



Lokbharati University
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From the Chancellor's Desk

Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation is an extension of an idea seen seven decades back i.e., emancipation of common masses through education. India is still an agricultural country with the majority of population residing in rural areas. Despite hundreds of universities and premier institutions of international reputation, it seems we have not been able to align the real issues of India with higher education which is why we are not able to produce the right kind of work force.



Dr. Arun Dave

On one hand, Globalization, Capitalism and Technological Disruption are making people jobless and make them pursue only materialistic pleasures, environment and moral values are declining rapidly on the other. With Lokbharati University, we wish to prepare young Indians with the right skills set to develop the country without compromising with nature and culture. The university aims at implementing the best of NEP 2020 coupled with Gandhian principles of Nai Talim.

Some of the objectives are:

- Upskilling Rural Youth through Start-up and Grassroot Entrepreneurship Programs
- Promoting Rural Students with High Talent and Low Academic Grades
- Increasing Girl Child Education in Rural Gujarat
- Empowering Rural Women through Vocational Training
- Extending Affordable Technologies to Rural Areas
- Contributing towards Sustainability of Nature
- Expanding our community service to the whole country
- Reducing Educational & Overall Migration from Rural Areas

Thus, in all, we wish to solve real-life problems rural areas through holistic education and innovation.



From the Vice Chancellor's Desk

India has a Rural Soul. Mahatma Gandhiji was absolutely clear that India can never forget Rural Welfare for the Nation's Development.

Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation (LURI), Sanosara is established with Mahatmaji's dream. We do understand and accept the National vision of World class Growth and Development to compete with Developed/Advanced countries.

LURI is ready to meet both the ends by its Rural Innovation vision. The vision of LURI is to solve real-life problems of the rural areas through holistic education and innovation. This indicates our commitment towards Rural Development with the support of day-to-day innovations in Agriculture, Natural Farming, Dairy Sciences, Animal Husbandry, Indigenous Knowledge Systems, etc. Our lush green campus represents combination of Nature and Science. Young boys and girls live on this campus by exploring, experimenting, understanding and doing practices of innovation in rural life.

LURI aims to join hands with National and International organisations for student's internships and placements. We have outlined our courses to give freedom to students to learn, to practice, to experiment and to develop skills by live experiences and self-participations.

We are opening doors of our University with pious wishes to welcome one and all to join hands for New RURBAN India. It is said that Prayer from the bottom of our heart gets all kind of support from entire cosmos.



Dr. Bhadrayu Vachhrajani



From the Pro. Vice Chancellor's Desk

21st century is remarkably different in terms of almost everything that we see, experience and live. The *Report on Future of Jobs, 2016* prepared by the **World Economic Forum** opens in the following manner:

Today, we are at the beginning of a Fourth Industrial Revolution. Developments in genetics, artificial intelligence, robotics, nanotechnology, 3D printing and biotechnology, to name just a few, are all building on and amplifying one another. This will lay the foundation for a revolution more comprehensive and all-encompassing than anything we have ever seen. Smart systems—homes, factories, farms, grids or cities—will help tackle problems ranging from supply chain management to climate change.

