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Student Startup Story - KIIF Lufi: Reimagining indoor play to support movement, learning, and growth



Lufi, founded by Yashasvi Mittal and Rimzim Varma (Year 4 Product Design, UID – Karnavati University), is developing a life-sized interactive toy designed to support physical development in young children through play. Lufi encourages active physical play at home by leveraging toddlers' natural inclination toward role-playing and pretend play. Designed for children aged 3–6 living in urban households, the product addresses the growing lack of opportunities for movement, sensory engagement, and imaginative play in limited indoor spaces. Supported with ₹1.00 lakh under SSIP through KIIF, Lufi is currently at the prototype development stage, having completed concept development and early design exploration.



Mentor Insight From the Desk of the Registrar



Dr. Tariq Ali Saiyed
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At Karnavati University, innovation is positioned as a disciplined institutional responsibility. The role of KIIF is to translate ideas into ventures with measurable and sustainable outcomes, ensuring that innovation moves beyond intent into execution.

The past year reflects a steady strengthening of this approach. Structured programmes such as Aarambh 4.0, an expanded mentor network, and deeper engagement with students and startups have created a more outcome-driven ecosystem. Increased startup participation, stronger prototype development, early-stage funding traction, and improved industry linkages indicate a maturing pipeline.

This progression reflects a shift in mindset across students and founders. The focus is moving from experimentation to execution discipline, and from short-term visibility to long-term value creation. Innovation is increasingly being viewed through the lens of building sustainable and scalable ventures.

Operational clarity and compliance hygiene become critical at this stage. Defined processes, financial discipline, regulatory awareness, and transparent governance shape the credibility of a venture. These elements influence how effectively startups engage with investors, partners, and institutional ecosystems.

The direction ahead remains focused on enabling ventures that are scalable, compliant, and aligned with national and sectoral priorities. Institutions carry the responsibility of creating structured environments that support this transition with clarity and accountability.

KIIF continues to act as a catalyst in this journey. Supporting innovation that is ambitious, resilient, and built for long-term impact.

GIFT IIFH drives collaboration through action-focused roundtable

GIFT IIFH convened a focused gathering of ecosystem leaders, incubators, accelerators, and innovation enablers from across Gujarat. The session emphasized action and commitment, with discussions centered on co-programming, shared infrastructure, and joint execution. This collaborative approach aims to strengthen the state's startup ecosystem through aligned efforts and resource optimization.



KIIF's Highlights

Student Innovations Supported at Aarambh 5.0 Finale

₹11.80 Lakh Sanctioned by KIIF and Karnavati University Schools to Support PoC Development under SSIP



Aarambh 5.0 concluded with the SSIP screening, marking the transition of student ideas into early-stage startup journeys. Conducted across all schools of Karnavati University, the three-month pre-incubation program equipped students with practical startup tools such as the Problem Statement Canvas, Value Proposition Canvas, Lean Canvas, market validation, and pitch deck development.

After a rigorous evaluation process, 6 student innovations have been selected for support under the SSIP scheme. In collaboration with the concerned schools, KIIF has sanctioned a total of ₹11.80 lakh to these teams to develop their Proof of Concept (PoC).

The selected teams will continue receiving mentoring and incubation support to translate their innovations into scalable startup ventures.



Arrobot Private Limited Achieves Early Milestone with Tactical Surveillance Robot

Arrobots conducts three field trials, including one with the Indian Army Engineering Regiment



Arrobot Private Limited, supported under the GENESIS Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) program at KIIF, has achieved an early milestone by designing and manufacturing its robotic solution for field deployment. The startup has conducted three trial runs two with solar companies and one with the Indian Army Engineering Regiment. Arrobot has developed a compact robot for tactical surveillance, designed to support police commandos and military personnel in high-risk operational environments.



IPCCI MoU Signing

Karnavati University, through Karnavati Innovation and Incubation Foundation (KIIF), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the India Poland Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IPCCI) to foster startup pilots, cross-border collaboration, and student support initiatives.



As part of this engagement, IPCCI delegates visited the Karnavati University campus to gain insights into the Indian education system, interact with academic and incubation teams, and explore opportunities for joint programs, innovation exchange, and global market access for emerging startups.



Avasar Secures Multiple National Recognitions



startup driving inclusive earning opportunities for Tier 2 & 3 Cities



Avasar Works Private Limited, incubated at Karnavati Innovation and Incubation Foundation, is a micro-gig platform empowering students, homemakers, and gig seekers in Tier 2-4 cities with instant earning opportunities through verified digital and field-

based tasks. Addressing the gap between digital access and income, it offers a simple, multilingual, and trust-driven platform. Avasar has achieved significant milestones, including selection in Kotak BizLabs Season 2, winning the NIDHI Accelerator Demo Day at IIIT Delhi with a ₹5.00 lakh grant, and ranking among the Top 8 in the Bharat 10M Accelerator by EkStep Foundation and Caret Capital.

Alphoenix Selected for Kotak BizLabs Season 2

KIIF-incubated startup gains national recognition through IIMA Ventures program



Alphoenix, incubated at Karnavati Innovation and Incubation Foundation under the GENESIS EIR scheme, has been selected for Kotak BizLabs Season 2 in partnership with Kotak Mahindra Bank. The program supports early-revenue startups with mentorship, networks, and catalytic grants. Selected through a 7-city roadshow, Alphoenix represents emerging innovation from tier 2 and 3 ecosystems.





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