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Report on

**1 - Day Design Thinking Workshop
For
Government employees of Ahmedabad District Panchayat and
Sabarkantha District Panchayat**

Date: 15th October, 2015

Time: 10:30 to 19:30

Venue: GTU Innovation Council, Room no. 131, Second Floor, ACPC Building, LDCE Campus, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380015.

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A one day Design Thinking Workshop was organized at Gujarat Technological University in association with Ahmedabad District Panchayat and Sabarkantha District Panchayat, respectively. The aim of the workshop was to incorporate transparency in an efficient manner while implementing various initiatives of Central Government as well as the State Government.



The meeting commenced with the welcome note by Asst. Prof. Karamjitsinh Bihola of Gujarat Technological University. The dignitaries on the dias included Smt. Bhargavi Dave, District Development Officer – Ahmedabad; Mr. Nagarajan, District Development Officer, Sabarkantha; Prof. (Dr.) N M Bhatt, Dean at Gujarat Technological University and Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta, MD Techpedia.

The workshop commenced right after the inaugural address by Dr. Akshai K. Aggarwal, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat Technological University through Skype. Honorable Vice-Chancellor explained about the importance of a sustainable solution to the various technical and non-technical problems faced by the common people of the country. All the dignitaries expressed their views while explaining the importance of the first step towards the revolutionary Hackathon “Code for Gujarat”.

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The Faculty Members of Gujarat Technological University' formed groups with the government officials who belonged to various departments such as ICDS, DRDA, Health, Animal Husbandry, Education, Revenue, E-Gram, Agriculture, etc.



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At first, introduction about Design Thinking implementation and methodology was carried out, followed by hands-on exercises,

- (i) Scouting for problem through AEIOU framework
- (ii) Mind-mapping.



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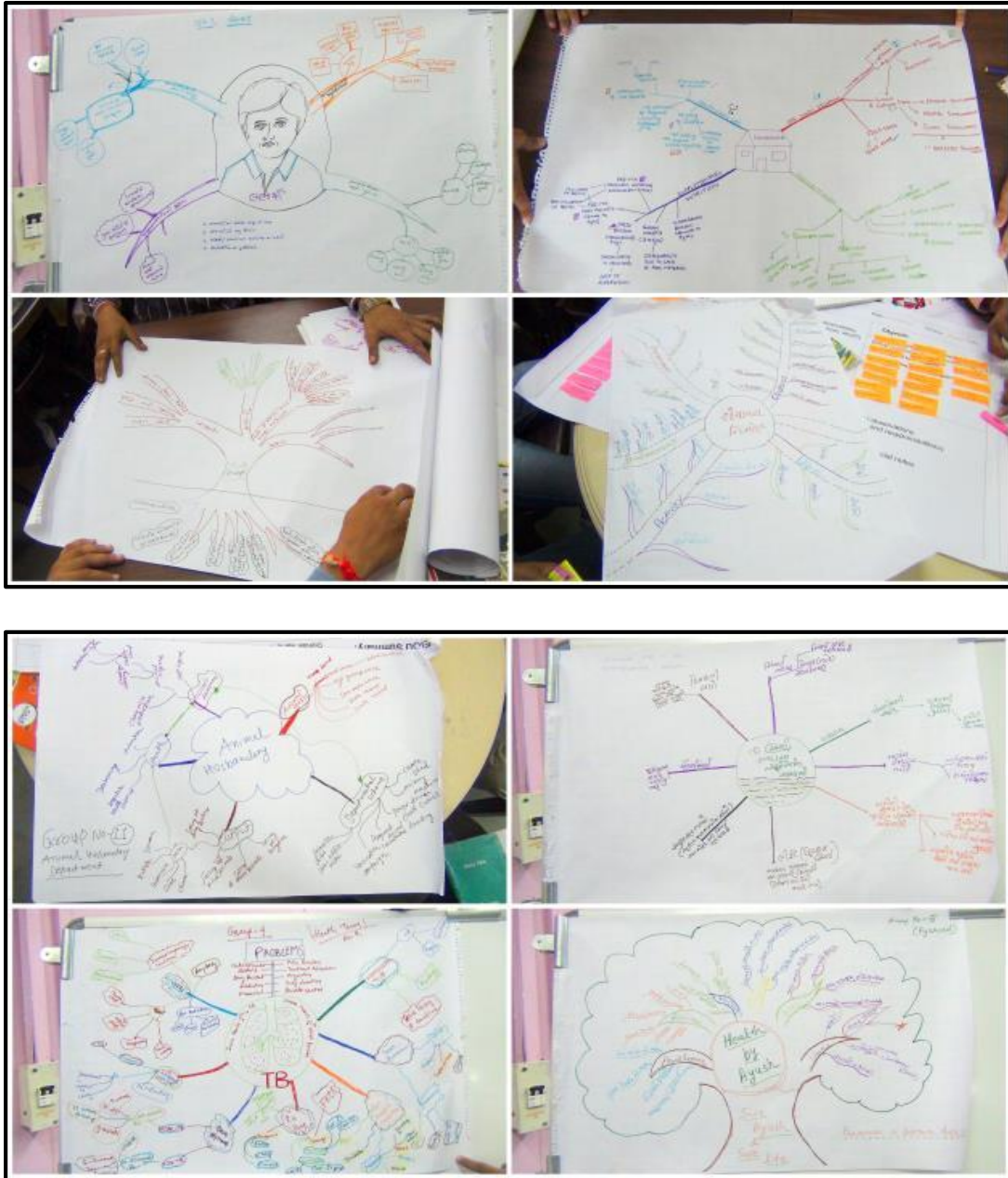


