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Nirma gets a lab for students to 'tinker' in



Taking a step towards providing students with more avenues to develop skills, the Nirma University on Thursday inaugurated the Tinkerers' Lab - a facility that promotes learning through innovation and enhancement of soft skills. Funded by the Maker Bhavan Foundation (MBF), California, US, this is the first lab in India that is outside the IITs. There are similar labs at IIT Mumbai, IIT Chennai and IIT Gandhinagar. Dr Hemant Kanakia, MBF founder who also inaugurated the event shared, "The idea of setting up this foundation was to encourage students to develop an inventive attitude. Learning by doing is one of the approaches which I believe needs to be implemented instead of the conventional classroom method. We want students at Nirma University to go ahead and develop new patentable ideas, build prototypes and file provisional patents."

The event was attended by K K Patel, vice president of Nirma University, Dr Anup K Singh, director general of Nirma University, Dr R N Patel, director of the Institute of Technology, Dr Mehul R Naik who is head centre for Entrepreneurship NU, Damayanti Bhattacharya, the CEO of MBF and Piyush Shah, co-founder of MBF.

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