Background

Alumni Association of SPU, Vallabh Vidyanagar, India, is a registered body and its chapters at various constituent departments are old and active in providing a platform for its alumni to share their experience and ideas for the betterment of the present students. The annual gathering is a very common practice. The counterpart version of USA is SPU Alumni USA, is located at New Jersey, NJ. The 17th Annual SPU Alumni convention was recently held on 23rd November, 2019. The main objective of the USA edition is to communicate, collaborate and share the experience, offer valuable guidance and tips for the success of both the past and present students in USA as well as in India. Dr. Gordhan N. Patel, President, JP Laboratories (JPL) Inc, Middlesex, NJ, initiated a well defined training program for the faculty and students of SPU. An MoU has been signed between JPL and SPU to facilitate students’ and faculty visits for specialized training. To take this very generous and fruitful gesture forward GLOBAL CONNECT MEET 2020 is being hosted for the first time in the Sardar Patel University Campus in collaboration with Charutar Vidya Mandal, Vallabh Vidyanagar. The objectives of this unique event are manifold and shall provide a platform to interact. The distinguished alumni and retired teachers will be invited and felicitated.

About SPU

Sardar Patel University (SPU) is named after the great visionary and architect of modern India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel which was established in the year 1955. Initiated as a rural University, it has emerged as a reputed seat of learning and has created its own niche in the field of academics and research. The University is NAAC reaccredited with A Grade (CGPA 3.25), the only state funded university in Gujarat to get this recognition. The University boasts of state of the art infrastructural facilities for teaching and research, and is globally known for high acumen and knack for research. Various PG as well as doctoral programs are offered under eleven faculties. The UG programs are run in 148 affiliated colleges or institutes. SPU boosts of a rich and highly successful alumni spread across the globe as well as in India.

About CVM

Charutar Vidya Mandal (CVM) operates 48 Educational Institutions from schools to colleges, PG institutes and a sophisticated Research Institute, with over 30,000 students on the rolls. CVM is synonymous with Vallabh Vidyanagar (VVN), a town made of the synthesis of varied cultures, established 75 years ago, with the objective and purpose of offering a range of educational programs for the development and growth of this region. CVM has carved a niche for itself in this sector by offering numerous emerging and innovative educational programs and is attracting students from across the globe. In 1945 Pujya Bhakhaka and Pujya Bhihhakaka laid the foundation of VVN and CVM on a land generously donated by the local farmers for building educational complex in the glorious tradition of Nalanda and Takshashila. Thereafter, VP Mahavidyala (VPM) was first set up with voluntary help and services of teachers, their spouses, students and citizens in 1947 with 600 students. CVM is now recognized as CVM University from the next academic year.

Late Prof. (Dr.) R. D. Patel Centenary Celebrations

The above planned event is also coinciding with centenary year of Late Professor Dr. Raman D. Patel. He was (i) the head and pioneer of the Chemistry Department of VP Science College of Sardar Patel University; V. V. Nagar and that of Department of Chemistry of Sardar Patel University (SPU), (ii) the 6th Vice Chancellor of SPU and (iii) Smar and sevak of Anoopam Mission. The centenary celebration is planned on Saturday, 11th January 2020. Late Dr. R.D. Patel (10 January 1919 – 14 October 2010) provided 50 years of dedicated services to Vallabh Vidyanagar. He was instrumental in making the Chemistry Department and Sardar Patel University amongst the best in Gujarat and India. He was a dynamic, courageous, devoted, dedicated, passionate, confident, disciplined, selfless, a visionary, inspirational, motivator and caring man. He was a superb administrator, researcher, teacher, innovator and academician. He made unparalleled and un-matched contribution to the development of SPU and the Chemistry Department. He had published more than 100 research papers, authored ten books and was editor of a few science journals. Twenty students received their Ph.D. under him. He received numerous awards and recognitions. Visit www.tinyurl.com/rdpatel for more information on him. He would be vividly remembered, recalled and registered.

Organizing Committee

**Patrons:**
- Prof. (Dr.) Shirish Kulkarni, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Sardar Patel University
- Prof. (Dr.) N. V. Sastry, Head, Department of Chemistry, SPU

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- Dr. Kamini Shah, Dr. Vasant Patel

The Programme

**Registration over breakfast:** 8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.

**Session I:** 9.00 am to 9.30 am: Inaugural Function

**Session II:** 9.30 am to 10.30 am: Late Dr. R.D. Patel Centenary Celebration

**Session III:** 10.30 am to 11.30 am: Brainstorming (about ways and means to establish a good viable Global Connect between SPU Alumni VVN and USA)

**Session IV:** 11.30 am to 12.30 pm: General Body Meeting

**Department Level Meets:** 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

**Lunch:** 12.30 pm to 1.15 pm

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FOLLOWING ARE FEW OBVIOUS EXAMPLES OF INTEREST, EXPERTISE AND DOABLE

- **SHARING YOUR SPECIAL SKILLS / TALENT AND EXPERIENCES**
- **TEACHING AND MENTORING**
- **SPONSORING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**
- **TRAINING STUDENTS AT YOUR FACILITY FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS**
- **ANALYTICAL AND OTHER SERVICES**
- **MOTIVATION OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY THROUGH TALKS AND INTERACTIONS**
- **HELP START STUDENTS A BUSINESS**
- **INSPIRE FOR START-UP AND INNOVATION PROJECTS**
- **SKILL ENHANCING SHORT TERM PROGRAMS**

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