

# **SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY**

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Sardar Patel University (SPU) is a university in the Gujarat state of India. It is named after independence leader Shree Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (October 31, 1875–December 15, 1950). It was founded in 1955 by Shree Bhailalbai D. Patel, known as Bhaikaka. This university considered as one of the best in India for higher education. But recent privatization of some of its colleges diluted its prestige and quality. SPU is one of the largest (student strength- ~40,000) university in Gujarat.

The university was established by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the then-Bombay Province in December 1955 and was UGC recognized under 2(f) of the UGC Act in October 1968. The university has many affiliated colleges and AICTE approved by All India Council for Technical Education, (AICTE), New Delhi. 05-05-2010, Originally it had the status of a rural university but now it has diversified with the motto of "Excellence Matters". The university is the first among all the universities in Gujarat to volunteer for the accreditation in 2000. Sardar Patel University is listed among Top 30 Universities in India.

The University and the township of Vallabh Vidyanagar on which sprawls the University campus, have not been created by any executive order of the State, neither have they been created by one or few wealthy people. Indeed, this land of learning and the Seat of Higher Education - The University - has been created by a unique co-operative contribution of a large number of farmers of this rural area, who were inspired and enthused by the vision, dedication, and sacrifices of Sardar Patel, Shri Bhaikaka and Shri Bhikhabhai. Having been founded on the basis of selfless voluntary contribution of the local farmers aspiring to transform this rural area into an enlightened collectivity of people with impeccable character and national spirit, Sardar Patel University has been nurtured by the cherished values of its founders and a large number of very able, selfless and visionary academic and administrative leaders. Today, The University offers a variety of courses at all levels covering almost every discipline of knowledge. Several of its departments and academic programs have been nationally acclaimed and internationally reputed. The Quality of research and the standard of publication by the members of faculty and research scholars are the best among the leading Universities in India and abroad. The serene, green and peaceful environment of its campus, free from all kinds of modern nuisance nourishes the vitality of the University's pursuits of academic excellence as visualized by Sardar Patel. Addressing the gathering of scholars on the occasion of the inauguration of the first College in Vallabh Vidyanagar, 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".