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**The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda ka Amrit Mahotsav:
1949-2024 Celebration Report**

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Vision

The progress of a nation requires that its people should be educated. Knowledge is a necessity of man. It instils in him a desire to question and to investigate, which leads him on the path of progress. Education, in the broadest sense, must be spread everywhere. Progress can only be achieved by the spread of education. Cooperation is necessary to achieve any worthy end and this readiness to cooperate will not be found in people if they are not educated.

H.H. Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III

Mission

Promoting and enhancing high standards of teaching, learning and research for an all-round development of students.

Providing a learning environment that nurtures critical reflections, exchange of ideas and innovation among students to help them realize their optimum potential.

Increasing access to education by all sections of the society.

Relating knowledge to the contemporary socio-economic needs and moral concerns.

Building mutually enriching linkages with the society and its institutions.

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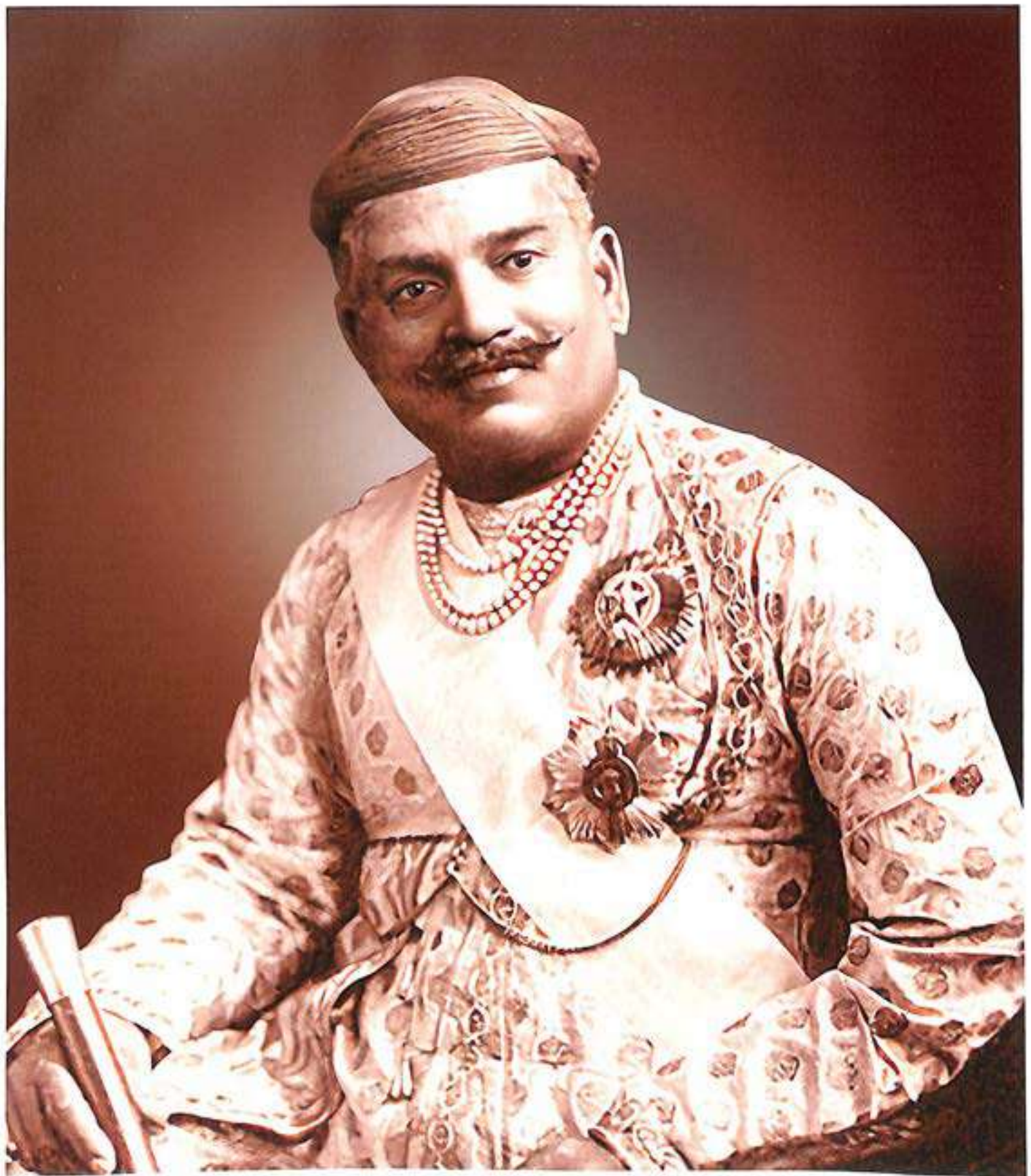
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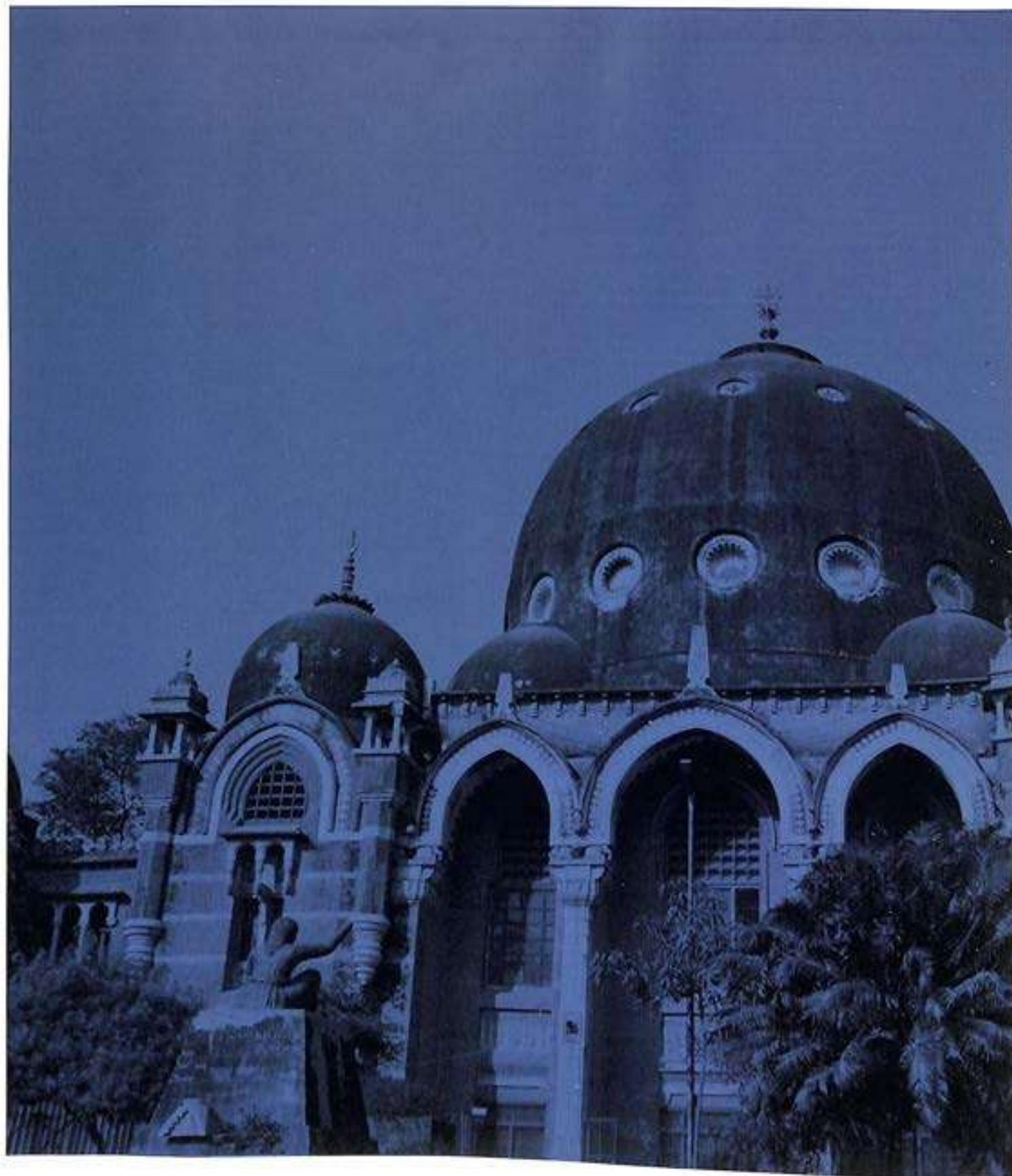
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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF HON'BLE CHANCELLOR

