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To,

Principals, Innovation Club Coordinators, Project-innovation exhibition program coordinators of all affiliated colleges/Institutions

*Appreciation of the Best Student Start-up of the graduating batch
Awarding Medals during GTU 16th Annual Convocation*

In accordance with the mandate of "National Student Start-up Policy" unveiled by MHRD and SSIP Gujarat, Gujarat Technological University has announced its 1st Medal in Convocation 2019 and in the whole of our mother country to take such a progressive measure to promote innovation and entrepreneurial attributes among the youth across affiliating institutes. Subsequently, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Gold Medals were awarded. GTU believes that such intervention will go a long way in inspiring our young students to find answers to the problems by pursuing entrepreneurial route and in effect contributing to the growth of India and making a great career for themselves. Similarly, this year, GTU will appreciate best student start-ups of graduating batch 2025-2026 by awarding Medals during the 16th annual convocation.

Evaluation for the awarding the Medals will be done by a committee of jury comprising of noted experts from state and national start-up ecosystems, academia, industry and other areas related to start-ups. The Medals will be awarded to outstanding students/ student teams having start-ups in UG and PG as per the evaluation and recommendation by the Committee/Jury.

The Criteria for Start-ups to be considered for this award:

1. The lead founder/Co-founder of the student start-up who is nominated for the above should be from the graduating batch of any of the UG/PG programme under any of the GTU affiliated colleges / PG schools / constituent college.
2. The Student Start-up should be recognized as Start-up by DIPP/DPIIT and registered as legal entity in Academic Year 2025-26 with or without affiliation to any incubator/innovation centre.
3. The start-up should have attained a turnover of minimum INR 3 lakh (including orders on hand) before Convocation. Alternatively if it is a social innovation start-up, the intangible value created by the start-up should be INR 2 Lakh or more. Roughly quantifying the intangible value will be done by the committee.
4. Grant, award money, Investment received by the student start-up will not be counted for the above but such start-ups fulfilling the above criteria can be given additional weightage while shortlisting.
5. The student start-up should not be a mere extension of any family business. It should be an independent enterprise initiated by any student or team of students of the graduating batch.
6. The lead founder/co-founder (s) of the selected start-up of the graduating batch 2025-26 can receive a medal for the above.



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7. Every year, GTU will give away a medal based on the merit and criteria set by the jury. Decision of Selection committee will be final.

Instructions:

1. Based on the data provided will only be considered for your eligibility.
2. Produce of Any incorrect /misleading information may not be considered & stand disqualified at any stage.
3. Please fill accurate and precise information like email addresses, contact details, pitch deck etc. Avoid multiple submissions.
4. Selected student Start-up will be invited for award ceremony.

Student Start-ups requested to **apply before 30th October 2026, Time: 12.00 PM**

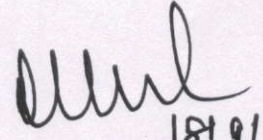
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