systems in the Colleges, affiliated with it. It wants to continue to work with its alumni to help them continue to acquire additional knowledge, through Continuing Educational programs, whenever they feel the need” said the Honorable VC, GTU, Prof Akshai Aggarwal who chaired the session.

The purpose of the meeting was to learn about entrepreneurship at early stage through interaction with successful entrepreneurs. Shri Arvind Patel interacted with the young techies very creatively and the meeting was held at GTU from 5 PM to 7.30 PM.

Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Akshai Aggarwal envisaged a better innovation ecosystem in future and shared the following mantra: “We can succeed in making Gujarat Technological University a great University when every member of the GTU family starts taking pride in GTU and starts working hard to see that his/ her contribution does not fall short.”

TiE hosts TiE over coffee sessions where eminent techno-entrepreneurs are invited to interact with startup teams and inspiring students to help them to nurture their dreams. S4 (Student Start up Support System) at GTU Innovation Council is nurturing young students who are planning to start their start up modules and bringing in a sustainable mentoring network to mentor the students to accelerate their efforts and outputs in their endeavors.

Budding start up initiators like Amit Panchal from LDCE and others participated who are actively mentoring the present students across GTU who are trying their best to kick start their own initiatives. Anu Sutaria Executive Director, Tie, Ahmedabad presented the activities of TiE where students of S4 at GTU Innovation Council can take mentoring support. A series of early meetings of Honorable Vice Chancellor, Ms Anu Sutaria and Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta, Hon Director, GTU Innovation Council were held to explore all possible ways whereby the expert mentors from TiE could help students from various Innovation Sankuls at GTU. Mr. Yash Saxena shared about possible India class innovation-co-creation ecosystem which is necessary in current days to cater to the need of young students.

Officials from TiE Ahmedabad were present during the session where successful entrepreneurs like Shree Arvind Patel shared their journey with aspiring student entrepreneurs.

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