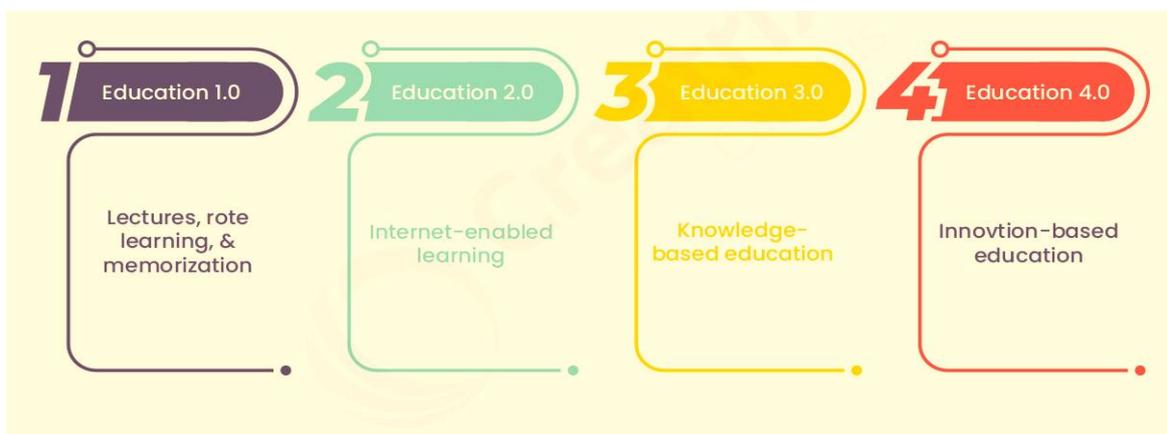


Dr. Vishal Bhadani

This is not only about the technological advancements but also about the dynamic futuristic space we have already entered. It has to do with a number of things such as our education, professional world, lifestyle, nature along with our hopes and aspirations for the future. The 21st century needs and challenges are different. Today, we have

- Corporate and cosmopolitan work ambiance
- Multilingual and digital communication
- Ability to solve unprecedented problems
- Innovation is a routine expectation

All of these calls for **Education 4.0** which is the direct manifestation of Industry 4.0.



At Lokbharati University, we are trying to transform learning in higher education so that 'new knowledge' can be generated. How does one do that? Well, we have designed and implemented a unique pedagogy i.e., 20% lectures, 30% multimedia and 50% practical. The idea is to provide maximum experiential, project-based, discovery-based and on-the-job training in order to generate new knowledge.

With an excellent team, we are marching towards innovation. Wait & watch!

Shubharambh



The University was graced with the pious presence and blessings from Shree Morari Bapu, the spiritual guru. It was a lighting of the lamp that worked as a booster and thus the journey of a rural revolution through education began....

Orientation

Any student's first step into any institution leaves lasting impression in his/her mind. Also, it was first students' batch of LURI. As per Lokbharati's tradition the orientation was named as "Abhimukhta". During five days, 22 to 26 July 2022 students were introduced to values and culture of Lokbharati.



On the first day of *Abhimukhta*, students were introduced to university staff and structure. On subsequent days students were introduced to

coeducation, hostel life, *Khadi* and village industries, Lokbharati education system, life skills, rural innovation, institution tour and valedictory session. The LURI's *Abhimukhta* program's length and variety of events makes it unique among all the universities.

Sahitya Academy Event

Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation organized its first event with prestigious *Sahitya Akademi*. The University and Akademi organized a series of talks on Role of Gujarati Literature in Indian Freedom Movement on 6-7 August, 2022.

Mr. Omprakash Nagar attended the event on behalf of Akademi, Mr. Vinod Joshi, Mr. Mansukh Salla, Dr. Bhadrayu Vachchrajani and Dr. Vishal Bhadani inaugurated the program. On first day renowned literary writers spoke



about Gandhiji and Meghani's literary contribution to Indian Freedom Movement. On second day speeches were held on role of Gujarati poetry, plays and novel's contribution in Indian Freedom Movement. The program was benchmark in preserving Lokbharati's tradition and embarked LURI's journey in quality events.

Workshop - Education for Innovation

A workshop on Education for innovation was organized on 12/08/2022. Renowned educationalist Dr. Mahendra Chotaliya was invited to discuss various aspects of education



and their implementation in innovation centric education system. Dr. Chotaliya and university staff had lively and fruitful discussion on conditioning to control, to know vs to learn, celebrating mistakes, open board and study clubs.

Anubandh

Usually, well-educated students are not good speaker in front of large audience. To prepare the students for their future role in society LURI's honorable pro vice chancellor Dr. Vishal Bhadani designed a program called *Anubandh*, the event was decided to be held at every Sunday 3 to 4 pm.



Students from each department have to deliver talk on selected subject for five minutes. By the time of graduation each student will have rich experience of public speaking. Also, beside students' speeches each anubandh contains a clarity talk by subject experts on knowledgeable topic. The *Anubandh* program is without miss still achieving two goals of preparing well

versed public speakers and educating students about numerous subjects.

