



Welcome to

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Sardar Patel University

(A Grade University: CGPA 3.11)

One of the Oldest and Strongest Departments of History in Gujarat



Post-graduate Department of History, Sardar Patel University

Department Profile:

- Established in 1958: 66 glorious years of teaching, research, and extension activities
- Three classrooms including History Laboratory
- Strong in research and publications
- We offer:
 - M.A. (Regular) (four semester course with Multi-disciplinary Elective Courses across Disciplines)
 - M. A. (External)
 - Bridge Course for M.A. (External) for graduate students from other disciplines
 - Ph.D. (ancient and modern Indian history and archaeology)
 - Post-graduate Diploma in History of Modern Gujarat
 - Value-added Certificate Course in Introduction to Archaeology (2 credits)

Why study in Department of History?

- One of the best Departments in Gujarat
- Experienced, qualified teachers
- Government-aided fee structure with a number of scholarships

	Sem I	Sem II	Sem III	Sem IV
Boys	2430	1510	1530	1510
Girls	1830	910	930	910

- Excellent facilities of hostel, library, and food
- Ragging-free campus
- Conducive environment for learning and research
- Academic programmes like Guest Lectures, Seminars, and Educational Tours
- 90 per cent success ratio
- Active counselling for SET, NET, TET, TAT, GPSC, UPSC, and other competitive exams
- Student exchange programme with Sardar Patel University, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh

Department Facilities:

- The Department is located in Humanities Building, opposite the University Office.
- Separate cabins for teachers where students can avail personal and individual guidance and help
- Two classrooms equipped with AV apparatuses
- Students Library
- History Laboratory of the Department with Audio-visual facility and
 - houses a number of historical maps and charts,
 - replicas of sculptures
 - plethora of photographs of ancient monuments and images

Faculty Profile:

- Five teachers: 2 Professors, 2 Associate Professors, 1 Assistant Professor
- All teachers have earned doctorate and are recognised Ph.D. guides
- Teaching and research experience of 20+ years
- 370+ research papers and 7 books
- Participation in more than 200 regional, national, and international seminars, conferences, and symposia
- Invited speakers at a number of academic gatherings
- Executive membership in various university and academic bodies
- Consultancy service in historical documentaries, museum committees, etc.

Faculty Profile:



Prof. Jigish M. PANDYA (M.A., Ph.D.), Professor & Head of the Department, has 34 years of teaching experience in higher education. He specializes in Socio-Religious Reform Movements in Modern India. He has published three books and several research papers in various journals. He is a Ph.D. guide; 15 students so far have completed their Ph.D. under him and 2 students are reading for the same. An able organizer of a number of national and state level seminars, Prof. Pandya currently serves as Dean, Faculty of Arts and also as Member, Executive Council of Sardar Patel University.

Prof. Shailesh SOLANKI (M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.)

Currently on deputation as Director, Gujarat State Archives, Gandhinagar



Dr. Hemant DAVE, Associate Professor, earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology from Deccan College, Pune. Associated with the Department from 2002, he has authored more than 300 articles and four books including a book translation. Recipient of Shri Haridas Vitthaldas Gokani Gold Medal and Archaeological Research Society of Porbandar Silver Jubilee Silver Medal of Gujarat Itihas Parishad, Dr. Dave served as an expert for the documentary “Ananth Anadih Vadngar” produced for the Discovery and Discovery + channel.

Faculty Profile:



Dr. Vasant PATEL (M.A., B.Ed., M.Phil. Ph.D.), Associate Professor, was earlier with the Statue of Unity project as Research Officer. His earlier research focused on Mahadevbhai Desai. He recently completed an ICHR-funded Minor Research Project on Sardar Patel and the Princely State of Bhavnagar. He has guided 14 M.Phil. and 3 Ph.D. candidates; currently 6 students are registered for their Ph.D. under him. He has published more than 45 research articles and presented the Department in a number of national and international academic gatherings. He is a member of Itihas Sankalan Samiti, Gujarat Prant and earlier served as Secretary to Gujarat Itihas Parishad.



