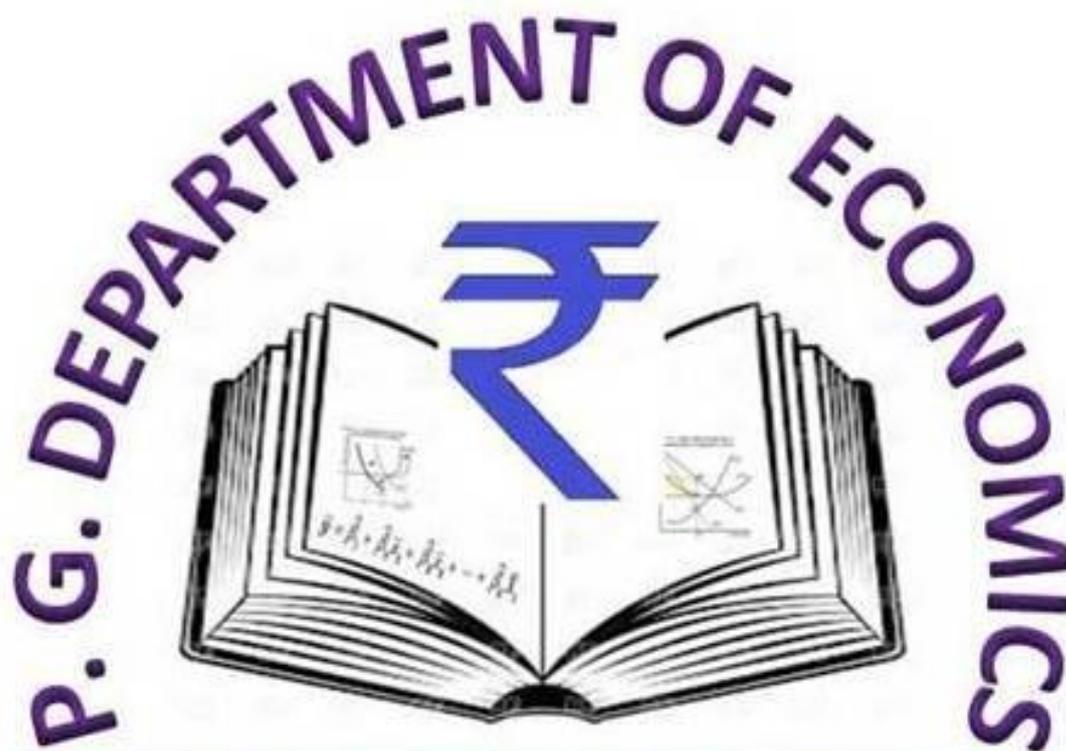


Department Profile



**UGC CENTRE OF  
ADVANCED STUDIES**

**SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY  
VALLABH VIDYANAGAR**



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## Welcome

We welcome you all to an exciting and challenging career in the field of Economics. In today's fast changing and dynamic global economy, knowledge is the only source of power. The ability to convert information into knowledge by interpreting emerging trends is the key factor to gaining this power. The power of knowledge assures rapid growth of an individual as well as the country at large. The knowledge of Economics enables one to understand the subtle intricacies of the ever-changing competitive world that we live in. For a post graduate in economics, job opportunities are plenty. Teaching at school, college and post graduate levels, applied research in government and non-governmental organizations, fast growing private sector enterprises in trade, commerce and management, banking, government agencies and departments and Civil Services like the Indian Administrative Service and Indian Economic Service. In short, for a truly worthy and hard working student, the sky is the limit. We, the faculty members at the Department, are striving hard to prepare the students for this vibrant scenario. If you think that you have it in you to make a difference to your life and to that of others, if you think that economic change is the answer to many a social and political issues, if you believe in creating value through environmental sensitivity, this is the place for you. Come and join the Post Graduate Department of Economics to give your career the competitive edge.

## The University

**Sardar Patel University**, a leading center of higher education in Gujarat State, came into existence in 1957 with the basic objective of accelerating the process of regeneration of rural economy by the application of modern arts, science and technology. The University has made noteworthy progress in the areas of UGC Infonet, FM Radio, EDUSAT etc. It has twenty six Post-Graduate Departments. Many of the Departments are receiving financial assistance from UGC, COSIST, DRDO, DAE, ICSSR, DST, CSIR, ICAR, ,GSBTM, ARDB, DBT, etc., for establishing centers of excellence, undertaking research and establishment of infrastructure. The **National Assessment and Accreditation Council** has accredited the University with **four stars (★★★★)**.