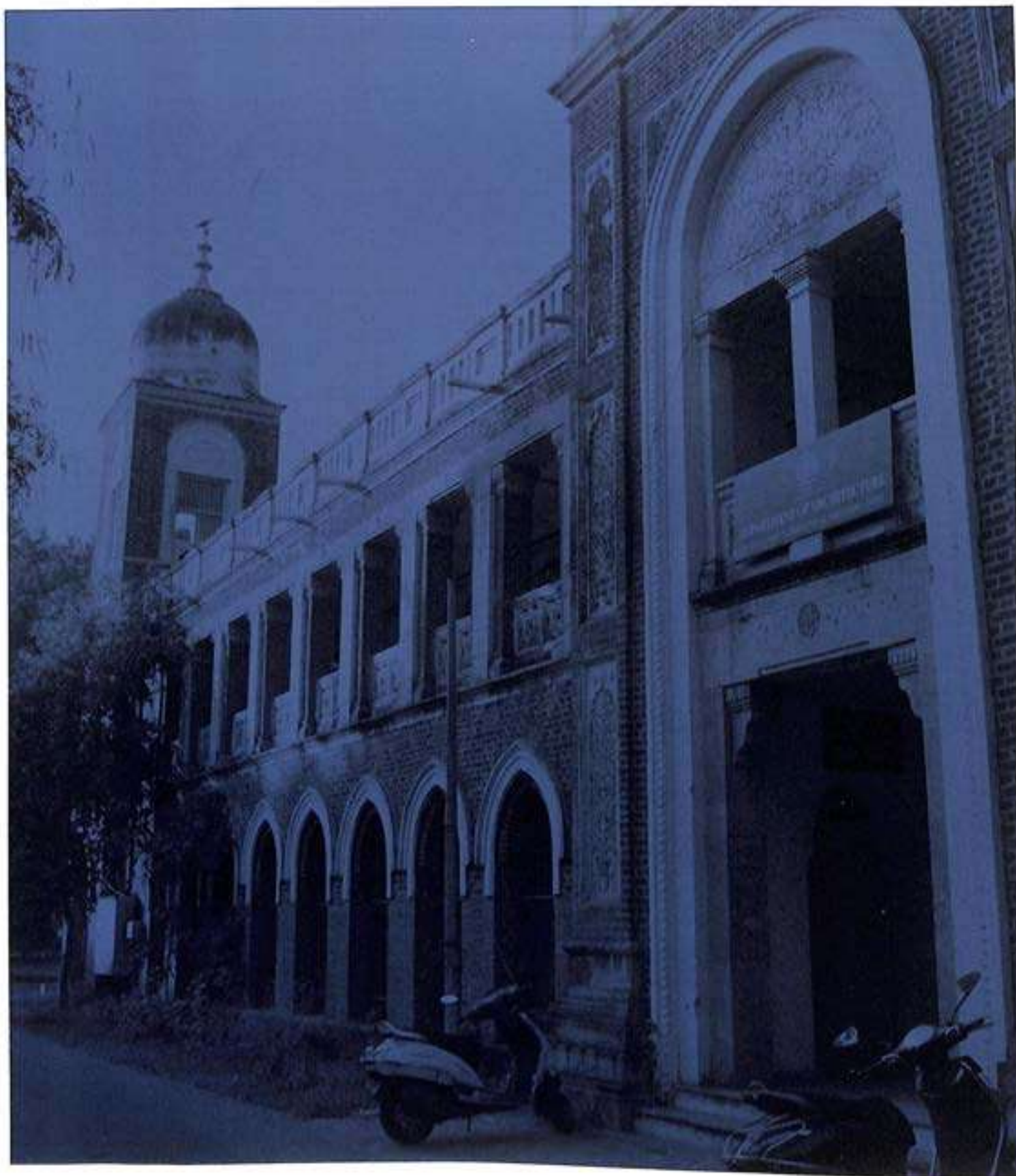
As we mark the 75th anniversary of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda with the University Ka Amrit Mahotsav (UKAM), I extend my heartfelt congratulations to every individual who has been part of this illustrious institution. This occasion represents a significant historical milestone and a celebration of our enduring legacy of academic excellence, innovation, and community engagement.