MOU with Atmiya University

Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation signed its first Memorandum of Understanding with Atmiya Universtiy, Rajkot for research, education and extension activities in the areas of value education, life skills and sustainable development.



Dr. Bhadrayu Vachhrajani, Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Vishal Bhadani, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rajendra Chotaliya represented LURI. Prof. (Dr.) Shiv K. Tripathi Honorable Vice chancellor and Dr. Divyang Vyas, Dean Transformative Academics attended the MOU signing ceremony from Atmiya University. The ceremony was held at Lokbharati campus on 27/08/2022. The MOU paves a way for collective progress of students of both spiritually aligned Universities. Vyas, Dean Transformative Academics attended the MOU signing ceremony from Atmiya University. The ceremony was held at Lokbharati campus on 27/08/2022. The MOU paves a way for collective progress of students of both spiritually aligned Universities.

Prakriti Darshan

With the infiltration of mobile phone and social media the youth and nature are drifting away. Keeping Lokbharati tradition alive we organized prakriti darshan event on 7/9/2022. Early on with the sunrise all University students with their professors embarked on journey in lap of nature. The nature was fresh and green with recent rainy season. The student walked from

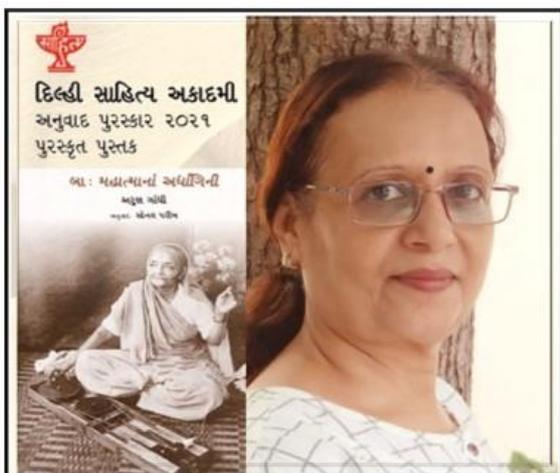


Rajendra Hill to nearby stone quarry through hillocks. The prakriti darshan concluded in games and experience sharing by students.

The walk through nature tired students a lot but they made new friends, they came closer to the faculty and gave a memorable day which they will cherish for lifetime.

Cherishing

One of the employees of LURI Mrs. Sonal Parikh is eminent Gujarati poet, writer, critic and translator. She is being awarded by *Sahitya Akademi – Delhi*, for “*Baa: Mahatmana Ardhangani*”. This is book is a gujarati translation of Arun Gandhi’s English biography, “*The Forgotten Women*”, that chronicles the life of a woman who shared the success and failures of the father of the nation. The translation maintains fidelity even while



deploying lucid language, apt metaphors and images to carry the message of the source language text into the target language.

The translator has very ably carried the readers in the Gujarati translation as well. Therefore, *Sahitya Akademi* has happily conferred its Translation Prize in Gujarati on Sonal Parikh for her outstanding translation of, *Baa: Mahatmana Ardhangani*.

Lok-Bold Portrait

Shri Narendra Modi, Honorable Prime Minister of India was given a unique gift during his visit to Bhavnagar on 29/09/2022. Jitubhai Vaghani, Honorable Education minister of Gujarat State gifted Shri Narendra Modi his own portrait made from Lok-Bold wheat variety, developed at Lokbharati.



Lokbharati takes pride in developing most bold wheat variety in world which traces back its legacy in Lok-1 wheat variety. LURI will be torch bearer in the bright tradition of public centric innovation.

Gandhi Jayanti Padyatra

Keeping the soul of Lokbharati at heart of LURI our students took part in Gandhi Padyatra 2/10/2022. The students walked to nearby villages and organized various activities. Cleaning village surrounding, interacting with villagers, teaching young students etc were activities performed by students during whole day. Students returned to campus at evening.

This tradition keeps alive Gandhian values at heart of LURI.



