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Voice of TiE Ahmedabad

18th Edition

FROM

President's Desk

As we move forward into another exciting year for our entrepreneurial community, I am proud of what we achieved at TiECON Ahmedabad 2026:

- Brought together founders, investors, and ecosystem leaders, including members from 19 TiE chapters
- High-energy conversations and meaningful connections, reinforcing Ahmedabad's emergence as a vibrant entrepreneurial hub
- Strong digital outreach: 70K+ LinkedIn impressions, 600K+ Instagram views, and 140K+ Facebook views

In my TiECON address, I spoke about the accelerating shift towards AI-led change. I referenced how global firms like McKinsey are already evolving—envisioning teams of 60,000 people working alongside 20,000 AI agents. This is a powerful signal of where the world is headed: organizations of the future will not just be human-led, but human + AI collaborative by design. As innovation cycles compress, the real advantage will lie in how quickly entrepreneurs adapt, ask the right questions, and leverage AI to create meaningful impact.

Grateful to our members, partners, volunteers, and the TiE Ahmedabad team for making this a memorable event. Together, we will continue to support founders and strengthen our ecosystem.

Reflections of last two years (almost)

Over the past two years, our OB team has continued focussing on building a stronger, more engaged, and future-ready TiE Ahmedabad.

We revamped our website with support from member companies like Aubergine and Tridhya Tech, introduced an AI-powered matchmaking bot with support from Saurabh Mehta and team, and launched Open Mic sessions to give members a platform to share their journeys.

We also initiated TiE Ahmedabad's first startup investment, creating a new revenue channel, and experimented with innovative formats like 1-on-1 “speed dating” sessions on fundraising, which received outstanding feedback. Additionally, we began systematically tracking member engagement across programs to deepen participation.

A key milestone has been strengthening our foundation—growing TiE Ahmedabad's total corpus through conscious and consistent efforts of past and existing leadership teams.

As I near the completion of my term, I remain confident that TiE Ahmedabad will continue to enable, connect, and inspire entrepreneurs to build meaningful, scalable ventures. Thank you to every member, partner, and contributor who has been part of this journey.

Bhavin Bhagat
President
TiE Ahmedabad

An Inspiring Evening with
TiE Co-Founder Mr. A.J. Patel

12 January 2026

We had the privilege of hosting **Mr. A.J. Patel**, **Co-Founder of TiE**, for a truly engaging and high-energy evening that felt like a masterclass in entrepreneurship and community building.

Mr. Patel took us back to the early days of TiE—sharing how the organization was born, what the first two formative years looked like, and the thought process behind the name "TiE." More importantly, he spoke about the deeper intent and vision that shaped the organization into the global entrepreneurial network it is today.

He also offered powerful perspectives on **building strong communities**, encouraging us to think beyond individual chapters and adopt an **India-first mindset** to accelerate the growth of the entrepreneurial ecosystem across the country. His candid reflections, clarity of thought, and long-term vision left the audience both inspired and thoughtful.

The evening concluded with a vibrant **networking dinner**, filled with meaningful conversations, new connections, and the unmistakable spirit of the TiE community.

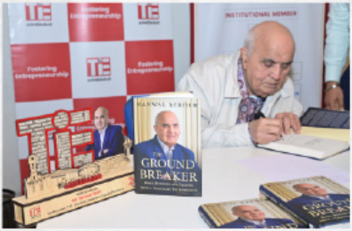
We are grateful to everyone who joined us and made the evening so memorable.

The Groundbreaker
An Inspiring Evening with Mr. Kanwal Rekhi

27 January 2026

TiE Ahmedabad had the privilege of hosting **Kanwal Rekhi**, **Co-founder of TiE**, during the launch of his book **The Groundbreaker**—an evening filled with powerful reflections and timeless entrepreneurial wisdom.

A true pioneer with many “firsts” to his credit, **Mr. Rekhi** shared insights that blended entrepreneurship with a deeply spiritual and purpose-driven outlook. His message centered on patience, self-belief, and the importance of building for the long term—not just for personal success, but for nation building.



At 80, his energy remains remarkable. He spoke about still looking forward to Mondays and constantly striving to improve himself—believing that growth comes from learning and introspection rather than blaming others.

The evening featured a warm and engaging fireside chat moderated by **Kaushal Mehta**, **Past President** of **TiE Ahmedabad**. The conversation touched upon **Mr. Rekhi's** journey with **Excelan**, his experiences as an investor and mentor through **TiE**, his personal background, and the inspiration he drew from his life partner.

