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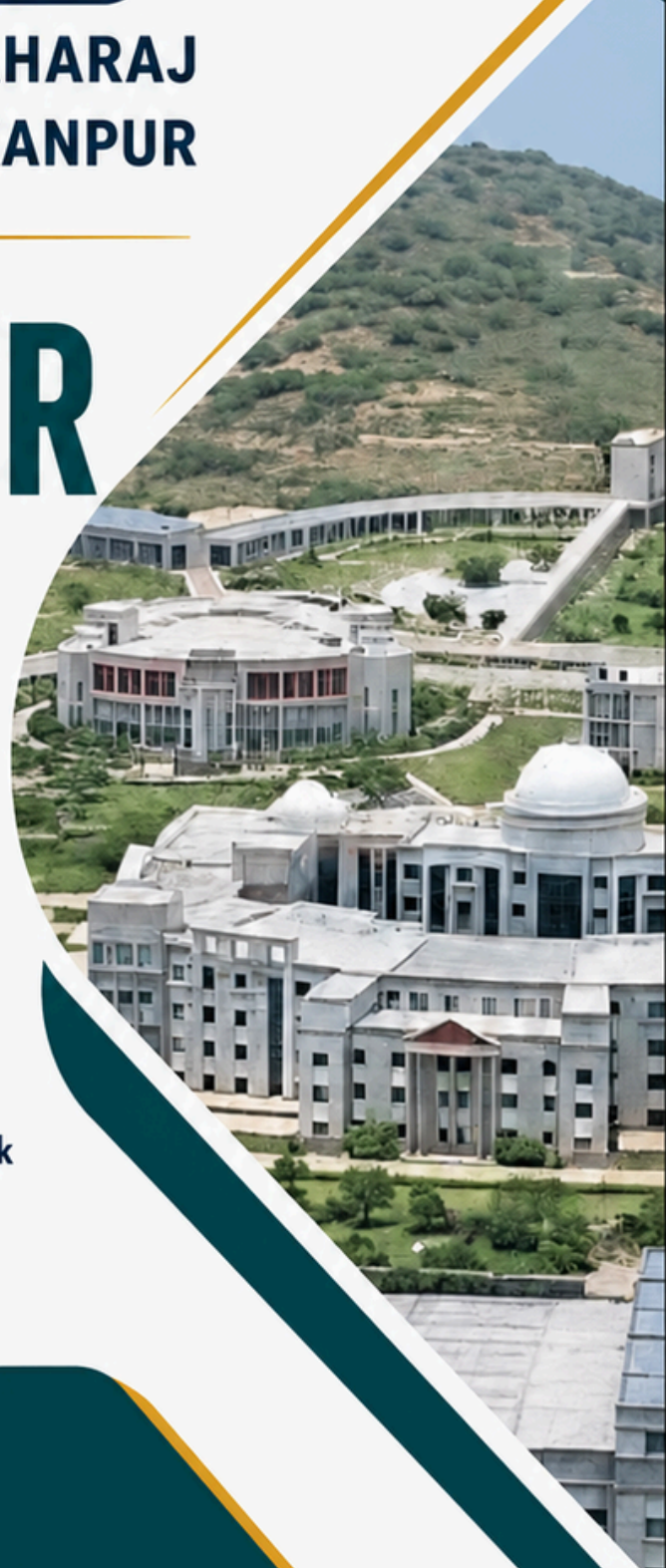


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## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Ideathon 2026
- MoU Signed Between TiE UP and CSJM Innovation Foundation
- Celebrated the World creativity and Innovation Day
- Workshop on Founder's Personality and Communication
- Investor Connect:  
Invitee: Mr. Amit Ratanpal  
(Founder & MD, BLinC Investment Management Pvt. Ltd.)



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# MESSAGE FROM HON'BLE VICE CHANCELLOR



**Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak**  
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Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur is committed to the nurturing of a vibrant ecosystem that fosters the development of aspiring young minds into innovators, entrepreneurs and future leaders. CSJM University, Kanpur with its various stakeholder particularly, the students in technical and nontechnical programs offered in its residential campus as well as over 600+ affiliated colleges provides a fertile pool of talent that the University is committed to offer training leading to value added and skill development programs aimed at employment generation by adoption of entrepreneurship as a career option.

The Section 8 not-for-profit company "Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation" provides a vibrant ecosystem for nurturing young minds for enhancement of Intelligence, Leadership and Emotional quotient and groom them up with a innovative and diligent personality. It would help them to be groomed up as responsible citizens. The university pledges to provide a center for learning to implement activities leading to the scaling up the technology readiness ladder. The youth enrolled with our affiliated colleges in and around Kanpur. The major thrust areas include AgriTech, Bio Tech, Med Tech, IT driven innovations, Recycle and Upcycle, Waste Management, Renewable Energy. CSJMIF specially focus on women, social and rural entrepreneurship projects with emphasis on grass root innovators and artisans.

