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Sardar Patel University

Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Department of Psychology, Sardar Patel University was started in 1981 with a view to provide specialized training and teaching in the discipline of Psychology for students coming with rural background. With the help of highly trained faculties the Department started providing specialization in Industrial / Organization and Abnormal / Clinical Psychology along with option of Dissertation in lieu of one elective subject at the post-graduate level. Not only that in 1994, the Department introduced one year M. Phil programme in Psychology it was the only Department in the state of Gujarat to provide such a programme in the subject of Psychology. The Department also started providing facilities for doctoral research, mainly in applied areas like mental health, meditation intervention, job-satisfaction, organizational health, stress and tension reducing programme, teacher effectiveness, marriage & family life etc. at master degree, M. Phil and Ph.D. level. The Department has remained fairly active, both academically and professionally, during this period. It has the destination of organizing successfully seminar / conferences / workshops, both at the regional and national level. The Department has also carried out different academic and welfare activities under the University Exchange Programme and UGC scheme exchange programme, and welfare groups (Rotary & Lions) blood donation programme, both at local and outstation for the benefit of community.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Department of Economics, Sardar Patel University was established in 1958. The Department is the first & the only Department of

Economics in the state of Gujarat to has been awarded the status of Centre of Advanced Studies in Economics (CAS – Phase Two) in January 2018 by the UGC. Prior to that the Department has been a recipient of SAP (Special Assistance Programme) Phase 1, 2, & 3; a generous ASIHSS grant, & CAS Phase-1. The Department undertakes multidimensional teaching, research & extension activities, with one benefitting the other.

In context of teaching, Department offers MA & PhD programmes (regular & part-time). Course content & curriculum up-gradation are its regular feature that strikes an appropriate balance between seeking solutions conducive for local economic problems & aspire to be at par with opportunities evolving at national & international level. A strong team of eight faculties include six faculties with PhD, five being registered PhD guides, four faculties being gold medalists & all faculties have qualified for NET/SLET/JRF. Eminent faculties of the Department have served in various capacities in advisory bodies in State & Central Government- * Prof. Dr. Mahesh Pathak, Former Member, Narmada Planning Group (1984-1998) & Chairman, Agriculture Commission, Government of Gujarat (GoG) * Dr. D. S. Tyagi, Former Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices, GoI * Dr. V. K. Krishnamurthy, Former Sr. Economist, National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi * Dr. V. Raju, Former Economic Advisor, Government of Karnataka * Dr. A. S. Patel, Former Member, Agriculture Commission, GoG * Dr. C. H. Babaria, Former Senior Officer, Directorate of Agriculture, GoG * Dr Madhukar Maharaja, Served as Chief Marketing Officer, GSFC Ltd., Baroda. & as Western Regional Director, Fertilizer Association of India, Bombay * Dr S. P. Seetharaman, & Dr S. L. Bapna, former faculties at IIM, Ahmedabad - thereby enabling enriched classroom discussions with shared experiences. Department facilitates a learning ecology through hands-on-learning with well-equipped computer lab, electronic peripherals, & enriched library of the Department, AERC, & Bhaikaka library of the University. Learning is enabled through, lectures by eminent guest faculties/practitioners, seminars, assignments, short-documentaries, access to online resources, online blended resources sharing, mock budgets, viva-voce, etc. Besides major economic courses, elective subjects offered include courses sensitive to environment, gender, ethics, & of national & international economic relevance. Department facilitates awards/fellowships to students to motivate their achievements. Students are provided free classes for National & State level competitive exams & are also encouraged for start-ups.

The inception of Artha-Vikas, a national research journal by the Department dates back to 1965 & has published more than 55 volumes including the golden jubilee issue. It is a bi-annual refereed journal

with ISSN number 0004-3567 & is also listed in the ABDC list of journals. Since 1958 till date the Department has awarded more than 50 Ph.D. degrees & 50 M.Phil. degrees. Department has published more than 20 working papers, two District Human Development Reports, & more than 100 research projects & village surveys. Department has been continuously involved in organizing seminars, conferences, refresher courses, students' competitions, & memorial lecture series of great economic relevance.

The Department has been involved in undertaking various extension activities related to creating positive impact on raising the productivity of livestock farming, eco-friendly disposal of unused & expired medicines, preparing a statistical outline of the data of Sardar Patel University for two decades, preparing a standard tabulation format for data collection for various universities, charity for old age homes & orphanages, & tree plantation, among others.

SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY

Sardar Patel University is re-accredited with "A" Grade by NAAC (CGPA 3.25) and is well recognized for its forefront in terms of academic and research excellence. The University has several unique features namely, it is the only one university in the western India and in the state of Gujarat for getting recognition as the centre of excellence in applied polymers for multi-disciplinary research. It has its own community Radio Station and GUJCOST funded Community Science Centre. It has an Agro-Economic Research Centre and Cost of Cultivation Scheme, Gujarat. The university was one of the first in the state of Gujarat to volunteer to introduce CBCS system at UG and PG level simultaneously. The University and the township of Vallabh Vidyanagar is a model of rural regeneration & development and in fact both are established by a unique co-operative contribution from the local farmers. It has 27 Postgraduate Departments, a constituent college, and 148 colleges affiliated to it. The teaching programmes at UG and PG level are offered under various faculties such as Science, Arts, Commerce, Management, Engineering, Pharmacy, Medicine, Homeopathy, Home Science, Law and Education. The courses offered are framed keeping in view the needs of the students, the society, and the employing agencies – industry or organizations. With such a variety of disciplines available, it is possible for taking up the challenge of introducing research component at UG and PG level.