## The Department

The **Post Graduate Department of Economics** is a premier Department in the Faculty of Arts. Since its inception in 1958 the Department has been giving rural bias to its programmes of Post graduate teaching, research, extension and development. It also has the advantage of having close collaboration with two of its associate institutions viz., **Agro Economic Research Centre for Gujarat and Rajasthan(1961) and the Comprehensive Scheme for Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops(1970)**. As the Post-Graduate Department of Economics and the Agro-Economic Research Centre have been working in close collaboration for several decades, the Sardar Patel University has put them under the common umbrella of the H.M.Patel Institute of Rural Development in order to help them to work together which is mutually beneficial to both of them. Professional engagement of the faculty members in accumulation and transfer of know-how of the processes of economic change with a focus on rural development is well evident from their active participation in a wide range of research projects and advisory services.

## Research Grants and Assistance

For academic activities in the thrust areas of **Agricultural Economics, Rural Development and Environmental Economics** the Department has received recognition and financial support from the government, corporate and co-operative sectors and other academic institutions. The UGC had sanctioned financial grant to the Department

for its development under **Special Assistance programme** Phase I and II. During the **X Plan** period, the UGC had inducted the Department to the **Department of Special Assistance Phase III** and had also sanctioned a library grant of Rs. Five Lakhs. To strengthen the infrastructural facilities of the Department, the UGC had also sanctioned an additional grant of about Rs. 40 lakhs under its ASIHSS (Assistance for Strengthening Infrastructure in Humanities and Social Sciences) programme. UGC has also sanctioned special Assistance Programme CAS-I for the period of 5 Years w.e.f April 1, 2011. During its long journey of more than five decades, apart from providing rigorous teaching at the Post Graduate level, the Department has prepared more than 300 project reports and working papers and guided 46 M.Phil and 55 Ph.D. students.

## Courses of Study

The Department offers opportunities for postgraduate study at Master of Arts (M.A), Master of Philosophy (M. Phil) and Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) levels in the field of Economics.

In M.A. (Economics), the students are offered core papers, elective papers in the chosen area of specialization and self study cum soft skill papers.

### Course Structure for M. A.

Core Courses	
Semester- I	Semester- II
Micro Economics	Micro Economics
Macro Economics	Macro Economics
Theories of International Trade	Issues of International Trade
Comprehensive Viva	Comprehensive Viva

Semester- III	Semester- IV
Economics of Development & Planning	Economics of Development & Planning
Theory of Public Economics	Indian Public Economics - Theory & Policy
Quantitative Economics	Quantitative Economics
Comprehensive Viva	Comprehensive Viva

Elective & Interdisciplinary Courses	
Semester- I	Semester- II
Theory of Agricultural Economics	Theory of Agricultural Economics
Industrial Organisation & Finance	Industrial Organisation & Finance
Theory of Environmental Economics	Theory of Environmental Economics
Central Banking	Central Banking
Economics of Rural Development	Economics of Rural Development
Theory & Practice of Co - Operation	Theory & Practice of Co - Operation
Research Methodology & Computer Application in Economics	Research Methodology & Computer Application in Economics
Semester- III	Semester- IV
Problems of Indian Agriculture	<b>Interdisciplinary Courses</b>
Industrial Labour	Human Development
Environmental Problems of India	Environmental Protections in India
Theory of Finance	
Socio - Economic Survey Methods	
Development of Co - Operative Movement In India	
Research Methodology & Computer Application In Economics	

Soft Skill & Self Study Courses	
Semester- I	Semester- II
Theory & Practice of Co - Operation	Employment Generation Programmes in India
Semester- III	Semester- IV
Economics of Livestock Farming	Indian Economy

**M. Phil.** is a one year full time course. The study is offered partly through classroom instruction and partly through research (Dissertation). The students are offered two compulsory and one optional paper to be chosen from a package of six papers.

<b>Compulsory Papers</b>	<b>Optional Papers (Any one)</b>
Research Methodology	Agriculture and Indian Economic Growth
Macroeconomics of Growth	Econometrics and Computer Applications in Economics

## **Ph.D**

The Ph.D Programme is based on course work and research. The prospective candidate is required to fulfill the terms and conditions indicated in Rules and Regulations for Ph.D. Programme, Sardar Patel University {[www.spuvvn.edu](http://www.spuvvn.edu) (Academic programme-Ph.D.)}, which is in accordance with the UGC regulations of 2016. The student is also required to submit a research proposal before the Departmental Research Committee which takes decision about admitting the student to the course.