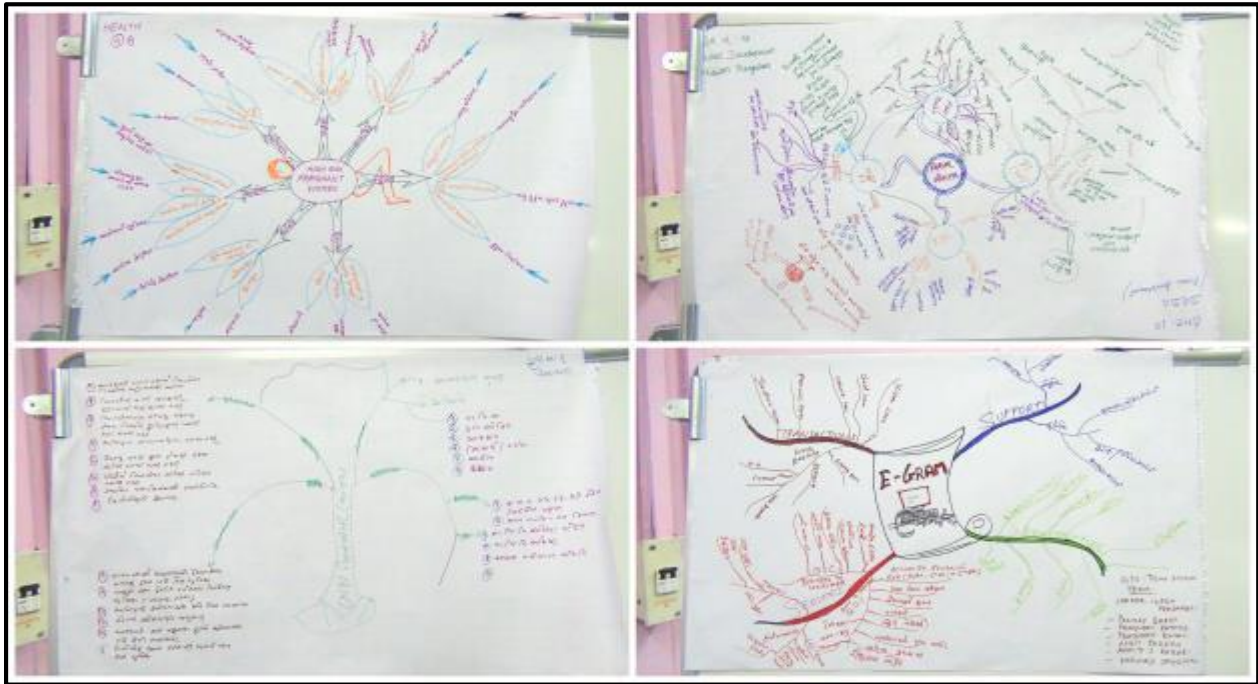
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By evening teams identified 14 problems faced in field of education, health, irrigation with the help of mind mapping and sketched them on charts. Sketching help you get clarity over a problem and helps you kick start your ideation process.

Some beautiful sketches on problem definition identified by team members:





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All the teams gave presentations, after carrying out ideation; which helped them find final problem statement. The workshop ended with the valedictory session.



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The problems which are identified by Ahmedabad District Panchayat and Sabarkantha District Panchayat during this workshop will be solved in “Code for Gujarat – 2 Day Hack-a-thon” taking place on 27th and 28th October 2015 by GTU students mentored by experts

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