

Report of National Summit on Innovation and Technology (NSIT)

Background of event

National Summit on Innovation and Technology is organized as a pre-vibrant Gujarat Global Summit event. The Summit intends to provide an effective platform to pulling to experts, professionals, software solution providers, industry leaders, academia, start-ups to participate, interact, exchange, opinions, views, discuss issues and analyze solution frame works.

The summit is different from traditional workshops or conferences in its emphasis on targeting real issues impacting business decisions and providing solutions to these.

In this event, GTU Nodal Institute was invited as an Exhibitor in which viewers were explained about GTU and GIC initiatives for Startups and Innovation by GTU representatives. Nodal Institute of GTU is a platform where in students will be provided co-working space for their Idea/project to make them capable for deliverables. GTU NI is also providing Mentoring and Financial Assistance to incubated Startups/Projects under the Startup Policy of Gujarat/India

Event declaration link

<https://nsit.gujarat.gov.in/>

Date, time, title of the event, venue

Date: 30th September, 2016 and 1st October, 2016

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Venue: Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India

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The two days Summit was commenced with Bio-technology and Startups on the first day followed by IT and Electronics on the second day. The NSIT summit was inaugurated by the Honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat- Shri Vijay Bhai Rupani; Speaking ahead of the 2 days NSIT summit, Shri Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister, Gujarat, said, "Smart world needs smart technology.

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Now is the time to stand up and start up to Make IT in Gujarat.” He further called upon the startups and young entrepreneurs to think Big and dream Big.

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The NSIT summit hosted 30 emerging startups, venture capitalists, angel investors on a common platform allowing them to make their case in front of jury seated by top industrialists of the IT/Electronics and Biotechnology industry giving the participants five minutes window to promising opportunities.

The focus of the summit was on Trending Technology - Technologies on Horizon, Disruptive Innovations - The Fantastical Theatre of Engineering Innovation; and Application of Technologies within reach for the new age business solutions. Being divided into substantive sessions and exhibitions; it provided the opportunity to all stakeholders to focus on specific areas from their own perspective and professional experience.

There was also a Pitch to Glory event, wherein 30 startups pitched their ideas, innovation and business to a jury of 8 industry experts and more than 1000 strong audience participated in the rating through live polling. In the Pitch to Glory event, Water Quest which is an organization that works to address the water security needs by deploying technology took the first spot while Smart Logic that provides embedded solutions to industries in different areas like home automation & security system, industrial automation, robotics etc. took the second spot and Plexus MD, which is India’s leading professional network for doctors and healthcare organizations to stay updated with the their industry and collaborate with their peers took the third spot.

Key points discussed in the event

The Hon. Chief Minister of Gujarat, Sri Vijay Rupani, on day one of the event has focused on Startups and Bio Technology. Hon. Chief Minister of Gujarat had also launched a book on Compendium of 101 State E-Governance Project and a coffee table book on Bio Technology. Similarly, day two of the event had a focus on Information Technology and had a key session called Make IT in Gujarat in line with the national initiative Make in India.

Setting up the agenda for the day two of the Summit, Shri PK Taneja, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Mines Department, Government of Gujarat said, “Innovation is a key idea that is helping leaders and companies conceive precisely unimagined strategic options in order to stay ahead in this competitive world. The Government of India has declared the decade 2010-2020 as the ‘Decade of Innovation’ and the government has stressed upon the need to synergies Science, Technology and Innovation.” Speaking about fostering innovation in Gujarat and Startup ecosystem, he added “Gujarat has been rated as the Top Performing State as per the 2016 NCAER State Investment Potential Index and it was also ranked number one state in the Ease of Doing Business 2015 ranking by DIPP and World Bank. All these factors play an important role for providing an environment for innovation.”

Keynote speaker at the Summit, Sri CP Gurnani, Chairman NASSCOM said, “Even though India is home to the second highest internet users in the world, there is a large portion of the population that still do not use internet. It should be our collaborative effort to use technology for inclusive growth. Looking at the response of the youth towards technology and technology driven products, I believe Gujarat has the ability to become another San Francisco.”

Shri Dhananjay Dwivedi, Secretary (IT, Science & Technology), Government of Gujarat said, “This summit will provide a platform for Startups and entrepreneurs who wish to dream big. At the Summit, the participants will get a chance to interact with the top enterprises, policy makers and venture capitalists as well as showcase their ideas and prototypes.”

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Key outcomes of the event

For students, it was a great exposure to the real world dealing in various industries and business. It was a great chance for them to meet various dignitaries to expand their network and knowledge. Through such meeting, they can enrich their knowledge and broaden their opportunities. They met many investors and founders of well-established business and got valuable advice for their project.

Events was successful with the coordination and support of Mr. Hirnamay Mahanta (Honorary Director), Dr. Apurv Raval (Deputy Director), Ms. Tosha Shukla (Assistant Professor), Mr. Mitesh Solanki (Assistant Professor), Mr. Raj Hakkani (Assistant professor), Mr. Hemal Nayak (Assistant Professor) and other GTU staff.

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