Hackathon Participation

The Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation has Innovation embedded in its name itself. Taking first step in the journey to being rural serving and innovative institution, University students participated in Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Hackathon 2022. With the guidance of Dr. Vishal Bhadani, Honorable Pro Vice-chancellor, the students selected 11 problems related to rural population.



As part of the hackathon problem solution a new club also came into existence, 'Innovation Club'. The students worked hard on the problems during the club hours and as the fruitful result all teams were selected for regional round held at Government Engineering College, Bhavnagar during 7-8 October - 2022. The students were accompanied by Dr. Viraj Naliapara, Mr.

Milanbhai Kerasiya and Miss. Dhartiben Jogarana as mentors. The students zealously participated in two day's event and took first step in direction of innovation centric student life.

When the students returned from the event they were welcomed by Honorable Chancellor, Dr. Arun Dave and Director of Lokbharati, Hasmukhbhai Devmurari, making a memorable event for student. The two day's event made lasting impression on students' mind that will stay forever with them.

Short-Term Courses

Aligning LURI's standards with international universities and keeping the vocational demand in mind the university decided to start some short-term courses. Lokbharati's students are residential students and they do have free time beside their main study.

To utilize the free time and upskill them the following short-term courses were launched by university:

1) Spoken English, 2) Breadmaking and confectionary, 3) Kitchen and Rooftop Gardening, 4) Nursery Management, 5) Eco-Friendly Lifestyle, 6) Agri Journalism, 7) Natural Farming. The students on the campus of Lokbharati has shown keen interest in the courses and some courses like Spoken English are already started.

Journal Exhibition



LURI has adapted an unique pedagogy which focuses more on hands on experience of learning. Dr. Vishal Bhadani, Honorable Pro-Vice Chancellor turned this hands on learning approach into an artistic yet scientific practice of Journaling. Usually students of science stream are required to make journals to record their experimental work but all LURI students including humanitarian stream students had to make journals of all the subjects that they study.

To encourage the students, an exhibition of their journals was organized on 16/10/2022 at Saraswat Bhavan on campus. More than 175 visitors visited the exhibition and specially our Chancellor Dr. Arun Dave graced the event with his presence.

The journals were evaluated by three jury members and top 10 journals were selected from all the journals. Also, it was decided to start this event as a tradition at the end of each semester in future.

MOU with KVK



Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation has signed Memorandum of Understanding for academic and training collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Sanosara, Bhavnagar on 14th of November 2022. Honourable VC Dr. Bhadrayu Vachhrajani, Dr. Vishal Bhadani, Bhautik Limbani and Mahavirsinh Parmar along with Honourable Program Coordinator of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sanosara, Bhavnagar Dr. Nigam Shukla and team have attended the MOU signing ceremony.

The purpose of the MoU is to establish robust academic and training collaboration for the

mutual benefit and the benefit of society at large. The MoU will help to combine the respective capabilities for development of both the organizations.

WGCR – Seminar

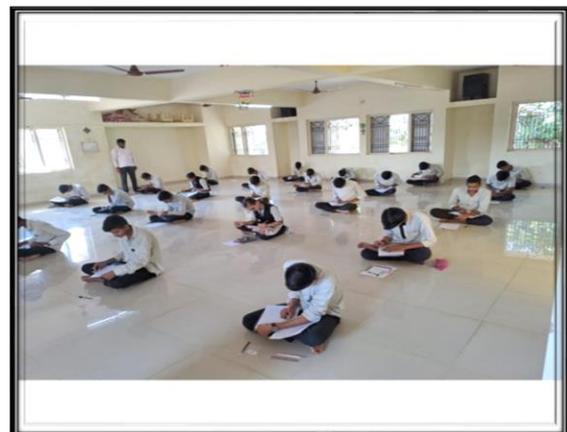


“Women’s Grievance Redressal, Prevention of Sexual Harassment & Counselling Cell’ (WGRC) of Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation done seminar on the Women and education. In this seminar Dr. Archana talked on the importance of moral values in the life of women.

