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**Highlighting Innovation,
Accelerating Success**



Student Startup Story - KIIF

Bringing Travel Exploration to Older Adults With an Interactive TUI Innovation

The Tangible User Interface (TUI) Game Toolkit was developed by UID student Srushti Patil during her Master's research on mobility challenges faced by senior citizens in Pune. After 230+ interviews and discussions with geriatric experts, she created an interactive TUI game that helps seniors virtually explore cultural and heritage landmarks worldwide. Recognized for its social impact, the project received SSIP funding for prototyping and further development.



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Mentor Insight

From the Desk of the Prof. Viral Bhatt



The Karnavati Innovation & Incubation Foundation (KIIF) at Karnavati University is shaping a dynamic ecosystem that brings together creative thinking, technological advancement, and entrepreneurial vision. At its core is a strong mentorship culture that helps emerging innovators navigate ideation, product development, and venture creation with confidence.

Our aim as mentors is not only to guide but to strengthen each innovator's capabilities, ensuring their ideas evolve into practical, scalable solutions with real-world impact. Every startup receives structured, personalized support aligned with KIIF's mentorship framework, combining technical expertise, strategic insight, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

With the academic foundation of Karnavati University and the research-driven approach of our faculty, innovators benefit from rigorous validation, refined prototypes, IP strategy guidance, and business model refinement. The integration of artificial intelligence further enables data-driven decisions, rapid testing, and precise innovation. Together, KIIF empowers future leaders to transform tomorrow's technological landscape.

Team Highlights

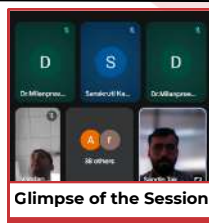
KIIF at the AI Pre-Summit @GIFT City

KIIF partnered with FinGlobe-CoE as an incubator collaborator for the pre-summit event held in the run-up to the India-AI Impact Summit 2026. As a valued partner, three FinTech startups has Participated in this initiative to Showcase AI integration in the Finances.



Session on IPR by Sandip Takwani

A session on "IPR and Its Relevance in Engineering" was taken by Mr. Sandip Takwani at Atharva College of Engineering, Mumbai, organised by the Department of Electronics and Computer Science.



KU @IIC Achievements

Karnavati University, under its IIC initiatives, earned the Best Poster Award for showcasing impactful innovation practices for AY 2024-25. This recognition highlights KU's growing focus on fostering creativity, practical problem-solving, and a strong innovation-driven culture among its students.



Expert Session at Ujjain Incubation Centre | Dr. Brinda Pandya

Dr. Brinda Pandya delivered a sharp, high-impact session at the Ujjain Incubation Center, breaking down scalable business models and key startup metrics. She equipped emerging founders with practical strategies to drive growth, make smarter decisions, and scale with confidence.



Piloting with KIIF

Pilot of Battle mitra with 130+ Players & 30+ teams

Battle Mitra, founded by UIT student Kathan Shah, is a secure esports tournament platform supported by KIIF under SSIP. It successfully completed pilot testing at KUEC with 30+ teams and 130+ players. With strong engagement and a 150+ gamer community.



KIIF's Highlights

Event Highlights @KIIF

GENESIS 2025: 120+ Applicants, 3 Funding Components | Creating Impact for Tier II & III Tech Founders

