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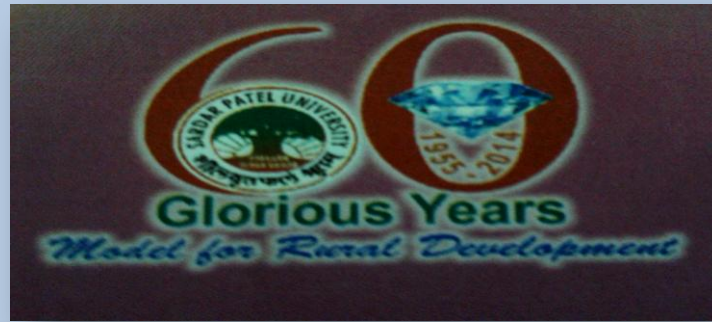
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Editorial

My dear friends,

I extend my warm greetings to the students and teaching fraternity of The Sardar Patel University on the commencement of its diamond jubilee year. This is a moment to pay homage to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and rededicate ourselves in untiringly striving for the highest standards of education.

Living Words contain a beautiful writing of The Mother from her commentaries on Dhammapada.' 'Inspiring thoughts' by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel' are revelatory of the essence of this great man's deeper convictions.

Integral Action contains some quotes from Sri Aurobindo and The Mother on India which carry a very profound insight. The reverberating words of the 'University Song' are presented in this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Dr Bhalendu Vaishnav

15 December, 2014

The Inner Law

The Mother

The inner law, the truth of the being is the divine Presence in every human being, which should be the master and guide of our life.

When you acquire the habit of listening to this inner law, when you obey it, follow it, try more and more to let it guide your life, you create around you an atmosphere of truth and peace and harmony which naturally reacts upon circumstances and forms, so to say, the atmosphere in which you live.

When you are a being of justice, truth, harmony, compassion, understanding, of perfect goodwill, this inner attitude, the more sincere and total it is, the more it reacts upon the external circumstances; not that it necessarily diminishes the difficulties of life, but it gives these difficulties a new meaning and that allows you to face them with a new strength and a new wisdom; whereas the man, the human being who follows his impulses, who obeys his desires, who has no time for scruples, who comes to live in complete cynicism, not caring for the effect that his life has upon others or for the more or less harmful consequences of his acts, creates for himself an atmosphere of ugliness, selfishness, conflict and bad will which necessarily acts more and more upon his consciousness and gives a bitterness to his life that in the end becomes a perpetual torment.

Of course this does not mean that such a man will not succeed in what he undertakes, that he will not be able to possess what he

desires; these external advantages disappear only when there is within the inmost being a spark of sincerity which persists and makes him worthy of this misfortune.

If you see a bad man become unlucky and miserable, you must immediately respect him. It means that the flame of inner sincerity is not altogether extinguished and something still reacts to his bad actions.

Finally, that leads us again to the observation that you must never, never judge on appearances and that all the judgments you make from outward circumstances are always, necessarily false judgments.

To have a glimpse of the Truth, one must take at least one step back in one's consciousness, enter a little more deeply into one's being and try to perceive the play of forces behind the appearances and the divine Presence behind the play of forces.
(1)

...This is the aim and principle of a true national education, not, certainly, to ignore modern truth and knowledge, but to take our foundation on our own being, our own mind, our own spirit.

Sri Aurobindo

About Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel...

'Out of all of them Patel is the only strong man.'

Sri Aurobindo

2.12.1946





Inspiring Thoughts *of* Sardar Patel

We are going to live in the same country and after all, we all either Hindu or Muslim are inhabitants of this country. Therefore, we should live as brothers.

This country, Hindustan (India) should be ruled by Hindustanis (Indians) and not by any 'Hindu' or 'Muslim'.

We should have faith in God that He is always with us and will help us in every good deed.

Nothing is untouchable for those who know the God.

The God is the only owner of the human beings. He has given us this body and poured soul into it. He can only be our Lord.

If you want to pass through this world, trust your strength. The one whose body is trained, his mind gets blossomed as well.

Labour increases the beauty of the heart of human beings. The greatest person is the one who works hard.

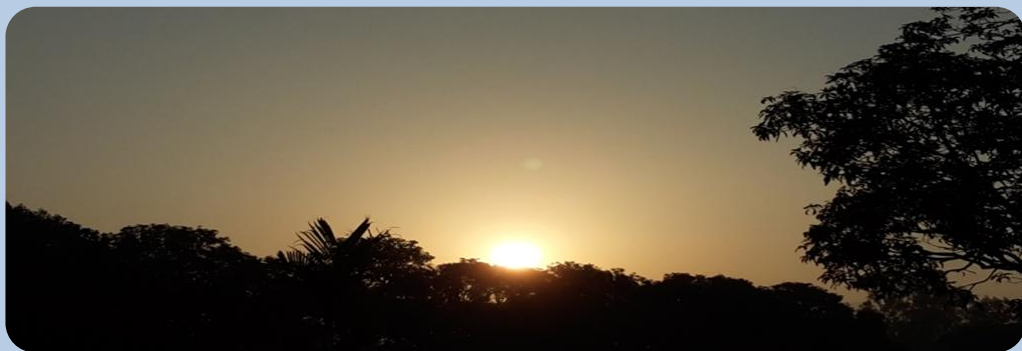
We should keep in the mind that the labour is the greatest gift the God has given to us.

In this sacred land, the rich, the landlords or the ones who have power in their hands are never worshipped. In fact, they are the ones who have been bowing down to the saints and the 'tapasvees'.

The one who works hard can be the true worshipper. And then he doesn't have to tell anyone about his work, his work itself makes him popular.

If we fulfil our duty properly, we would definitely get happiness in this world that is full of pains.

There are two kinds of trainings: one makes him aware of the humanity, while the other makes him to forget the humanity. (2)



India Needs Shakti Alone

Sri Aurobindo

The deeper we look, the more we shall be convinced that the one thing wanting, which we must strive to acquire before all others, is strength—strength physical, strength mental, strength moral, but above all strength spiritual which is the one inexhaustible and imperishable source of all the others. If we have strength, everything else will be added to us easily and naturally. In the absence of strength we are like men in a dream who have hands but cannot seize or strike, who have feet but cannot run. (3)

India The Mother

In the whole creation the earth has a place of distinction, because unlike any other planet it is evolutionary with a psychic entity at its centre. In it, India, in particular, is a divinely chosen country.

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It is only India's soul who can unify the country. Externally the provinces of India are very different in character, tendencies, culture, as well as in language, and any attempt to unify them artificially could only have disastrous results.

But her soul is one, intense in her aspiration towards the spiritual truth, the essential unity of the creation and the

divine origin of life, and by uniting with this aspiration the whole country can recover a unity that has never ceased to exist for the superior mentality.

7 July 1968

(4)

The Soul of India is one and indivisible. India is conscious of her mission in the world. She is waiting for the exterior means of manifestation.

6 June 1947

(5)

I would like them (the Government) to recognise Yoga as education, not so much for ourselves, but it will be good for the country.

Matter will be transformed, that will be a solid base. Life will be divinised. Let India take the lead.

(6)

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