Examination

The very first exam of Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation for first year students of BA, BRS and Bvoc had been conducted during 26th of November to 30th November 2022 at Lokbharati Campus.

The Exam Controller Mrs. Dipti Vaghela and Dr. Ankur Mahida had organised it so well that the end semester exam had been taken successfully.



Institutional Visits

Children's University – Gandhinagar



On July 23, 2022 the Registrar, Director and all faculty members of Children's University Gandhinagar visited Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation. A result-oriented dialogue was held on what can be done for the education of children in the village.

Marwadi University – Rajkot



On 15/10/2022 first year students of Marwadi University visited Lokbharati campus. Our honorable Pro-Vice chancellor Dr. Vishal Bhadani and Education Director Dr. Bhautik Limbani took these students to the campus tour. All these students interacted with our students and they had very enthusiastic discussion. The students expressed their interest in visiting us again and next time they would like to stay on the campus. They also invited our students to visit their campus.

Quotes



“Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation is a perfect example of how a beautiful vision meets an efficient provision.”

- Registrar



“It’s not just place for academic excellence but a transformational experience. In other words, Lokbharati University nourish life-long learners.”

- Education Director

Internship

The main lacuna in traditional university student is that they are maybe well educated but not well versed as workers. LURI believes in education whose core is head, heart and hand. LURI wants to prepare students which will serve the rural population with innovative mind. This belief reflects in focus on intensive internship across all the subject, be it vocational courses or humanitarian courses.

The students of B. Voc. Natural Farming attended internship at Shri Ramkrishna Trust, Kukma, Kutch learning various practical aspects of natural farming.



The students of B. Voc. Agro Processing attended internship at various places, majority of them were at Sardar Dantiwada Agriculture University, Sardarkrishinagar, Banaskantha where they learnt about processing of khakhra, pasta extruded food products and spray drying.



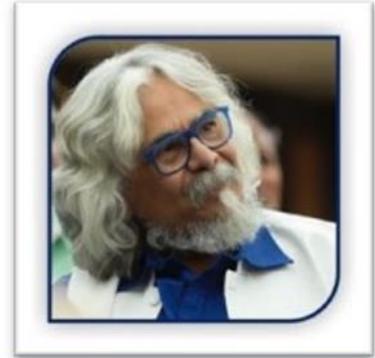
Our Guests

**Shree Morari Babu***Spiritual Leader and Preacher*Visited on 17th July & 29th Aug, 2022

Occasion: Inauguration of LURI & Darshak Vyakhyanmala

Shree Tushar Shukla*Gujarati Writer, Poet, Author, Lyricist & Actor*Visited on 6th & 29th Aug, 2022

Occasion: Kavi Sammelan & Darshank Vyakhyanmala

**Dr. Vinod Joshi***Poet, Writer and Literary Critic in Gujarati*Visited on 6th Aug, 2022

Occasion: Kavi Sammelan

Dr. Mahendra Chotalia*Eminent Educationalist & Advisor*Visited on 26th July, 2022

Occasion: Orientation of students of LURI

**Dr. Hasmukh Suthar***Principal – Lokbharati Lokseva Mahavidyalaya*Visited on 26th July, 2022

Occasion: Students' Orientation Event

Shree Arjun Ram Meghwal

Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Culture

Visited on 14th Oct, 2022

Occasion: Student interaction and Book Reading



Pandit Nayan Ghosh

Musician, Composer & Teacher

Visited on 8th Sept, 2022

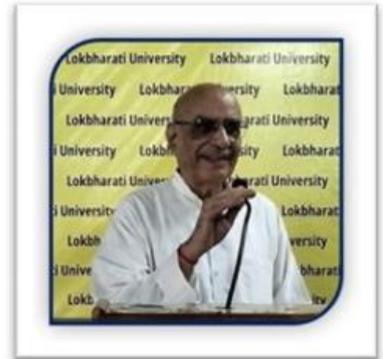
Occasion: Musical event at Lokbharati Campus

