



Student Start-up Support System (S4)

**Report - “Tie over Coffee with TiE Global CEO - Mr. P K Agarwal”**

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014

Time: 2:00 P.M to 3:30 P.M

Venue: GTU Conference Hall, GTU Chandkheda Campus, Ahmedabad.

Reference Background

[http://www.gtu.ac.in/circulars/14Aug/Tie%20over%20Coffee%20with%20TiE%20Global%20CEO%20-%20Mr.%20P%20K%20Agarwal%20\\_29th%20August%202014.pdf](http://www.gtu.ac.in/circulars/14Aug/Tie%20over%20Coffee%20with%20TiE%20Global%20CEO%20-%20Mr.%20P%20K%20Agarwal%20_29th%20August%202014.pdf)

GTU Innovation Council organized an expert talk by Mr. P K Agarwal, the CEO of TiE Global. TiE is a Silicon Valley based non-profit dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship. It works in 61 cities in 18 countries. The talk was on “Next wave: The future of technology and India”. The participants were students, Deans, Directors/ Principals, Faculty Members, student start-ups and other stakeholders from various backgrounds.

The session started at 2:00 PM with Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta (Hon Director GTU Innovation Council) giving an introduction about the event and the guest Speaker, Mr. P. K. Agarwal. Mr. Mahanta introduced the panel of key personnel and entrepreneurs for the event. The other members of the Experts Panel were Mr. Chetan Parikh (President of TiE Ahmedabad) and Dr. Akshai Aggarwal (Honorable VC of Gujarat Technological University).

Mr. P K Agarwal started his presentation with a remark that technological trends in India are growing today at a much faster rate, budding entrepreneurs are coming up from among various fields.

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The presentation was divided into 3 segments– India’s place in the Sun, Technology and Disruptions and The need of Entrepreneurs. In the first segment Mr. P. K. Agarwal talked about India being at the threshold of large-scale innovations and the rapid growth of various start-up ecosystems and entrepreneurship.

Mr. Agarwal showed the historical perspective of India from primitive India to spiritual and then to the smarter version of India through various historical images, political figures and video clips.



The speaker said that it is natural that we “tend to overestimate the impact of big changes in the short run and underestimate in the long run”





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The day ended with a **Q&A** Session where the delegates actively participated, followed by the vice chancellor, GTU expressing his gratitude towards Mr. P. K. Agarwal , Mr. Chetan Parikh and the delegates.

Some glimpses of the event:



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