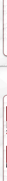

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14th Edition

From Governing Council Member, TiE Ahmedabad

Investor with Intent: A Woman's Voice in the TiE Ecosystem

As a woman entrepreneur, ideator, and investor, my journey has been defined by a constant pursuit of meaningful impact. Being part of **TiE Ahmedabad's Governing Council** is both a responsibility and a privilege—an opportunity to drive purposeful change within the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

TiE has always stood for fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and mentorship. But for me, this association represents something even deeper: a powerful convergence of **intent and action, purpose and possibility.**

I don't just invest in ideas, but in founders—especially those who dare to build and innovate when the odds are stacked against them. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to invest in startups and collaborate with innovators and entrepreneurs who are relentlessly pursuing a better and more sustainable future.

Through TiE, I look forward to mentoring early-stage entrepreneurs, backing bold innovations, and creating access for diverse voices in the startup ecosystem. My focus has always been on fostering environments where women-led ventures are not the exception, but the norm – and where inclusive leadership isn't just appreciated, but expected.

The startup world is evolving—and so must the structures that support it. I envision a TiE where inclusive leadership is not an aspiration, but an expectation. Where women investors are at the table—not as tokens, but as key decision-makers. Where collaboration replaces competition, and shared success becomes the new metric of achievement.

At its core, my contribution to TiE is rooted in intent:

- To fund with empathy
- To mentor with honesty
- To lead with courage
- To build an ecosystem where women investors and founders thrive—not in silos, but in collective strength

We are not just enabling startups; we are shaping a future that reflects equity, innovation, and collective strength. And I am honored to play a part in that vision.

Let's build it—together.

Best regards
Krishna Handa

Inside the Circle: Real Talk, Real Bonds – TiE Ahmedabad Open House

Our recent Open House with Members wasn't just another gathering — it was an evening where conversations flowed freely, connections ran deep, and insights sparked new ideas.

Founders, professionals, and mentors came together not around a stage or a script, but around shared stories and chilled drinks. What followed was a rich exchange on everything from building strong teams and co-founder dynamics to staying productive, breaking into new markets, and daring to think big.

No filters, no formalities — just real talk. The kind that only happens when people feel seen, heard, and understood.

Whether you were looking for advice, sharing a win, or simply soaking in the experience, this Open House reminded us why community matters. Because sometimes, the best solutions — and the strongest bonds — come from a room full of people who get it.

At TiE Ahmedabad, every conversation opens a new possibility and every connection count.

Keep an eye out — the next Open House is around the corner.

Nurturing Bold Dreams: Igniting Journeys, Empowering Dreams: TiE Women & TiE U 2025

Because building together is better than building alone.

TiE Ahmedabad welcomed a fresh wave of energy and ambition with the two powerful global programs — **TiE Women 2025 and TiE U 2025.** Designed to support and spotlight the journeys of women entrepreneurs and university-led innovations, both programs began with heartfelt orientations that set the tone for what lies ahead: learning, mentoring, growing, and thriving — together.

TiE Women 2025 | Meet & Greet – 10th July Highlights

What do you get when you bring together passionate women founders, seasoned investors, and warm, open conversations? An evening that leaves you inspired, charged, and ready to take on the world.

The session opened with an eye-opening talk by **Mr. Saurabh Nair (Sr. VP - GVFL),** who broke down the startup journey from a VC's perspective. With real examples, candid insights, and actionable frameworks, it was a masterclass on how to think like an investor and build with intent.

What followed was the heart of the evening — 25+ personalized 1:1 speed evaluation, where each founder got tailored feedback from experienced mentors. Whether it was refining a pitch, reworking a business model, or simply validating an idea, the feedback was honest, constructive, and deeply valuable.

We're immensely grateful to our mentors and evaluators — **Mr. Anuj Dalal, Mr. Sanjaykumar Patel, Mr. Parth Devariya, Mr. Yash Pandya, and Mr. Ashesh D Shah** — for their time, honesty, and encouragement.

As the sessions unfolded, high-tea conversations flowed, stories were exchanged, and new bonds were formed — because that's what TiE is really about.

Here's to our fearless women founders — may this be the beginning of something extraordinary.

Brewing Ideas, Building Bonds: CM Coffee Mixer – 18th July

There's something special about conversations over coffee — and this time, they came with a generous side of collaboration, laughter, and shared vision.

The **Charter Member Coffee Mixer on 18th July** brought our vibrant community together in a relaxed café setting, where titles took a back seat and real talk took over. From reflections on how we can elevate our events to fresh ideas for the road ahead, every voice found space — and value.

One of the most exciting moments? The early glimpse into the upcoming **Charter Members' Retreat in September,** which sparked curiosity, enthusiasm, and plenty of "count me in" smiles!

