



**University Startup Cell
NAVSARI AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, Navsari**



in collaboration with
ASPEE Nutan Academy, Mumbai
proudly announces



2nd Successive

3-Days Intensive Sensitization & Outreach Training Programme on

“Igniting Young Minds for Innovation & Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Agri. & Allied Sectors”

February 5-7, 2026



President & Training Convener

Dr. Timur R. Ahlawat

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Chairman of University Startup Cell
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Chairman of Nodal Centre for SSIP 2.0
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Dr. Jayesh J. Pastagia

University Advisor of SSIP 2.0
Course Chairman of PGC-FPO
Training Co-Convener of AC&ABC Scheme
Professor & Head of Dept. of Entomology
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Training Director

Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar

University Nodal Officer of AC&ABC Scheme
University Placement & Counselling Head
University Coordinator of UHV Scheme
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University Coordinator of SSIP 2.0
Course Director of PGC-FPO
Training Coordinator of AC&ABC Scheme
Member Secretary of University Startup Cell
Member Secretary of University FPO Cell
Professor & Head in ABM
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Dynamic Duo of Training Coordinators



Dr. Mahantappa S. Sankanur

University Co-Coordinator of SSIP 2.0
Training Coordinator of AC&ABC Scheme
Active Member of University Startup Cell
Active Member of University FPO Cell
Associate Professor (FBTI)
Dept. of Forest Biology & Tree Improvement
CoF, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari



Dr. Kiran N. Patel

Programme Coordinator of PGC-FPO
Training Co-Coordinator of AC&ABC Scheme
Resource Person of PGC-FPO & SSIP 2.0
Asst. Professor (ABM)
AABMI, Navsari Agricultural University,
Navsari



**Super Special Training
Coordinator from ASPEE**

Mr. Sameer A. Shaikh

Certified ISO-9001 Lead Auditor
NLP Master Practitioner
Strategic Life Coach
Sr. Teacher & IBCP Coordinator
ASPEE Nutan Academy, Mumbai



Fabulous & Fantastic Four Exploration Visit Facilitators

Dr. Jayesh G. Pathak, Dr. Nilam V. Patel, Dr. Chirag S. Desai, Shri Ashok B. Patel

Day 1: February 5, 2026 – Thoughtful Thursday

Self Strengthening Journey Begins with the Top Trio of Acclaimed Trainers...



Cultivating Entrepreneurial Mindset - Entrepreneurial Thinking : Think Different...Think Ahead...

Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar

Internationally Acclaimed In-house HRD Trainer of NAU, Navsari
12 Gold Medals, 12 State, 24 National & 29 International Awards Winner Trainer
Winner of the "International Youth Employability Skills Devt. Champion Award-2025"
Proud Recipient of the most coveted "Dale Carnegie Teaching Excellence Award-2025"
Certified National Trainer, Master Trainer & Lead Assessor of Govt. of India
International Certified Career Coach from Mindler-India & CDA-USA
University Nodal Officer & Lead Trainer for AC&ABC Scheme
University Coordinator & Celebrated Value-Ethics Educator for UHV Scheme of AICTE
University Co-Coordinator & Lead Trainer of SSIP 2.0 Scheme
Course Co-Director & Lead Trainer of PGC-FPO
Startup MAARG Mentor of Govt. of India in 5 Sectors
Startup Mentor of VNSGU-Surat and CII & i-HUB (Govt. of Gujarat)
Professor & Head in HRM and University Placement & Counselling Head, NAU, Navsari



10:15 am
to
11:00 am



Fostering Innovation: Unlocking Entrepreneurship Potential in Agriculture

Dr. Swati S. Sharma

Celebrated Entrepreneurship & Startup Trainer of NAU, Navsari
University Coordinator & Lead Trainer of SSIP 2.0
Course Director & Lead Trainer of PGC-FPO
Training Coordinator & Lead Trainer of AC&ABC Scheme
Member Secretary of University Startup Cell
Member Secretary of University FPO Cell
Professor & Head in ABM, AABMI, NAU, Navsari



11:00 am
to
11:45 am



Entrepreneurship in Apiculture: Opportunities and Insights

Dr. Jayesh J. Pastagia

Pioneer of "Bee Keeping & Apiculture Research" in Gujarat
University Advisor of SSIP 2.0
Course Chairman of PGC-FPO
Training Co-Convener of AC&ABC Scheme
Professor & Head of Dept. of Entomology
Principal, AABMI, NAU, Navsari



11:45 am
to
12:45 pm

Delicious LUNCH BREAK (12:45 pm to 01:45 pm)

Practical Exposure Begins with the Visit Facilitators...



