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Student Startup Story - KIIF

PINGZ: A Story of Empathy and Innovation by UID Student Innovators

Every great idea begins with listening. For UID students Pakhi Dogra and Priyavi Khandelwal, it started with heartfelt conversations with families of children with autism. They heard about the struggles of sensory overload, communication barriers, and the need for something that could bring comfort. In those stories, they saw an opportunity—not just to build a device, but to create a true companion.

That vision gave life to Pingz: a sensory companion blending gentle touch, soothing lights, and familiar voices to create safe and engaging spaces. It helps children feel supported in their own unique way. What began as a project for autism has now extended to supporting individuals with other developmental and neurological conditions as well.

The Students were supported and recognized for their impact. Pingz received ₹60,000 in funding under the SSIP (Student and Startup Innovation Policy) by the Government of Gujarat (GoG).



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Priyavi Khandelwal
Co-Founder, PingZ



Pakhi Dogra
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Piloting with KIIF

Duchas Technologies Pilots with KU Students

Duchas Technologies partnered with KU students to pilot an innovative palm vein scanning device, introducing a next-generation biometric solution. This technology aims to strengthen security and reduce forgery, showcasing how industry-academia collaboration can drive impactful innovation.



Glimpses of the Duchas Technologies Pilots with KU Students

KIIF Highlights

Building stronger startups: KIIF at MeitY's SAKSHAM program.

Under the support of MeitY, Dr. Brinda Pandya from the KIIF team has been nominated to attend SAKSHAM, a two-day capacity-building program by MeitY Startup Hub and STPI on 21st-22nd August 2025 in Bhubaneswar, reinforcing KIIF's commitment to innovation and ecosystem development.



Dr. Brinda Pandya at the Saksham Program by MeitY @Bhusneshwar

Mentor Insight

From the Desk of the Dr. P Lakshmi



Dr. P Lakshmi
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At Karnavati University, we believe entrepreneurship is not just about starting a business—it is about finding meaningful solutions to real problems. True innovation lies in creating something that makes a difference to people's lives and communities.

As a mentor, I encourage students to focus on understanding the need first, then work with dedication and continuously refine their ideas. Through KIIF, we support them in transforming concepts into viable models, building networks, and developing the confidence to take bold steps forward.

I have witnessed students grow from having a simple idea into building ventures with the potential to scale and create real impact. My message to young innovators is this—begin with small steps, remain consistent in your journey, and never lose sight of the purpose that drives your work.

KIIF's Highlights

SSIP Investment Drive by KIIF's Flagship Initiative Aarambh

KU Student Innovators Shine Under Aarambh Initiative

Aarambh 4.0 showcased the true spirit of student innovation at KU. From 80+ applications, the journey narrowed to 8 promising ideas, each refined through weeks of mentoring and handholding. These young innovators stepped onto the stage with clarity, confidence, and the courage to solve real-world problems.

Among them, 3 innovations secured SSIP funding worth ₹3.2 lakh, while 5 others will continue their journey with structured guidance to reach the next stage of readiness.

- Infuse is transforming rehabilitation with a smart wearable that adapts in real-time.
- Oxifit is making mountaineering safer with hands-free oxygen monitoring.
- Toodles is reinventing baby furniture with modular, sustainable design.

Aarambh 4.0 was more than an event; it was a reminder that when students are empowered with the right ecosystem, they don't just build prototypes, they build solutions that touch lives and inspire the future.



Glimpses of the SSIP Investment Drive by KIIF

Startup Wins @KIIF

Vitricion Wins Best Startup Award at Hospex 2025

When Vatsal Dixit, a young entrepreneur from Ahmedabad, set out to reimagine nutrition, he chose simplicity as his tool for innovation. That idea became Vitricion Oral Strips — dissolvable strips that deliver health benefits in seconds, offering a smarter alternative to bulky tablets, bitter syrups, or sugary gummies.

Starting with categories like Acidity Relief, Joint Health, Pet Calming, and Pet Skin & Coat, Vitricion has already carved a space for itself in India through Amazon, Flipkart, Blinkit, Nykaa, pharmacy chains, and even crossed borders to launch in the USA and UK.

The startup's journey took a proud leap at Hospex Expo 2025, Kochi, where Vitricion was honored with the Best Startup Award for its groundbreaking approach to health and wellness.

With KIIF's incubation and NI grant handholding, Vatsal and his team are now gearing up to launch 100+ innovative SKUs, making healthcare more accessible and impactful worldwide.



Glimpses of Vitricion Wins Best Startup Award at Hospex 2025

From Lab to Global Stage: MICO's Journey of Innovation

Innovation often starts with curiosity, and for Vaibhav Kushwaha, our alumnus and SSIP beneficiary, that curiosity turned into MICO, a deep-tech startup pioneering mycelium-based leather. His hard work and research received global recognition at IIT Ropar, where he proudly showcased his journey from fungal culture development to eco-friendly material innovation.

At the Shastri Indo-Canadian Conference 2025, Vaibhav's oral presentation not only impressed the jury but also earned him a certificate, award, and ₹3,000 cash prize. Soon after, at the PIWOT Satellite Conference, he presented the complete R&D process, winning yet another certificate, award, and ₹2,000 cash prize.

Adding to these milestones, KIIF successfully facilitated SSIP funding approval worth ₹1,25,000, empowering Vaibhav to scale his vision of sustainable innovation.



Glimpses of MICO's Win Journey of Innovation



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