GTU hosts seminar on student start-up framework for AICTE

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat Technological University(GTU) is hosting a daylong seminar on Wednesday to deliberate on formulating a 'student start-up framework' for All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) by integrating start-up nodal agencies or incubation centres with universities and educational institutes. Addressing mediapersons here on Tuesday, GTU vice-chancellor Akshai Agarwal and Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI) director Sunil Shukla said that more than 40 stakeholders from universities, industry representatives, policymakers, representatives of incubators and grassroots start-up ecosystem actors from all over the country will attend the seminar.

The two academicians said that while the government had appointed nodal centres for promoting and incubating student start-ups, they were not delivering results because they were not linked to technical and educational institutes. They said that keeping this in view AICTE had set up a committee of experts for preparing a start-up policy for students of technical institutes. The committee consists of GTU vice-chancellor Akshai Aggarwal and EDI director Sunil Shukla and three others, besides representatives of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Aggarwal and Shukla said the seminar was the first step towards holding deliberations about how to prepare a pan-India start-up policy. GTU is the first in the country to come out with its own start-up policy. GTU Innovation Council representative Hiranmay Mahanta said that even if one per cent of the engineering and pharmacy students in the country were able to set up successful start-ups, it would lead to a start-up revolution. **ENS**