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What resonated deeply with the audience was his unwavering belief in India's rise. With quiet conviction, he spoke about dreaming—and diligently working—towards India becoming the number one nation in the world over the next 50 years.

The evening became even more memorable as attendees had the opportunity to get signed copies of **The Groundbreaker**, making the experience both **reflective** and **deeply motivating**.

TiE Ahmedabad Angels Invest in Genetico
Backing the Future of Clinical Genetics in India

TiE Ahmedabad Angels recently participated in the investment round of **Genetico**, a pioneering health-tech company building the next generation of **clinical genetics infrastructure for India and Asia**.

The investment round was **led by TiE Ahmedabad**, with participation from a diverse group of strategic investors. As part of the evaluation process, **TiE Ahmedabad** brought in **Amit Mookim** as a subject matter expert. With extensive leadership experience in global clinical research and biotechnology, he now mentors the founder, adding strong strategic depth to Genetico's growth journey.

The round also saw participation from the **Ministry of Electronics** and **Information Technology** through the **SAMRIDH 2.0 program** with **Amity Innovation** Network as the implementation partner, along with **GUS Global** and other notable investors.

What Genetico Does!

Genetico is the **first company in Asia** to develop an **AI-enabled clinical genetics software platform** designed to help **clinicians diagnose**, **treat**, **manage**, and **research rare** and **genetic diseases more effectively.**

The platform addresses a major healthcare challenge—**delayed or missed diagnosis in rare diseases**—by enabling structured interpretation of genetic data, collaboration between clinicians, and continuous learning at scale.

Genetico's customers include nationally recognized **Centers of Excellence for Rare Diseases**, such as A**ll India Institute of Medical Sciences Delhi** and the **Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics.**

The platform is also a core technology component within **PraGeD**, **India's largest Pediatric Rare Disease Mission Program**. Through this initiative, **18 leading centers** across the country will use Genetico's software to securely share complex and undiagnosed cases for advanced research and diagnostics. Several additional **Centers of Excellence** and **tertiary care hospitals** are also in the process of adopting the platform.

Founder's Perspective

According to **Arjun Gupta**, the partnership with **TiE Ahmedabad** has played a meaningful role in shaping the company's growth.

"TiE Ahmedabad has been very instrumental in Genetico's journey. One of its main contributions, besides leading the round, was introducing me to Amit Mookim, who has been a great mentor to the company. TiE Ahmedabad also brings a rich network of global entrepreneurs and experts, which Genetico looks forward to leveraging for its growth. As the Gujarat Government advances genomics initiatives, including the **Gujarat Genome Project**, we would be keen to explore future synergies."

This investment reflects **TiE Ahmedabad Angels' commitment to supporting deep-tech and impact-driven startups**, particularly those solving complex problems in healthcare and scientific innovation.

Teeing Off TiECON Ahmedabad 2026
Golf Tournament & Beginners' Clinic

20 February 2026

TiECON Ahmedabad 2026 began on an energetic note with a **Golf Tournament and Beginners' Clinic**, bringing together entrepreneurs, investors, and business leaders for a refreshing morning that blended sport with meaningful conversations.

A Perfect Start to the Conference

The **Golf Clinic** welcomed several first-time players, offering them a guided introduction to the game in a relaxed and engaging format. With expert guidance and hands-on learning, participants experienced the fundamentals of golf while enjoying the camaraderie of fellow members.

Competition Meets Community

Alongside the clinic, the **Golf Tournament** brought seasoned golfers onto the greens for a friendly yet competitive round. Beyond the game itself, the morning created a natural setting for **networking**, **relationship building**, and **strategic conversations** among members of the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The event perfectly captured the spirit of TiE—**bringing the community together through shared experiences, collaboration, and meaningful connections**, setting the tone for an exciting TiECON ahead.

An Evening of Connections
TiECON Networking Gala Dinner

20 February 2026 | **GIFT City Club**

As a prelude to **TiECON Ahmedabad 2026**, the **Networking Gala Dinner** brought together delegates, speakers, sponsors, and partners for an elegant evening of meaningful engagement at **GIFT City Club**.