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## Empowering the Next Generation of Innovators

The Chhatrapati Sahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation (CSJMIF) newsletter April 2026 Guided by the visionary leadership of our Chief Patron, Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of CSJMU, this month witnessed a dynamic series of orientation programs, strategic collaborations, and capacity-building workshops aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

Throughout the month, CSJMIF actively engaged students, startups, and stakeholders through impactful sessions, expert interactions, and hands-on learning opportunities. Key initiatives such as Ideathon orientations, investor connect programs, and incubation activities strengthened the foundation's commitment to building a robust startup ecosystem.



### Ideathon 2026: The Search for Impactful Ideas



Date : 25 April 2026



Venue : Seminar Hall, CSJMIF

#### Summary:

Under the visionary guidance of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, The Student startup pitching session was organized on the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day at the CSJM Innovation Foundation. It combined two important components: an Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) workshop and an Ideathon Pitching Session. The workshop featured expert speakers from academia, legal, and startup domains who provided in-depth knowledge about patents, trademarks, copyrights, and IP management strategies. Students were introduced to the importance of protecting innovative ideas and how intellectual property plays a critical role in startup success.





# Chhatrapati Sahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation



## MoU Signing with TiE UP Date: 21 April 2026

**Summary:** Under the visionary guidance of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, in a significant step toward strengthening the startup and innovation landscape in Uttar Pradesh, TiE UP has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the CSJM Innovation Foundation, operating under Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University. The signing ceremony took place at the CSJMU campus in Kanpur. This strategic partnership aims to bridge the gap between academia and industry by providing students, researchers, and aspiring entrepreneurs with access to mentoring, incubation support, knowledge exchange, and real-world business exposure. The initiative is expected to help transform innovative ideas into successful startups.



## World Creativity & Innovation Day Date: 21 April 2026

**Summary:** An expert session was successfully organized on 21 April 2026 at the Seminar Hall of the Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation under the visionary guidance of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak. The session was conducted on the occasion of World Creativity and Innovation Day as part of Ideathon 2026 – Innovation to Enterprise.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation, with more than 50 attendees. It was specially conducted for registered participants of Ideathon 2026 to help them refine their innovative ideas and understand the journey from concept to enterprise.

The expert talk was delivered by Dr. Vishal Kumar Chakradhary, CEO/Director of RF Nanocomposites Pvt. Ltd., and Ms. Swati from RF Nanocomposites Pvt. Ltd., who shared valuable insights on innovation, startup development, and real-world entrepreneurial challenges. Their session provided practical guidance on how to shape ideas into viable business opportunities.





## Online Startup Screening Program

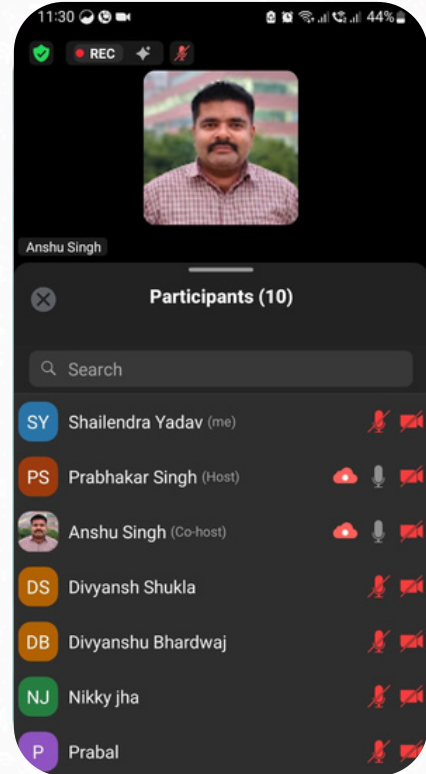
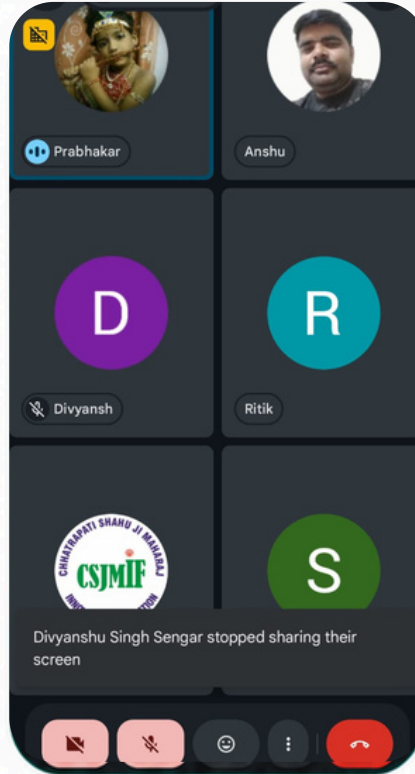