## **Teaching Method**

This includes classroom teaching, individual and group interactions with the faculty outside the class room, lecture demonstration and seminar presentations by the students, project work, assignments, self study, field visits, guest lectures, workshops, debates and discussions etc.

## **Method of Evaluation**

The Department makes continuous evaluation of students through internal tests, seminars, assignments, viva voce and University Examination.

## **Infrastructure and Facilities**

The Department has acquired basic infrastructural facilities to help the students to enhance their skills. It is housed in a three storied building having class rooms, independent cabins for the faculty, administrative and support facilities, a seminar hall, reading room, library, computer laboratory, internet connectivity, over head projectors, multi-media projector etc.

## **Faculty Members**

Faculty members at the Department consist of a congenial mix of widely experienced senior faculty members and enthusiastic young scholars as their juniors. On the whole, the multi-cultural backgrounds and multifaceted abilities of the faculty members promote an atmosphere of healthy intellectual debates and discussions, which work to the advantage of one and all of the students as well as faculty.

<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Specialization</b>
Dr. H. P. Trivedi	Professor & Head	Ph.D.	Development Economics Industrial Economics Environmental Economics Research Methodology
Dr. D. J. Chauhan	Professor	Ph.D	Micro Economics Banking and Finance Research Methodology
Dr. N. M. Patel	Associate	Ph.D.	Agricultural Economics

	Professor		Co-operation International Economics Research Methodology
Dr. Kinjal V. Ahir	Associate Professor	Ph.D. NET	Economics of Higher Education International Economics Macro Economics Rural Development
Dr. Sonal Bhatt	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. NET	Public Finance Environmental Economics Research Methodology
Dr. J. K. Barot	Assistant Professor	M.A. SET	Micro Economics Quantitative Economics Econometrics Research Methodology Computer Application in Economics
Dr. V.S. Jariwala	Assistant Professor	Ph.D NET, SET	International Economics Quantitative Economics Research Methodology Computer Application in Economics

### Research and Publications

The Department publishes “Artha-Vikas”, a biannual journal of economic development since 1965. Articles and research papers by eminent academicians as well as young members of the teaching fraternity find a place in the journal.

### Research Facilities

The main hub of library facilities including a huge collection of books and periodicals on a wide range of subjects of study is located at Bhaikaka Library, run by the Sardar Patel University. Besides, our students also have an access to the library of the Agro Economic Research Centre and Department’s own library and Reading Room in the building. These libraries have rich collection of text and reference books, research reports and journals in specialized areas of agricultural economics, rural economy and environmental economics. Those interested in advanced research may also take advantage of good library facilities available with the Institute of Rural Management, Anand, National Dairy Development Board, Anand, Agricultural University and Water and Land Management Institute, Hadgud (Anand) which are located in the vicinity of the campus. In addition, a computer laboratory along with internet connectivity is also available with the Department for the use of students as well as faculty.

### Co-Curricular Activities

For their overall development students are encouraged to participate actively in different co curricular activities such as weekly seminars, debate and elocution competitions and general knowledge tests. In addition, students are also provided opportunities to participate in the interdepartmental and University level sports meets, youth festivals, essay and debate competitions and other cultural competitions. Study/field tours are also organized to make the students familiar with other institutions and development programmes. To improve their observation and analytical power, students are guided to undertake rural surveys.

## Scholarships, Medals & Prizes

Meritorious students may look forward to the following scholarships, merit based medals and prizes which are conferred upon. The Silver Jubilee Trust of the Gujarat Economic Association offers merit- cum-means scholarships to one student each in

M.A. (Previous) and M.A (Final) 'Prof. R. K. Amin Gold Plated Medal' is awarded every year to the student securing highest marks in aggregate in M.A. (Final). Late Shri Dahyabhai Tulsibhai Patel (Bakrol) Gold Medal' is awarded to the student securing highest marks in aggregate at M.A (Previous and Final) in the subject of Agricultural Economics. 'Prof. V. S. Vyas Felicitation Prize' is awarded to a student obtaining highest marks in M.A. (Previous) examination. 'Pramukhswami Maharajs 80 Birthday Celebration Anand Vidyanagar Cash Prize' is awarded to top two students securing highest marks in Quantitative Economics.

In addition to the above prizes and awards, the Government of Gujarat provides scholarships to the students belonging to the SC, ST and OBC categories. Further, the Bidi Kamdar Sangh also offers scholarships.



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