

Ideas to Impact 2026 – Innovation Hackathon

1. Overview

The “Ideas to Impact 2026 – Innovation Hackathon” was successfully organized by Awadh Incubation Foundation at Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University (KMCLU). The event aimed to promote innovation, entrepreneurial mindset, and practical problem-solving among students from various institutions.

The hackathon provided a dynamic platform for participants to showcase their ideas and prototypes across emerging sectors.

2. Inaugural Session

The event began with a Lamp Lighting Ceremony, followed by the Kul Geet, setting a formal and inspiring tone for the day.

Key Highlights:

- Welcome Address by Prof. Ajay Taneja, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of KMCLU.
- Prof. Syed Haider Ali, Vice Chairman of Awadh Incubation Foundation, shared insightful thoughts with participants and guests.
- Formal welcome of distinguished guests and judges.

Esteemed Guests & Speakers:

- Prof. Mirza S. Saiyadain – Professor, IIM Ahmedabad
- Mr. Mukesh Bahadur Singh, Chairman, Indo-American Chamber of Commerce
- Mr. Nripen Bhatt – Southeast Asia Head, Rafts and Rivers LLC

All dignitaries shared valuable insights, motivating participants to think innovatively and act confidently.

The guests were honoured with mementos and saplings by Prof. Ajay Taneja, reflecting respect and sustainability values.

The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Doa Naqvi, Chief Operating Officer, Awadh Incubation Foundation.

3. Participation Overview

Parameter	Details
Total Teams	42 Teams
Total Participants	130 Participants
Institutions Represented	14 Institutions
Participating Institutions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj University, Kanpur2. School of Management Sciences, Lucknow3. Rajkiya Engineering College, Banda4. Maharishi University of Information Technology, Lucknow5. RR Institute of Modern Technology, Lucknow6. Babu Banarasi Das Northern India Institute of Technology, Lucknow7. Kali Charan PG College8. Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture Technology and Science, Prayagraj9. Abdul Kalam Technical University10. University of Lucknow11. BBAU Lucknow12. Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University13. Babu Banarasi Das University14. RRG I

Focus Areas:

- Industry 4.0
- FinTech
- Green Enterprises
- Skill Development

4. Hackathon Execution Phase

Participants were allocated to different rooms for presentations.

- Each team was given 10–15 minutes to present their ideas and prototypes.
- Presentations were evaluated based on innovation, feasibility, scalability, and impact.
- Judges actively engaged with participants and evaluated each idea with enthusiasm and fairness.

Judging Panel:

Judges Name

Mr. Nripen Bhatt

Dr. Saima Aleem

Mr. Madhvendra Porwal

Dr. Hemant Kumar Singh

Prof. Mirza S. Saiyadain

Mohammad Osama

Dr. Raza Haidri

Mr. Zafar Ahmed

Prof. Musheer Ahmed

5. Evaluation & Jury Deliberation

After the presentation phase, a structured evaluation session was conducted:

- Detailed project review and scoring
- Jury deliberation and discussions
- Result compilation

This ensured a transparent and well-structured selection process.

6. Valedictory Session

The valedictory session began with the arrival and seating of dignitaries.

Key Segments:

- Welcome Address by Prof. Syed Haider Ali

- Hackathon Report Presentation by Dr. Shan-e-Fatima
- Jury Remarks and Feedback, providing valuable insights to participants

Knowledge Sharing Session:

A session on converting ideas into startups was conducted by:

- Ms. Niyati, Communication & Operations Manager, Rafts and Rivers LLC
- Mrs. Sunita Singh, Founder, Shivam Techno Studio 2.0

Additionally, Mr. Nripen Bhatt shared his insights, encouraging participants to develop confidence and turn ideas into impactful solutions.

7. Prize Distribution

The event concluded with the Prize Distribution Ceremony.

Category	Team Name	Student Names	Institution	Prize per Team
Second Runner-Up	Innovators	Roshan Kumar Upadhyay, Harsh Kumar, Ayushi Tiwari, Shaheen Khan	Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University	₹2000
Second Runner-Up	Vibhu	Virat Singh, Soma Tiwari	Maharishi University of Information Technology	₹2000
First Runner-Up	AI Based Fashion Design Platform	Noor Afshan, Falak, Ilma Fatima, Mohd Uwaish	Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University	₹3000
First Runner-Up	Onion Guard	Aditya, Anjit, Neeraj, Saurabh	Rajkiya Engineering College, Banda	₹3000
First (Winner)	Unicycle	Aniket Dubey	University of Lucknow	₹5000
First (Winner)	Git Add Env	Rishabh Kumar Sharma, Gaurav Dwivedi, Varun Singh, Mohd Kaif	School of Management Sciences, Lucknow	₹5000

Sponsorship Details:

- Prize Money Sponsored by:

Mrs. Sunita Singh (Shivam Techno Studio 2.0) and

Mr. Mukesh Bahadur Singh, Chairman, Indo-American Chamber of Commerce

- T-Shirts Sponsored by:

Mr. Vipin Kumar Vaidh, Founder of Smartify Karo, MBA student at KMCLU and an incubatee of Awadh Incubation Foundation

- Refreshments Sponsored by:

Shivam Techno Studio 2.0

8. Event Coordination

The event was effectively anchored by:

- Dr. Ruchita Sujai Chaudhary, Assistant Professor, Journalism & Mass Communication

Her anchoring ensured smooth flow and coordination throughout the event.

9. Conclusion

The Ideas to Impact 2026 Hackathon concluded successfully with active participation and seamless execution.

- All teams participated with great enthusiasm and discipline.
- The event created a strong platform for innovation and entrepreneurial growth.
- Participants expressed interest in continuing their journey with Awadh Incubation Foundation to further develop their ideas into successful startups.