Date: 28 April 2026



### Event Summary:

Under the esteemed guidance of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, the Chhatrapati Sahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation (CSJMIF) successfully organized an Online Startup Screening Programme on 28 April 2025 with the objective of identifying and nurturing promising early-stage startups. The programme was conducted as part of the Foundation's continued commitment to strengthening the startup and innovation ecosystem through structured incubation support, expert mentorship, and institutional guidance for emerging entrepreneurs. A total of 20 startup teams took part in the programme, each showcasing their business models and growth potential.



## The Founder's Room: Investment Insights & Mentorship Session



Date: 6 April 2026



On 6th April 2026, Under the esteemed guidance of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Chhatrapati Shhu Ji Maharaj University, a high-impact interactive session titled "The Founder's Room" was successfully organized at the CSJM Innovation Foundation. The session featured renowned venture capitalist Amit Ratanpal, Founder & Managing Director of BLinC Investment Management Pvt. Ltd., who engaged with emerging startups and shared valuable industry insights.



The program commenced with a keynote address by Dr. Divyansh Shukla, CEO of CSJMIF, emphasizing the importance of innovation and strengthening the startup ecosystem, followed by an address from Rao Vikram Singh, President of TiE UP, who highlighted the significance of mentorship and collaborative networks in entrepreneurial growth. Startups from institutions such as PSIT, IIT Kanpur, AITH, and Axis College actively participated, making the session engaging.



## Founder's Personality & Communication Workshop

Date: 30 April 2026



Under the visionary guidance of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, the Chhatrapati Sahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation (CSJMIF) successfully organized a one-day workshop on **"Founder's Personality and Communication"** on 30 April 2026 at the Seminar Hall, CSJMIF.



The workshop was honored by the presence of the Chief Guest, Dr. Rao Vikram Singh (President, TiE UP). He was warmly welcomed by Dr. Divyansh Shukla (CEO, CSJMIF), who also introduced him to the participants. In his address, Dr. Rao Vikram Singh shared valuable insights on the importance of effective communication, confidence, and a strong founder mindset.



The workshop was thoughtfully designed to enhance communication skills, personality development, and entrepreneurial thinking among aspiring founders and innovators. The event witnessed active and enthusiastic participation from pre-incubated and incubated startup students, innovators, and startup enthusiasts, making it highly engaging and impactful session.



## Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) workshop

Date: 28 April 2026



An Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) workshop was successfully organized on 28 April 2026 at Kanpur Vidya Mandir Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kidwai Nagar, Kanpur. The workshop was conducted by the Chhatrapati Sahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation (CSJMIF) in collaboration with the host institution.



Mr. Shivam (IPR Expert), explained how IPR protects creators from unauthorized use of their work and promotes innovation by providing legal safeguards. He also presented a comprehensive overview of various forms of IPR, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, industrial designs, and trade secrets.





## World IP Day Celebration: CSJMIF Participated in Awareness Program on Innovation and IPR

Date: 24 April 2026

On the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day, CSJMIF actively participated in an IP Awareness Program organized by the IPR Awareness & Innovation Promotion Forum (IAIPF) on **24 April 2026** at Hotel Vijay Intercontinental, Kanpur. The program was supported by the Ministry of MSME, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), and the GST & Customs Department.

The Chhatrapati Sahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation (CSJMIF) actively participated in this significant program, demonstrating its commitment to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and intellectual property awareness.

The representatives from CSJMIF who attended the program were:

-  Dr. Divyansh Shukla – Chief Executive Officer (CEO), CSJMIF
-  Mr. Anshu Singh – Chief Innovation Officer (CIO), CSJMIF
-  Mr. Prabhakar Singh – Program Manager, CSJMIF



## Abhivyakti (Cultural fest organized by the Department of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences)- 2026

Date: 16 April 2026



Mr. Prabhakar Singh had the opportunity to address students at Abhivyakti 2026, a vibrant departmental cultural fest organized by the Department of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Chhatrapati Sahu Ji Maharaj University on 16 April 2026 at Sewa Udyan. The event, conducted in collaboration with CSJM Innovation Foundation under the esteemed leadership of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, served as a dynamic platform that blended cultural expression with intellectual and entrepreneurial engagement. It brought together students from diverse academic backgrounds, creating an environment that encouraged creativity, collaboration, and forward-thinking dialogue.