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Setting the Stage for Collaboration

The evening created a **refined and high-trust environment** that encouraged deeper conversations ahead of the main conference day. In a relaxed yet thoughtfully curated setting, participants had the opportunity to connect, exchange ideas, and strengthen relationships within the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

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Where Conversations Turn into Opportunities

More than just a social gathering, the dinner facilitated f**ocused introductions, high-intent discussions**, and potential collaborations. The intimate and well-curated atmosphere ensured that conversations moved beyond casual networking to **exploring real opportunities for partnership, investment, and collaboration.**

The evening perfectly set the tone for the exciting discussions and engagements that followed at **TiECON Ahmedabad 2026**.

TiECON Ahmedabad Entre'Thon 2026

A Celebration of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

21 February 2026

The flagship day of **TiECON Ahmedabad 2026—Entre'Thon 2026**—brought together **500+ attendees** for a dynamic gathering of founders, investors, business leaders, and ecosystem enablers. **Marking 25 years of TiE Ahmedabad's commitment to fostering entrepreneurship**, the conference showcased both scale and substance.

With **30 distinguished speakers**, **8 high-impact sessions**, **participation from 19 TiE Chapters**, and representation from three countries, the event reflected the growing strength and global relevance of the **TiE network**.

Power-Packed Panels & Conversations

The day featured insightful keynote addresses, engaging fireside chats, and thought-provoking panel discussions covering a wide spectrum of themes shaping today's entrepreneurial landscape. These sessions brought together experienced founders, investors, and industry experts who shared practical insights, candid experiences, and forward-looking perspectives.

Fireside Chats

- Started with ₹4,500, Built a ₹1,500+ Crore Legacy
- From Mighty Eagle (Angry Birds Founder) to Global Builder

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Panel Discussions

- Scaling a Mid-Sized Business in the US
- Capital, Conviction & Scale
- Viksit Bharat: Media, Money & Mission
- AI & Future of Healthcare
- Building Together: The Founder Duo Story
- Entertainment: A Journey Towards a ₹100 Cr Gujarati Film

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Renowned Playback Singer
MANASI PAREKH
Renowned Actor & Producer

Each session offered valuable insights and actionable takeaways for entrepreneurs at different stages of their journeys.

Founder Stories that Inspired

A highlight of the conference was the **founder journeys and success stories**, where leading entrepreneurs shared their personal experiences—ranging from early challenges and pivotal decisions to scaling globally and building resilient businesses.

These conversations resonated deeply with attendees, **offering valuable lessons, inspiration, and real-world perspectives.**

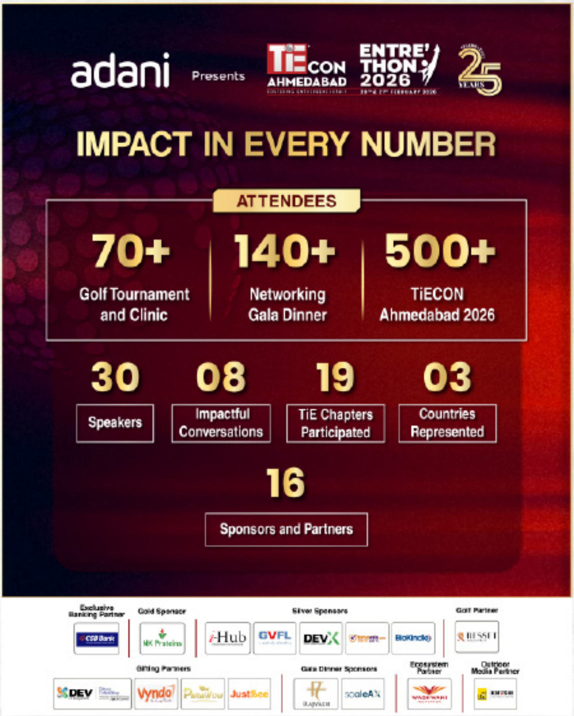
Building Meaningful Connections

Beyond the stage, **TiECON** Ahmedabad provided a vibrant platform for **networking and collaboration**. Founders connected with **investors, mentors, and ecosystem enablers**, sparking conversations that could lead to future partnerships and opportunities.

The event concluded with a **spirited community gathering**, celebrating the shared vision of strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Together, the sessions, discussions, and interactions made **TiECON Ahmedabad Entre'Thon 2026** a memorable milestone in **TiE Ahmedabad's journey of empowering entrepreneurs** and building a stronger innovation ecosystem.

Impact in Every Conversation.
Momentum in Every Moment.



