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# Central Library, GTU

## **REPORT ON** **READ2INNOVATE : CHAPTER ONE -** **A DIALOGUE BETWEEN BOOKS &** **BUSINESS THINKING**

Date of Event: 17th April, 2026

Time of Event: 12: P.M. Onwards

# FLYER OF THE EVENT

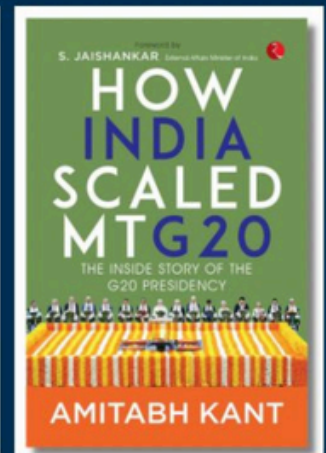
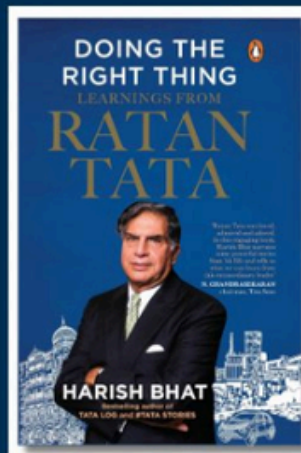
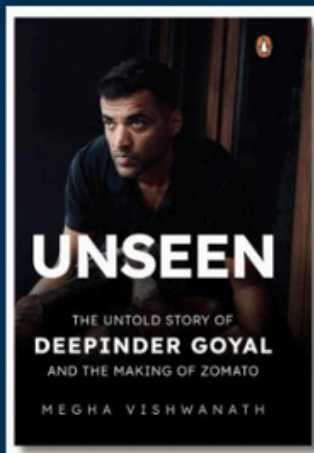
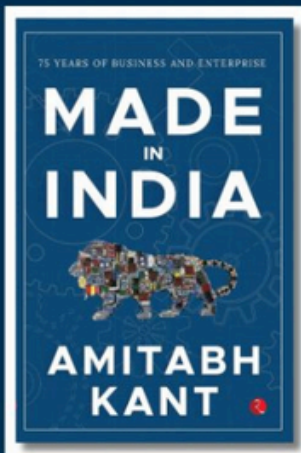


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## **Read2Innovate: Chapter One**

**A Dialogue Between Books & Business Thinking**

 **17<sup>th</sup> April 2026** |  **12.15 PM To 1.15 PM**



 **GTU Central Library, Gujarat Technology University**

# INTRODUCTION

Central Library, Gujarat Technological University organized “Anubhuti – A Group Reading Initiative” on 17th April 2026 in collaboration with The Book Talk Club at the Central Library premises. The initiative was conducted with the objective of promoting reading culture among students, researchers, faculty members, and library users while encouraging meaningful discussions and intellectual engagement through collective reading activities.

The program was inaugurated by Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki along with Mr. Harsh Barot. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and readers who gathered to understand the importance of reading habits and knowledge sharing in today’s rapidly evolving digital era.

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS: EMBRACING FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

At the beginning of the session, Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki warmly welcomed Mr. Harsh Barot and all the participants to the Central Library. During his inaugural address, Dr. Solanki emphasized the importance of reading in shaping an individual’s personality, intellect, and character.

Dr. Solanki further highlighted how many globally renowned personalities and visionaries developed their knowledge and contributed significantly to society through continuous reading and lifelong learning. He shared examples of internationally recognized leaders, innovators, thinkers, and scholars who cultivated strong reading habits and used their knowledge for the betterment of humanity and national development. He motivated the participants to adopt reading as a daily practice in order to strengthen their intellectual and emotional growth.

During his address, Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki also spoke about the transformation of knowledge systems in the present generation, especially in the era of Artificial Intelligence and rapidly advancing technologies. He mentioned that although AI and digital technologies are changing industries and modes of learning, the habit of reading remains fundamental for understanding, creativity, critical thinking, and innovation. He stressed that technology can support learning, but deep understanding and wisdom can only be achieved through consistent reading and thoughtful reflection.



Mr. Harsh Barot shared the inspiring journey of “Anubhuti” and explained how the group reading initiative was started with the aim of bringing people together through books and discussions. He elaborated on how the initiative gradually expanded and positively influenced participants by developing regular reading habits among individuals from different age groups and backgrounds. He explained that collective reading activities not only encourage discipline and consistency but also help people exchange ideas, improve communication skills, and build a stronger reading community.



Mr. Harsh Barot also appreciated the collaboration with Central Library, GTU and stated that the partnership had provided a valuable platform to reach a larger audience, especially students and young readers. He mentioned that academic institutions play a crucial role in nurturing reading culture, and initiatives like these create an encouraging environment for intellectual and personal development. He expressed gratitude to the Central Library for supporting the initiative and promoting meaningful learning activities among the university community.

Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki further guided the participants regarding the benefits of daily reading and continuous knowledge enhancement. He explained how regular reading nourishes the mind, improves analytical abilities, develops concentration, and broadens perspectives. He also emphasized that books contribute to moral and ethical development, helping individuals become more empathetic, informed, and socially responsible human beings.

Both Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki and Mr. Harsh Barot highlighted the importance of contributing back to society through knowledge sharing, awareness, and community engagement. They encouraged students and readers to use their knowledge and education not only for personal success but also for the betterment of society and the nation. They motivated the participants to cultivate habits that inspire positive social change and lifelong learning.



## GLIMPSE OF THE EXHIBITION





## **CONCLUSION**

The event concluded with an interactive discussion session where participants shared their thoughts and experiences related to reading habits, books, and personal learning journeys. The session created a positive and motivating atmosphere among the attendees and successfully conveyed the significance of reading culture in academic and personal life.

“Anubhuti – A Group Reading Initiative” proved to be a meaningful and inspiring program that encouraged participants to reconnect with books, develop consistent reading habits, and understand the broader value of knowledge in shaping individuals and society. The program reflected the commitment of Central Library, GTU towards promoting intellectual growth, reading culture, and community-oriented learning initiatives.

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