

AABMI – The Implementing Institute for the Nodal Centre of SSIP 2.0 Scheme

As one of the Top 10 State Agricultural University of the Nation having ICAR accreditation and 5-Star Rating under the Gujarat State Institutional Ranking Framework (GSIRF), our Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari has been recognized as the “Nodal Centre for SSIP 2.0” under the “Student Startup & Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0 Scheme” since 2022 by the SSIP Cell, Gujarat Knowledge Society, Directorate of Technical Education, Govt. of Gujarat.

Further, as the leading and pioneering Agribusiness Management Institute of the State and a constituent college of NAU, our *ASPEE Agribusiness Management Institute (AABMI)* has been given the responsibility of the “Implementing Institute” for the University Nodal Centre for SSIP 2.0. Under this, we train and inspire the students and faculty members through carefully designed Sensitization & Outreach Training Programmes. We also support the students and innovators by providing mentorship, incubation facilities, financial assistance, prototype development support, and startup guidance, encouraging the transformation of innovative ideas into scalable agri-business startups.

Presently, the following stalwarts are serving as the Officials of this “University Nodal Centre for SSIP 2.0” under the “Student Startup & Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0 Scheme”.

Sr. No.	Name of the Official	Role in the SSIP Scheme @ NAU
1)	Dr. Timur R. Ahlawat Director of Research & Dean-PG Studies NAU, Navsari	SSIP Chairman & Training Convener
2)	Dr. Jayesh J. Pastagia Principal-AABMI	SSIP Advisor & Training Co-Convener
3)	Dr. Swati S. Sharma Professor & Head in ABM	SSIP Coordinator & Training Director
4)	Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar Professor & Head in HRM	SSIP Co-Coordinator & Training Co-Director
5)	Dr. Mahantappa S. Sankanur Asso. Professor in FBTI	SSIP Co-Coordinator & Training Co-Director

As the most vibrant and successful “University Nodal Centre for SSIP 2.0” under the “Student Startup & Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0 Scheme”; till date, we have achieved the following milestones:

- 📌 Organized 18 Full Day Sensitization & Outreach Training Programmes...
- 📌 Sensitized, Inspired and Trained 2000+ Students and Faculty Mentors...
- 📌 Organized a Full Day Faculty Development Programme for 25 Faculty Mentors...
- 📌 Created/Supported/Guided/Mentored 39 Agri Startups...
- 📌 Disbursed 20,12,500/- Lakhs Grants/Funds to these 39 Budding Agri Startups...