Uniqueness of the Landmarks

The story of the genesis and growth of two major landmarks, Vallabh Vidyanagar as an educational township, and Sardar Patel University as its leading light, is a saga of convictions and hard work that went into their making. However, its uniqueness lies in the fact that

structurally and philosophy, it is different from institution built on the tenets of Gandhian philosophy or that of Vinobaji's. The uniqueness of the structure engineer in the form of Vallabh Vidyanagar owes itself to a combination of the best of both in the East and the West, in a fine blend, as it were, and in the right proportion. The University was recognised fewer than two of the UGC Act in October 1968, and has completed 63 Golden years of its academic excellence. No wonder, then, that efforts have been made either to emulate its example or to replicate it elsewhere in Gujarat.

Location of Vallabh Vidyanagar

Vallabh Vidyanagar is close to the Milk City of India (Anand) in terms of its strategic geographical location. Anand is on Vadodara-Ahmedabad line of the Western Railway in the heart of Anand District of Gujarat. It is well connected with the rest of the country by railway network, and roads. Due to its strategic location, it is flanked by two major cities of Gujarat: Ahmedabad and Vadodara, both of which have airports, railway junctions, and bus terminuses, making it easy for a visitor to reach Anand, and from there on to Vallabh Vidyanagar.

The distance between Anand and Ahmedabad is 75 kms by bus and 65 kms by train, and the journey takes an hour and a half or two hours at the maximum. Similarly, the distance between Anand and Vadodara is 45 kms by bus and 35 kms by train, and the journey takes 45 minutes or an hour at the most. Vallabh Vidyanagar is about 5 kms from Anand and 2 kms from Karamsad, the native place of Sardar Patel. The Express Highway between Ahmedabad and Vadodara has further reduced the time taken in travelling to slightly over an hour, and half an hour from Ahmedabad and Vadodara respectively. The University Campus (including the main campus as well as 4 satellite campuses) is situated in the heart of a rural countryside against a lush green pollution-free backdrop, offering all the amenities of modern life.

Sardar Patel had shared his vision of academic excellence in these words: "We want to train the citizens of Independent India and not helpless young ones loitering for jobs, thus education without character is worthless".

INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was established in the year of 1969 by the Government of India to promote research in social sciences in the country on the recommendation of Prof. V. K. R. V. Rao Committee. ICSSR is an autonomous organization. ICSSR provides grants for projects, fellowships, international collaboration, capacity building, survey publication etc. to promote research in social sciences in India. Documentation centre of ICSSR - National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC) - provides library and information support services to researchers in social sciences. ICSSR

has developed ICSSR Data Service to serve as a national data service for promoting powerful research environment through sharing and reuse of data among social science community in India. The Council aims to:

- Review the progress of social science research and give advice;
- Sponsor social science research programmes and projects and administer grants to institutions and individuals for research
- Institute and administer scholarships and fellowships for research in social sciences
- Indicate areas in which social science research is to be promoted and adopt special measures for development of research in neglected or new areas
- Give financial support to institutions, associations, and journals engaged in social science research
- Arrange for technical training in research methodology and to provide guidance for research
- Co-ordinate research activities and encourage programmes for interdisciplinary research
- Develop and support centres for documentation services and supply of data
- Organize, sponsor, and finance seminars, workshops etc
- Undertake publication and assist publication of journals and books in social sciences

It also advises the Government of India on all matters pertaining to social science research as may be referred to it from time to time; and take such measures generally as may be necessary from time to time to promote social science research and its utilization.

OBJECTIVES OF COURSE

The capacity-building programme aims to improve the learning outcomes of the students by training the faculty members and enabling an enriching and inclusive classroom environment. Further, the training facilitates the teachers to become more alert and responsive to the social, emotional, and psychological needs of students as first-level counsellors. It also aims to develop participants' ability to enable change in their respective educational institutions. Participants will be immersed in new methodologies to be able to implement change upon their return to their home institutions. This programme is specially designed for the college and university teachers of social sciences like Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Social work, Management, Geography, Commerce, History etc. More specifically the Course aims to address the following aspects.

1. To develop understanding on philosophy of research.
2. To develop skills to prepare an appropriate research proposal, including conducting an overview of literature, formulating research questions and hypotheses, collection of information and analysis.

3. Help them to understand the application of appropriate Statistical techniques in various types of researches keeping in mind nature of the data.
4. Enhance the capability for planning and writing a research paper/book for publication.
5. To acquaint the participants with the latest developments and trends in the field of Social Science research.

The course is expected to benefit participants from all social sciences. By the end of the programme, they are expected to develop conceptual clarity and practical knowledge to undertake quality research and writing good research papers, field reports and project proposals etc.

REGISTRATION FEE - No Registration Fee

GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

The applicants must be working as an Assistant Professor or having equivalent position in any recognized university/colleges in Social Science discipline.

SELECTION PROCESS

The scientific committee will be constituted by the director and co-director for the selection of participants and the selected candidates will be informed by **1st February, 2023. (SC & ST Candidates will be given priority in selection.)**

Interested candidates are requested to send their application to the coordinators along with dully filled up application form, (format enclosed) so as to reach us latest by **30th January, 2023**. An advanced dully signed copy of application will send to the following email.

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Link for Online Registration

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmgpODSBRmyPn_fZAsq3jomahPB_w2zEQjy42P7SJJKoYvBw/viewform?usp=sf_link

COURSE DATES : 8th February, 2023 To 17th February, 2023

VENUE: Humanities Building, Sardar Patel University,

Vallabh Vidhyanagar-388120, Gujarat.

The last Date for receipt of the application: 30th January, 2023

The selected candidate will be intimated on his/her E-mail or mobile/local phone.