Dr. Dilip C. CHAUDHARI (M.A., M.Phil. Ph.D.) is Assistant Professor in the Department from 1997 and has been teaching at the Post-graduate level for 26 years. He is a recognised Ph.D. guide. His M.Phil. Dissertation was on constructive activities of students of Amdavad during the freedom movement. He did his Ph.D. on Nationalistic Journalism in Gujarat mainly based on archival sources. He has published a number of research articles on Freedom Movement of Gujarat, Constructive Activities in Gujarat, and Nationalist Journalism. One student is working under him on Jugatram Dave and the Vedchhi Ashram.

Some Recent Projects and Publications:

- UGC-funded Major Research Project on “Gujarat before Gandhi (1844–1915): A Genealogy of Gandhian Ideology”
- ICHR-funded Minor Research Project on “Integration of Princely State: Sardar Patel and the Bhavnagar Princely State”
- *Av·nav*, Collected Articles of Virchand Dharamsey, published by Asiatic Society, Mumbai, 2023
- *Exploring South Asian Past: Professor K. Paddayya Festschrift*, published by Aryan International, New Delhi, 2024
- 370 + research papers and 7 books

Exam Structure:

- Internal evaluation: once in a semester: 30 %
- External evaluation: once in a semester: 70 %
- Fair and transparent evaluation; on time
- Oral exam (Comprehensive viva) is mandatory
- Home assignments in Self-study papers
- Ph.D. evaluation on the basis of dissertation, viva-voce, and open defense
- Re-test, if needed

MoU with Sardar Patel University, Mandi, HP



Study Tours: Rajasthan, MP, Uttarakhand

Sr. No.	Places	Purpose	Funding	Date
1	Rajasthan: Mt. Abu, Ambaji, Udaipur, Chitaud	To study: museums, mediaeval forts and architecture, archaeology, mediaeval Hindu/Jain temple architecture.	Self	Feb. 2020 (4 days)
2	Madhya Pradesh: Bhopal, Bhimbetka (UNESCO World Heritage site), Vidisha, Sanchi (UNESCO World Heritage site), Udaygiri Caves, Bhojpur, Ujjain (Mahakaleshvar)	Study of ancient art and architecture, rock cut architecture, mediaeval architecture. Political imagery, inscriptions, Ashokan monumental art, etc.	University (Under academic study tour)	Jan. 2023 (4 days)
3	Uttarakhand: Haridvar, Rishikesh, Mussoorie, Kankhal, etc.	To understand sacred anthropology, historical architecture, colonial history of hill stations, religious history of India, etc.	University (Under academic study tour)	Jan 2024 (7 days)

Placement:

As Professors in colleges and universities

As Teachers in government and private schools

Posting as Class I and II officers in government offices

As police officers, constables, etc. through competitive exams

Talati, Clerks, and other jobs



Study
Tour:
Bhimbetka,
MP,
Unesco
World
Heritage
Site



Study
Tour: Mt.
Abu,
Udaipur,
Chittaud,
Ambaji



Study Tour:
Sanchi, MP,
Unesco
World
Heritage Site
& Maha-
Varaha at
Udaygiri,
MP





Study Tour: Haridvar, Rishikesh, Mussoorie



Student Life: Celebration of Festivals and Days



Fine Balance of Academics and Cultural Activities

 **SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY** 
Department of HISTORY

**NET / GSET
Qualified Students**

			
AJAYSINH J. RAJPUT NET & GSET Qualified	BHARGAV G. KAPDI GSET Qualified	PARIKA J. RATHOD NET Qualified	
			
Dr. VIJAY NINAMA GSET Qualified	RAHUL N. DAMOR GSET Qualified	NEHA N. PARMAR GSET Qualified	MAYURI P. SHENVA GSET Qualified



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