The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, originally founded in 1881 as the “Baroda College”, is a premier unitary residential University, established on 30th April, 1949. It is the state University with English as its medium of instruction, having 13 Faculties, 3 Constituent Colleges, 2 Institutions and 8 Centers of Specialized Studies, wherein more than 37,295 students pursue higher studies, under the care and supervision of 1112 teaching (662 Permanent) and 1190 permanent supporting staff members. It houses 89 departments spread over 6 campuses (2 rural and 4 urban) covering 275 acres of land including a built up area of 418500 sq. mt. There are 16 hostels (12 Boys & 4 Girls) which accommodates about 4103 students. There are 475 residential quarters too for teaching and non-teaching staff. The University offers a wide range of courses, giving opportunity for education from early childhood to Ph.D. The pre-nursery school ‘Chetan Balwadi’ is a part of the Faculty of Family and Community Sciences and the Experimental School, imparting education from Std. I to XII, is monitored by the Faculty of Education & Psychology. Applied Science subjects, like Applied Mathematics, Applied Chemistry and Applied Physics are separate departments under the Faculty of Technology & Engineering, having interactive progressive collaborations with the Faculty of Science. It is one of the few Universities in the country offering research opportunities in the Ancient Indian Traditions of India at the Baroda Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya and Indian Classical Vocal and Instrumental Music, Bharatnatyam and Kathak Dances at the Faculty of Performing Arts; Painting, Sculpture and Art History in the Faculty of Fine Arts. Preservation of Ancient India Literature and Vedic Traditions at the Oriental Institute, and an extraordinary collection of excavations, including relics of Lord Buddha at Department of Archaeology and rare collections like Dinosaurs egg, rock, etc. are some of the salient features. The University also offers courses in emerging areas, like Nanotechnology, Petroleum Geology, Medical Biotechnology, Bio Informatics, Disaster Management, Embedded Systems, Packaging Engineering Welding Technology has expertise in the latest technological innovations such as Centre for Biotechnology, Genome Research Centre, Bio-informatics network, Centre for Microbial Genomics and the latest, the Centre for Molecular Genetics. The University offers 98 PG courses, 66 Ph.D programmes, 39 PG Diploma courses and 88 UG courses with an option from 347 programmes in 92 subjects. It also offers 11 certificate programmes and 3 post diploma certificate programme. As many as 205 students are currently enrolled in Ph.D. programme, out of which 33% of the students are from outside Gujarat State.