



HSNC University, Mumbai

The Kalpana - Idea Accelerator: A One-Day Deep Dive

DATE OF EVENT	: 19th January 2026
TIME OF EVENT	: 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
NAME OF EVENT	: The Kalpana - Idea Accelerator: A One-Day Deep Dive
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS/ BENEFICIARIES	: 64
RESOURCE PERSON	: Mr. Dinesh Israni CEO, Rayat Centenary Innovation and Incubation Foundation (RCIIF)

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM-

- To create awareness among students about innovation, entrepreneurship, and incubation processes.**
- To develop students' ability to identify real-world problems through observation, empathy, and need analysis.**
- To guide students in transforming ideas into feasible and scalable solutions.**
- To foster an innovation-oriented and problem-solving mindset among students.**
- To provide hands-on exposure to structured problem discovery tools such as empathy maps and problem trees.**

BRIEF REPORT OF THE ACTIVITY-

The Kalpana – Idea Accelerator was successfully organized as a one-day intensive workshop on 19th January, 2026 at Learning Hall 803–804. The workshop was designed to nurture innovative thinking and entrepreneurial skills among students.

The program began with an inaugural session that included a warm welcome and opening remarks by Dr. Rajendra Shinde, followed by a keynote address highlighting the growing importance of innovation and incubation in today's academic and professional landscape.

The core sessions were led by **Mr. Dinesh Israni**, who introduced students to systematic approaches for problem identification and need analysis. Through interactive discussions and real-life examples, students gained clarity on differentiating between problems and symptoms, understanding user perspectives, and applying empathy-driven thinking.

A hands-on Problem Discovery Challenge formed a key highlight of the workshop, where students worked collaboratively in teams to identify real-world problems and develop empathy maps and problem trees. The workshop concluded with student presentations, expert feedback, refinement of ideas, and a valedictory session that included the distribution of mementos.

Overall, the workshop was highly engaging, practical, and insightful, providing students with meaningful exposure to the early stages of idea development and the incubation process. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Anjali Sutar.

OUTCOME OF THE PROGRAM-

- **Students developed a clear understanding of the idea-to-incubation journey.**
- **Improved ability to identify and analyze genuine societal and industry-related problems.**
- **Enhanced skills in applying empathy-based tools for structured problem analysis.**
- **Increased awareness about innovation, startups, and incubation opportunities.**

- Motivated students to explore entrepreneurial, innovative, and research-oriented initiatives.