Exploring Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Bamboo Handicrafts and Furniture Industry through Practical Exposure Visit of Bamboo Resource Centre of NAU (with Refreshing Natural Energy Drink)

Dr. Jayesh G. Pathak

Accomplished Expert of NAU, Navsari for Agroforestry, Bamboo & Sugar Palms
Training Co-Coordinator & Lead Trainer of AC&ABC Scheme
Active Member of University Startup Cell
Associate Professor in SAF, CoF, NAU, Navsari



02:00 pm
to
03:30 pm



Exploring Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Processing and Value Addition of Fruits & Vegetables through Practical Exposure Visit of PHT Centre of Excellence of NAU (with Refreshing Fresh Delicious Drink)

Dr. Nilam V. Patel

Widely Acclaimed Expert of NAU, Navsari for Post Harvest Technology
Expertise in Processing of Tuber Crops, Sugarcane Juice Preservation and Tender Coconut Water Preservation
Associate Professor in PHT, ACoH, NAU, Navsari



03:45 pm
to
05:30 pm

Day 2: February 6, 2026 – Fabulous Friday

Self Strengthening Journey Begins with the Dynamic Duo of Acclaimed Trainers...



Business Plan Preparation Modalities Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar & Dr. Swati S. Sharma

Widely Acclaimed Experts of NAU, Navsari
for Entrepreneurship Devt. & Startup Growth



Practical Exposure Continues with the Visit Facilitators...



Best out of Waste: Practical Exposure Visit of Nationally & Internationally Acclaimed Banana Pseudostem Processing Unit of NAU: Excellent Illustration of Commercialization of Agri. Technology

Dr. Chirag S. Desai

Renowned Expert of NAU, Navsari for Patented Technologies of Banana Pseudostem Training Co-Coordinator & Lead Trainer of AC&ABC Scheme
Active Member of University Startup Cell
Associate Professor (Banana Pseudostem), SWMRU, NAU, Navsari



Delicious LUNCH BREAK (12:00 pm to 01:00 pm)



Exploring Business Opportunities in Bee-keeping: Rearing, Processing and Value Addition as well as Agri-Tourism through Practical Exposure Visit of Eco-Point, Soldhara

(with Refreshing Fresh Delicious Drink)

Shri Ashok B. Patel

Progressive & Role Model Farmer turned Agripreneur
Owner of Soldhara Eco-Point, Soldhara



Echoing 13th Century Heritage & Divinity through Spiritual Visit to Historical & Eternal Andheshwar Mahadev Sankul, Amalsad



Glimpses of the Last Year's 3-Days Training Programme



Day 3: February 7, 2026 – Soothing Saturday



MEGA STARTUP CONNECT

Showcasing the Strength of
Shining Students of NAU
turning Progressive Agripreneurs

STARTUP

Facilitators :
Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar, Dr. Swati S. Sharma
Dr. Mahantappa S. Sankanur
& Dr. Kiran N. Patel



09:00 am
To
03:30 pm



Day 3: February 7, 2026 – Soothing Saturday

**Enlightening Interaction & Panel Discussion with Established Entrepreneurs
Shining Alumni of NAU turned Entrepreneurs**



Shri Hardik M. Vaghani
Founder & CEO,
Agrobits Green Venture Pvt. Ltd.
AND Agronautics Solutions LLP



Dr. Krishna A. Parmar
Founder and Director,
Teasane Pvt. Ltd.



Shri Shivam C. Bhatt
Founder & Director,
Floral Flora LLP



09:00 am
to
10:30 am

Seasoned Moderators :
Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar & Dr. Swati S. Sharma



**Presentation of Inquisitive Learners –
Budding Entrepreneurs of
ASPEE Nutan Academy, Mumbai**

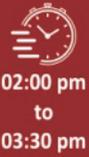


10:30 am
to
12:45 pm

Delicious LUNCH BREAK (12:45 pm to 01:45pm)



**Direct Dil Se...
Feedback Session...
Certificate Confirmation to Participants ...**



02:00 pm
to
03:30 pm

**Glimpses of the Last Year's 3-Days Training Programme held
during November 20-22, 2024**