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IMPACT IN EVERY NUMBER

ATTENDEES

70+ Golf Tournament and Clinic

140+ Networking Gala Dinner

500+ TiECON Ahmedabad 2026

30 Speakers

08 Impactful Conversations

19 TiE Chapters Participated

03 Countries Represented

16 Sponsors and Partners

More Than a Conference

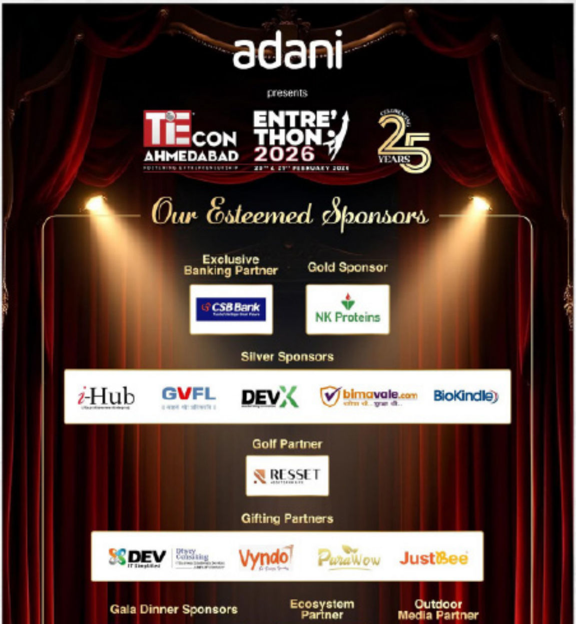
TiECON Ahmedabad Entre'Thon 2026 was not just a conference—it was a celebration of entrepreneurial ambition and **25 years of building a thriving ecosystem.**

From **high-energy networking and power-packed stage conversations to meaningful cross-border collaborations**, the platform brought together founders, investors, corporate leaders, and changemakers—all under one roof and aligned towards growth.

This edition reflected the true strength of the TiE network—**bold ideas, sharp insights, and partnerships that move businesses forward.**

Entre'Thon 2026 wasn't just about gathering the ecosystem. **It was about accelerating it.**

With Gratitude to Our Sponsors & Partners



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TiECON Ahmedabad 2026 was made possible through the generous support and trust of our **sponsors and partners**.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of them for believing in the vision and standing with us as we celebrated **25 years of TiE Ahmedabad's journey in fostering entrepreneurship**. Their support went far beyond visibility—it helped power meaningful conversations, enable valuable connections, and elevate the overall experience of **TiECON Ahmedabad 2026**.

Together, we created an event that truly reflected the **strength, ambition, and collaborative spirit of our entrepreneurial ecosystem**.

TiE Ahmedabad x Wadhwani Accelerate Brings Growth Program for Scaling Founders

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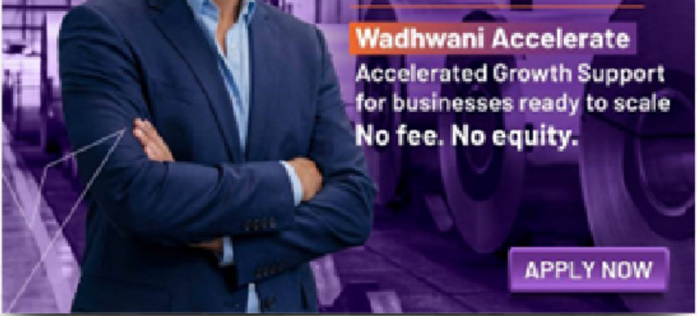

TiE Ahmedabad is pleased to share a growth opportunity from its ecosystem partner, **the Wadhwani Foundation**, for founders focused on scaling their businesses.

If your company has crossed **₹25 Cr** in annual revenue or in between **5Cr - 25 Cr**, you already know the next challenge is not ideas, but focused execution. Wadhwani Accelerate is a zero-cost, zero-equity program designed to help SMBs and startups identify their top growth priorities and execute them effectively.

What you get:

- A clear growth priority and execution roadmap.
- 1:1 guidance from Venture Partners and domain experts.
- Outcome-focused checkpoints to track progress.

Over **10,000** businesses have engaged with Wadhwani platforms and **1,000+** founders have scaled through structured programs like this.

Click Here To Apply

Founders below **₹5 Cr revenue** can also sign up to access growth playbooks, mentors, and resources.

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