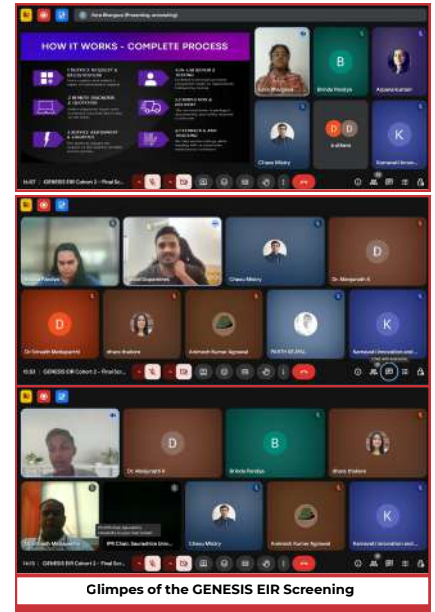
Over the past month, KIIF significantly expanded its national outreach under the GENESIS Program by MeitY Startup Hub (MSH), drawing strong participation of innovators from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across India, with a notable presence of deep-tech founders. KIIF opened applications for the EIR Fellowship, the 1:1 Matching Fund, and the Pilot Funding Program, collectively receiving 120+ applications.

After a rigorous multi-stage evaluation process, KIIF completed the Final Screening, selecting four high-potential startups and one innovator team from Karnavati University for structured support. Additional shortlisted teams have been recommended for the final evaluation by MeitY.

Key Highlights

- 120+ Pan-India applications from Tier 2 & Tier 3 innovators across all three GENESIS components implemented by KIIF.
- Strong deep-tech representation, with several founders pitching breakthrough ideas to the KIIF selection committee for EIR, Matching Fund, and Pilot Support.
- 10+ promising startups recommended to MeitY for the final stage of evaluation and potential support under GENESIS.
- 15+ Live mentoring cum screening feedback from varied Industry & Academic Experts.

This strengthened participation reaffirms KIIF's mission to empower breakthrough innovation and expand entrepreneurial opportunities across India's emerging ecosys



Founder-Student Dialogue Insights

UIM KIIF Bridging Classroom Learning with Founder Experiences for UIM Students

KIIF hosted an insightful session for UIM students titled "Management to Market – A Founder's Journey," featuring Mr. Vatsal Dixit, Founder of MetroPharm Wellness India Pvt. Ltd. The session connected students with a real startup founder, offering practical insights on idea validation, product building, market entry, and early scaling. Through real examples and candid learnings, students gained a clearer understanding of how management concepts convert into real entrepreneurial action.



Glimpses of the Session

UIT KIIF Guiding Students Toward Innovation-Driven Careers for UIT Students



Glimpses of the Session

Student innovator-turned-startup founder Anmol Shah, founder of Arnobot Private Limited, interacted with UIT students during a workshop on "Entrepreneurship & Innovation as a Career Opportunity." He shared practical insights on building a startup, navigating challenges, and turning ideas into impactful innovations. His journey inspired students to explore entrepreneurship with confidence and curiosity.

KIIF x G-MAITRI

Strategic Collaboration between KIIF & G-MAITRI (Gujarat – Mentorship and Acceleration of Individuals for Transforming Rural Income)

KIIF signed an MoU with G-MAITRI (Gujarat – Mentorship and Acceleration of Individuals for Transforming Rural Income) to support rural innovators through mentorship, incubation, and capacity-building. The collaboration aims to strengthen grassroots innovation and accelerate income-generation opportunities across Gujarat.



MOU Exchange between KU - KIIF X G-Maitri

Startup Piloting: Ideas to Field Trials

From Demo to Deployment: Arnobot Set for Army Field Trials Post Defence Demo Day 3.0 -A flagship Initiative by Karnavati University under DDTII

Arnobot began as a student startup determined to tackle one of industry's toughest challenges: inspecting and maintaining dangerous, hard-to-reach structures. What started with a magnetic wall-climbing robot quickly evolved into a suite of modular machines designed for real-world hazards — from boilers and ship hulls to rugged outdoor terrains. Their journey took a pivotal turn at Defence Demo Day 3.0, where Arnobot showcased its ground robot built for sandy landscapes. The prototype's strong performance earned them an invitation for Indian Army field trials, a defining milestone. With enhancements in durability and endurance now underway, Arnobot moves confidently toward defence-ready deployment and broader national impact.



Founders of Arnobot



Highlights from Initial Trials Leading Into the Next Phase of On-Ground Testing



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