What stood out most was the genuine energy in the room — peers reconnecting, newer members finding their circle, and the unmistakable feeling that we're building something meaningful, together.

Because at TiE, it's not just about coffee or conversations — it's about community that grows stronger with every gathering.

Here's to more such moments that brew impact and belonging. See you at the next one!

From Founder to Funder: A Morning with Bhaskar Majumdar Meet the Investor – 22nd July

Some mornings spark more than just caffeine — they spark clarity, direction, and a whole lot of "aha" moments. That's exactly what unfolded at our **Meet the Investor session** with **Mr. Bhaskar Majumdar, Managing Partner at Unicorn India Ventures, joined by Mr. Praveen Dubey, Head of Investments.**

In a candid and deeply insightful conversation, **Mr. Majumdar** walked us through his journey — from building businesses to backing them. Speaking directly to the founder mindset, he offered real-world advice on what early-stage investors truly look for, how to navigate the fundraising maze, and why founder-investor alignment matters more than pitch decks.

What made the session even more valuable? The open-floor Q&A. No filters, no fluff — just real questions from real founders, answered with honesty and depth. From valuations and market fit to building investor trust, nothing was off the table.

The morning wrapped up with coffee, great conversations, and meaningful new connections — the kind that carry forward long after the event ends.

At **TiE Ahmedabad**, we're proud to keep creating spaces where knowledge meets opportunity, and investors meet founders — not just for funding, but for shared growth.

When Chapters Connect: A Meaningful Exchange with TiE Vancouver: 24th July

Some meetings aren't just about introductions — they're about intentions. On 24th July, we had the pleasure of welcoming **Mr. Shivendra Mohan, Executive Director of TiE Vancouver,** for a warm and engaging conversation at TiE Ahmedabad.

TiE Vancouver may be one of the younger chapters in the global network, but it's already making bold strides in fostering entrepreneurship in Canada. Our dialogue with Mr. Mohan reflected a shared passion for building founder-first communities, encouraging cross-border mentorship, and unlocking global opportunities for startups on both sides.

The discussion was honest, forward-looking, and rooted in collaboration — exploring how our chapters can learn from each other, share resources, and co-create impactful experiences for our members.

We came away energized by the openness, shared values, and sense of possibility. Because when chapters connect beyond geography, the TiE spirit only grows stronger.

Here's to growing together — across cities, cultures, and ecosystems.

TiE U 2025 | Orientation – 25th July

While one cohort gathered in person, another came together online — the bright young minds of **TiE U 2025.**

This virtual orientation was designed to welcome over **65 student entrepreneurs from across colleges,** giving them a clear picture of the exciting months ahead. From idea to pitch, they'll be guided through masterclasses, mentor sessions, and mock pitch rounds — all aimed at helping them build confidence and clarity for the **final business pitch showdown.**

It's always inspiring to see young founders show up with questions, ideas, and open minds. This orientation was just the beginning of a journey that promises not just learning, but transformation.

Global Wisdom, Local Impact: Ask Me Anything with Mr. Aalok Doshi – TiE Seattle: 25th July

An insightful morning well spent with **Mr. Aalok Doshi,** where a select group of founders from the **TiE Ahmedabad** community engaged in a high-quality roundtable on topics that matter to growing startups.

Aalok shared insights from his personal experience on the support startups can receive through cloud credit programs and highlighted the nuances of go-to-market strategies in India versus the US. The discussion was rich with practical takeaways.

TiE's strength lies in its ability to bring global minds closer to grassroots founders, and this session was a perfect example of that spirit of cross-border mentorship and community-driven learning.

Grateful to Mr. Aalok Doshi for his time, openness, and generosity in guiding the next wave of entrepreneurs in our ecosystem.

Charter Members' Retreat – Udaipur | 5–7 September 2025

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UDAIPUR
5-7 SEPTEMBER

We're all set to pack our bags for a weekend that promises conversations, connections & calm.

TiE Ahmedabad is thrilled to announce the **Charter Members' Retreat** with spouses, happening from **5th to 7th September 2025** at the serene and luxurious **Marriott Hotel, Udaipur.**

This exclusive getaway is designed to help us recharge, reconnect, and realign—not just as professionals, but as a community.

Expect thoughtful conversations, warm dinners, lakeside memories, and meaningful moments that go well beyond business.

Because some of the best ideas (and friendships) are born when we step away from the usual hustle and just be — together.

We can't wait to see you there!

Meet our Members

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Anushrav Bhatt
Founder & Owner, Nirantar Group

Satyendra Kumar Jadav
Director, Insutech Insurance Broking Services Pvt. Ltd.

Chirag Patel
Sr. General Manager, Sypram Technology Pvt. Ltd

Sagar Shah
Founder, Elite Valuation

Dinesh Ahir
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