Dear Sir/Madam,

Student Start-up & Innovation Policy (SSIP) is declared by Education Department by GR No. PRC/2016/IPIES/DS/S/710197 Dated: 11/01/2017. For proper implementation of the policy objectives, it is decided to form various committees to envisage plan and execute different scope of the policy activities.

The broad goals of the policy shall be achieved through various interventions with key role and participation from community/ecosystem stakeholders. Emphasize has been given to involve wide range of expert stakeholders and develop specific programs, interventions and process to support young innovators at different juncture of their innovation value chain. In this context, "Community and Ecosystem Engagement Committee" for student Innovation and Start-up is constituted with following members:

1. Director, DAIICT (Convener)
2. Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University
3. Mr. Shailesh Patwari, GCCL
4. Mr. Karan Jani, Ligo Scientist, Georgia Tech University, Atlanta
5. Jatin Chaudhary, founder E Chai community
6. Ashwin Joshi, VP Ecosystem, CIIE
7. Mr. Abhay Jere, Secretary, Organizing Committee for Smart India Hackathon
8. President, TiE Ahmedabad
9. Prof Shailendra Mehta, VC, Auro University
10. Prof. D. M. Mandaliya, VGEC-Chandkheda
11. Prof. D. H. Patel, GEC, Gandhinagar
12. CEO, ICREATE
13. Prof T.K. Reddy, DG, PDPU

The above committee shall be responsible for creating strategy and implementation roadmap for ecosystem engagement and allied goals of SSIP. Above committee may co-opt suitable members who may add value to the efforts if required by the committee. Convener of the committee is requested to hold meetings at regular interval and at least twice in a month initially to plan out the roadmap and to decide actionable agenda.

(As per approval by Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Education)

Copy to:
(i) Members of the Committee
(ii) Shri Hiranmay Mahanta, Advisor, SSIP for necessary follow up.
(iii) CEO, Gujarat Knowledge Society