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Student Startup Story - KIIF **UIT**

WhiteQubit: Reimagining Cybersecurity Through Autonomous Defense

As cyber threats become increasingly sophisticated, Sumit Kumar and Pavansinh Thakor, students of Unitedworld Institute of Technology (UIT), Karnavati University, are developing WhiteQubit, an autonomous cybersecurity platform designed to detect and respond to digital threats in real time.



Sumit Kumar & Thakor Pavansinh
Co-founders WhiteQubit

WhiteQubit integrates OS-level monitoring, honeypot-based detection, intelligent threat analysis and automated response, with the aim of making advanced cybersecurity more accessible to startups, SMEs, hospitals and educational institutions.

KIIF has supported the student innovators through Karnavati University's SSIP initiative, sanctioning ₹1.90 lakh towards the development of WhiteQubit. The support enables students to take their idea beyond the classroom and work towards building a practical, technology-driven cybersecurity solution.

KIIF Supported startup **Metropharm** Secures ₹20 Lakh Funding



Selected under the Startup Gujarat 2020 Policy through KIIF, Karnavati University, strengthening its journey towards technology development and business growth.

Metropharma Private limited has been selected to receive ₹20.00 lakh in startup funding support under the Startup Gujarat 2020 Policy, facilitated through Karnavati Innovation & Incubation Foundation (KIIF), Karnavati University.

The funding will support Metropharm in strengthening its product development and business growth. The achievement reflects KIIF's continued efforts to connect promising startups with institutional support, funding opportunities, and the wider entrepreneurial ecosystem, enabling founders to convert innovative ideas into scalable ventures.

Mentor Insight

From the Desk of Dr. Satya Ranjan Acharya - Professor & Director, Department of Entrepreneurship Education, EDII



Dr. Satya Ranjan Acharya
Professor & Director, EDII

One of the biggest advantages of being a young entrepreneur is the ability to experiment, learn and change direction quickly. Incubation support can significantly shorten the journey from an idea to a viable venture by providing the right environment, guidance and resources. Instead of spending too much time planning and thinking, founders should experiment faster.

Not every experiment will succeed and that is perfectly acceptable. What matters is how quickly you learn from the outcome and adapt. When you start young, you have the opportunity to change your path several times before finding the one that works.

Make the most of the ecosystem around you. For student and young entrepreneurs, the campus itself can become a powerful support system. Build relationships with friends, families, faculty members and alumni. Your first customer, supplier, mentor or collaborator may already be within your network. Look beyond the classroom and make full use of the academic infrastructure, expertise and opportunities available to you.

Use technology not merely to build technology, but to make better decisions. Use it to understand your market, test assumptions, improve your products and services, and create new possibilities.

And through this journey, stay grounded. Success is rarely an individual achievement. Give credit to the people who contribute to your journey, learn from the mistakes of others, and remain open to suggestions even when they challenge your thinking.

Experiment faster. Use your ecosystem. Learn continuously. Stay grounded. These habits can make the entrepreneurial journey shorter, sharper and more meaningful.

KIIF's Highlights

Karnavati University Takes Innovation Education to PM SHRI Schools

Selected among 450 HEIs under the Ministry of Education's DICE initiative, KU conducts entrepreneurship sessions across four schools in Gujarat to foster innovation and creative thinking among students.

Karnavati University, a 4-Star rated institution under the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), has been selected among 450 Higher Education Institutions across India to implement the DICE (Developing Innovation Culture & Entrepreneurship) initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in association with AICTE and the MoE's Innovation Cell.

Under the initiative, the University is working with four PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat: Ahmedabad Cantt, Sabarmati, CRPF Gandhinagar and M.R. Campus, Ahmedabad. Sessions under the Developing Entrepreneurial Skills programme were conducted at Sahibaug and Sabarmati on September 18, Ahmedabad Cantt on September 23, and CRPF Gandhinagar on September 24, 2026. The initiative seeks to introduce school students to innovation and entrepreneurship through structured learning and expert-led interventions, fostering creative thinking and entrepreneurial awareness at an early stage.



Startup Achievement

KIIF-Incubated H VISION INDIA Shortlisted for Zero Project Awards 2027



Hasin Vaidya
Founder - H vision India

H VISION INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED, an incubated startup at KIIF, founded by UID alumnus Hasin Vaidya, has been shortlisted for the prestigious Zero Project Awards 2027, recognising its contribution to advancing accessibility and inclusion for persons with disabilities.

The startup is among 159 innovative solutions shortlisted from 59 countries across six continents, selected from 615 nominations received from 94 countries worldwide. The Zero Project Awards recognise innovative policies, practices, and technologies that improve the lives of persons with disabilities and promote an inclusive society.

This international recognition marks a significant milestone for H VISION INDIA, highlighting its commitment to developing impactful, accessibility-focused solutions. The achievement reflects the growing global relevance of inclusive innovation and the potential of emerging ventures to address critical societal challenges.

711	Asia & Pacific	Lebanon	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	Website
718	Africa	Malawi	Dr. John of God Hospital Services	Website
720	North America	United States of America	Global Owl Research Institute	Website
721	North America	United States of America	NEISAC Inc., New York City Chapter Africa AMRC New York City (AMRC NYC)	Website
723	Asia & Pacific	Pakistan	Pakistan Legal United Society PLUS	Website
726	Asia & Pacific	India	H VISION INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	Website
727	North America	United States of America	RCM of Washington	Website
728	North America	Canada	Magnusmode Limited	Website
730	Europe	United Kingdom	Transwarp	Website
743	North America	United States of America	Special Olympics International	Website
748	Latin America & Caribbean	Brazil	Hand Talk	Website

KIIF Conducts Final Evaluation Committee Meeting for MeitY GENESIS EIR Cohort 3

130 applications screened, 50 startups presented to the EC, and a selected cohort forwarded to MSH.

Karnavati Innovation and Incubation Foundation (KIIF) has successfully completed the preliminary screening of 130 applications received under the MeitY GENESIS Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) Cohort 3.

Following the initial evaluation, 50 promising startups have been shortlisted and forwarded to the Evaluation Committee for final assessment. The final evaluation process will assess the startups' technological innovation, business potential, market viability, and scope for growth.

The initiative reflects KIIF's continued commitment to identifying and nurturing early-stage entrepreneurs through structured incubation, mentorship, and funding support under the GENESIS programme.

The final evaluation marks a significant milestone in the selection process, bringing aspiring entrepreneurs one step closer to accessing support to develop and scale their innovative ventures.



Trad: Bridging the Working Capital Gap in Global Trade

Building a technology-driven offshore trade finance platform to help Indian SMEs finance export receivables and import payables through offshore lenders and GIFT City payment infrastructure.

Trad is building an offshore trade finance platform to help Indian SMEs overcome working capital challenges in international trade. By enabling financing against export receivables and import payables through offshore lenders, Trad helps businesses manage cash flows and sustain operations. Its technology integrates documentation, shipments, invoices, and collections, enabling timely financing and efficient cross-border settlements through GIFT City payment infrastructure. KIIF has supported Trad under the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS), enabling the startup to advance its mission of strengthening India's SME export-import ecosystem and facilitating greater participation in global trade.



Sapan & Jayant
Co-founders - Trad



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