

Report on the Launch of KIDNOVATION Programme

Organized by the Department of Community and Special Education

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The **KIDNOVATION** programme was formally launched on **23 June 2026**, coinciding with the **Nirvan Din (Punyatithi)** of **Shri Gijubhai Badheka**, the renowned educationist and pioneer of child-centred education. The launch ceremony was organized by the **Department of Community and Special Education** during the University's morning prayer assembly.



The programme commenced with the **University Prayer**, creating a solemn and inspiring atmosphere for the occasion.



Following the prayer, the **Coordinator of the KIDNOVATION Project, Dr. Anjana Chauhan** introduced the initiative and highlighted its vision and objectives. Dr. Anjana Chauhan explained that KIDNOVATION is an innovative initiative of the Department of Community and Special Education aimed at nurturing creativity, innovation, and scientific thinking among students of Standards KG to 12. The project seeks to encourage young minds to transform their creative ideas into meaningful innovations through mentoring, prototype development, and intellectual property awareness.



Thereafter, **Dr. Dharmanshu Vaidya** delivered a thoughtful address on the life and contributions of **Shri Gijubhai Badheka**. He highlighted Gijubhai's pioneering work in child-centred education and emphasized the relevance of his educational philosophy in today's learning environment. He noted that encouraging children's curiosity, creativity, and independent thinking remains the foundation of quality education.



The audience was then addressed by **Dr. Nilesh Pandya**, Head of the Department of Community and Special Education. He shared the background and journey of the KIDNOVATION programme, explaining how the idea evolved within the department and was developed into a structured initiative. He emphasized that the programme is designed to provide a platform for school students to explore innovative ideas, develop problem-solving skills, and contribute meaningfully to society through innovation.



The highlight of the programme was the **official launch of the KIDNOVATION Project**, marked by the unveiling of the **programme logo and flyer**.



On this occasion, the **Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. T. S. Joshi**, addressed the gathering. In his inspiring speech, he appreciated the efforts of the Department of Community and Special Education for conceptualizing and launching such a unique initiative. He encouraged students and teachers to actively participate in KIDNOVATION and emphasized the importance of innovation, creativity, and research in shaping the future of education and nation-building.



The entire programme was gracefully anchored by **Dr. Krunal Panchal**, who ensured the smooth conduct of all the proceedings.

The programme concluded with the **University Song**, followed by a **Shradhanjali to Shri Gijubhai Badheka**, paying heartfelt tribute to his invaluable contribution to child education and his enduring educational philosophy.



The launch of KIDNOVATION marked the beginning of a significant initiative dedicated to fostering innovation among school students and reaffirmed the University's commitment to promoting creativity, research, and child-centred education.