Dr. Mansukh Salla

Ex. Principal of Lokbharati Lokseva Mahavidyalay

Visited on 6th Aug, 2022

Occasion: Sangoshthi on Gujarati Literature



Dr. Mahendrasinh Parmar

Gujarati writer and Professor

Visited on 6th Aug, 2022

Occasion: Sangoshthi on Gujarati Literature

Shree Parthesh Pandya

Speaker & Story Teller

Visited on 8th Sept, 2022

Occasion: Mulshankarbhai Bhatt Vyakhyanmala



Our Celebrations



Guru Purnima



Independence Day



Shree Darshak VyakhyanMala



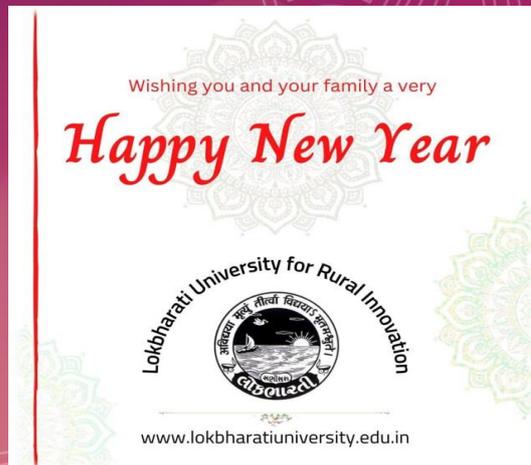
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Shree Mulshankar Bhatt VyakhyanMala



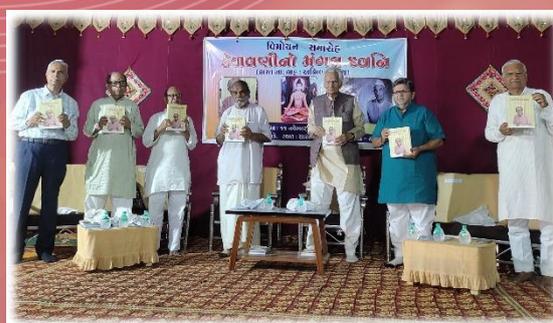
Gandhi Jayanti



New Year 2022



Diwali 2022



Book Vimochan

LURI in NEWS

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ફૂલછાબ રાજકોટ....

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શૈક્ષણિક ક્ષેત્રે ગોહિલવાડના ગૌરવ સમાન લોકભારતી સાથે હવે ખાનગી યુનિવર્સિટીનો ઉમેરો થયો છે, જેમાં રાજકોટની આત્મીય યુનિવર્સિટી સાથે શિક્ષણ કરાર થયા છે. મૂલ્ય શિક્ષણ, ટકાઉ વિકાસ અને જીવન કૌશલ્યના વિકાસ અભ્યાસ સંદર્ભે લોકભારતી યુનિવર્સિટી સણોસરા ખાતે મુખ્ય સંચાલક અધિકારીઓએ અરસ પરસ પોતાના વિદ્યાર્થીઓ માટે વધુ શૈક્ષણિક અવકાશ પ્રાપ્ત થયાનો આનંદ વ્યક્ત કરી શૈક્ષણિક આદાન પ્રદાન માટે સમજૂતી કરાર કર્યા છે. લોકભારતી યુનિવર્સિટીના વડા ભદ્રાપુ વછરાજાની સાથે રાજેન્દ્ર ચોટલિયા અને આત્મીય યુનિવર્સિટીના વડા શિવ ત્રિપાઠી સાથે દેવાંગ વ્યાસ દ્વારા સમજૂતી કરાર પર હસ્તાક્ષર કરાયા. અહીં લોકભારતી યુનિવર્સિટીના વિશાલભાઈ ભાદ્રાણી દ્વારા આ બેઠક સંચાલનમાં આત્મીય યુનિવર્સિટીના ધનશ્યામ આચાર્ય અને લોકભારતી વિદ્યાપીઠના પ્રણાંત ભદ્ર તથા નિયામક હસમુખભાઈ દેવમુરારિએ બંને સંસ્થાઓના શિક્ષણ કરાર પરત્વે આનંદ વ્યક્ત કર્યો હતો.

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