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Student Startup Story - KIIF

From Classroom Coders to Campus Innovators: A Student-Led Mission to Reform Engineering Assessments

UIT



**Kush saraf
& Yash chavda**
Co-founder - CodeNexus

At Karnavati University, two determined student innovators set out to solve a problem deeply rooted in engineering education. Kush Saraf and Yash Chavda, B.Tech Computer Science students from Unitedworld Institute of Technology, observed that coding assessments in many institutions continued to rely on manual evaluation methods, often leading to inconsistent grading, delayed feedback, and plagiarism-related concerns. Instead of accepting these inefficiencies as routine, they developed CodeNexus, an intelligent coding evaluation platform that

automates assessments through secure sandbox execution, hidden test cases, and plagiarism detection mechanisms. Supported by Karnavati Innovation and Incubation Foundation, the startup also received ₹1,00,000 under the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP).



Mentor Insight

From the Desk of the Assistant Dean, UIT - KU

At Unitedworld Institute of Technology, innovation-driven learning is viewed not merely as an academic pursuit, but as a pathway to shaping future-ready engineers, entrepreneurs, and problem-solvers. Supported by the collaborative ecosystem of Karnavati Innovation and Incubation Foundation and Karnavati University, students are encouraged to transform ideas into impactful ventures through mentorship, incubation, research exposure, and industry engagement.

The growing success of student-led startups and innovation initiatives reflects UIT's strong culture of interdisciplinary thinking, technological exploration, and entrepreneurial leadership. From AI and deep-tech innovations to sustainable and socially relevant solutions, students continue to demonstrate their ability to address real-world challenges with purpose and creativity. As educators and mentors, the institution remains committed to nurturing ethical innovation, critical thinking, and collaborative leadership while building an ecosystem where young innovators are empowered to create scalable solutions for a rapidly evolving global future.



Dr. Kunjan Shah
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KIIF Secures Continued Support from DST-Gujarat to Advance Innovation and Entrepreneurship

For Karnavati Innovation and Incubation Foundation (KIIF), the receipt of the final grant tranche from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat, is a strong validation of its growing role in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. KIIF has emerged as a dynamic platform supporting student innovators and early-stage startups through mentorship, infrastructure, industry linkages, and strategic guidance.

Supported under the Government of Gujarat's initiative for incubators and startups, this milestone reinforces KIIF's commitment to building a vibrant innovation ecosystem where ideas evolve into scalable ventures. The support will further strengthen efforts to nurture future-ready entrepreneurs and innovation-driven solutions that create meaningful economic and societal impact.



KIIF's Highlights

Concept to Company – Aarambh 5.0 (Edition 2.0) - Final SSIP Screening

10 Student Startups Pitch Before Final SSIP Committee at Aarambh 5.0

At Karnavati Innovation and Incubation Foundation, the final screening round of Aarambh 5.0 – Concept to Company (Edition 2.0) marked another important milestone in nurturing student-led innovation and entrepreneurship. Organised under the framework of the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP), the session witnessed 10 promising student startups pitching their ideas before the final SSIP committee for funding support and incubation opportunities.

The startups presented innovative solutions across technology, sustainability, healthcare, and emerging sectors, reflecting the growing culture of problem-solving and entrepreneurial thinking among students. The initiative reinforced KIIF's commitment towards transforming early-stage ideas into scalable ventures through mentorship, funding access, institutional guidance, and ecosystem-driven support.



15 Startups, One Table: To Build Collaborative Growth Strategies

KIIF, Startups Chamber of Gujarat, and Antrapreneur bring founders together for tactical discussions on partnerships, market access, and ecosystem-driven entrepreneurship

The Startup Round Table hosted at Karnavati University brought together 15 promising startups for a focused discussion on accountability, collaboration, and collective growth. Organized by KIIF in collaboration with Startups Chamber of Gujarat and Antrapreneur – The Business Incubator, the session created a platform for founders to exchange challenges, insights, and growth opportunities.

Discussions focused on partnerships, shared networks, referrals, and collaborative market access strategies to drive business growth. The round table reinforced the importance of founder-led collaboration and reflected the growing maturity of Gujarat's startup ecosystem.

The session also enabled founders to identify potential synergies, paving the way for future partnerships and business opportunities, while fostering a culture of collective growth within the ecosystem.



7 Startups Advance Towards Investment Following GVFL x KIIF Demo Day

GVFL and KIIF connect promising startups with investment and seed fund opportunities



KIIF, in collaboration with GVFL, successfully hosted a Demo Day, creating a platform for startups to connect with investors, mentors, and ecosystem leaders. The event featured 16 startups showcasing innovations across technology, sustainability, and emerging sectors.

Through a structured pitching and evaluation process, founders presented their ventures before an expert panel. As a key outcome, 7 startups were shortlisted for potential investment opportunities through GVFL, while 3 startups were identified by KIIF for support under SISFS.

The initiative highlighted the growing strength of Gujarat's startup ecosystem and KIIF's commitment to enabling startups with access to capital, mentorship, and institutional support. Such engagements continue to accelerate venture growth and foster innovation-driven entrepreneurship.



From KIIF to Kerala: D3S Healthcare Showcases Innovation

SISFS-supported startup receives national exposure through ecosystem collaborations and leadership interactions

Incubated at KIIF and supported under the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme, D3S Healthcare Solution showcased its healthcare innovations at the GCCI Expo, engaging with industry leaders, policymakers, and ecosystem stakeholders.

A key highlight was an interaction with V. V. Rajesh, Mayor of Kerala, focusing on healthcare accessibility, innovation-led development, and opportunities aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat. The journey reflects how incubation support and ecosystem partnerships can empower startups to create meaningful impact and scale innovative solutions for society.



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