Over the past seven and a half decades, our university has evolved into a center of learning that shapes minds, fosters intellectual curiosity, and drives societal change. What began as the vision of Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III - to make education accessible to all - has today become a thriving reality. His belief in the transformative power of education continues to guide our university's mission to empower future generations and equip them with the tools to face the challenges of the modern world. This momentous occasion allows us to reflect on the achievements that have defined our past while inspiring us to look toward an even more promising future.

The remarkable growth of our institution, the strides we have made in research and innovation, and our unwavering commitment to nurturing leaders of tomorrow fill me with great pride. It is a privilege to witness how our students, faculty, and alumni have contributed to our university's rich heritage and, in doing so, have shaped a brighter, more inclusive world.

Looking ahead, we reaffirm our resolve to maintain the highest standards in education, research, and social responsibility. As Chancellor, I am deeply committed to ensuring that The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda remains a beacon of knowledge and a catalyst for change within India and globally. Our focus will continue to be on creating a learning environment that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and ethical leadership. The UKAM celebration is a tribute to everyone - past and present - who has contributed to our university's success. It is through your hard work and dedication that we continue to thrive as an institution of excellence.

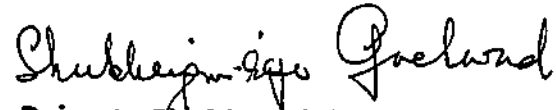
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I am confident that, with continued collaboration and a shared vision for the future, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda will continue to make significant strides in education, research, and community service for many more years to come.

On this auspicious occasion, I extend my sincere thanks to all those who have played a role in making our journey so remarkable. Let us celebrate this milestone together and look forward to even greater achievements in the years ahead.

With warm regards

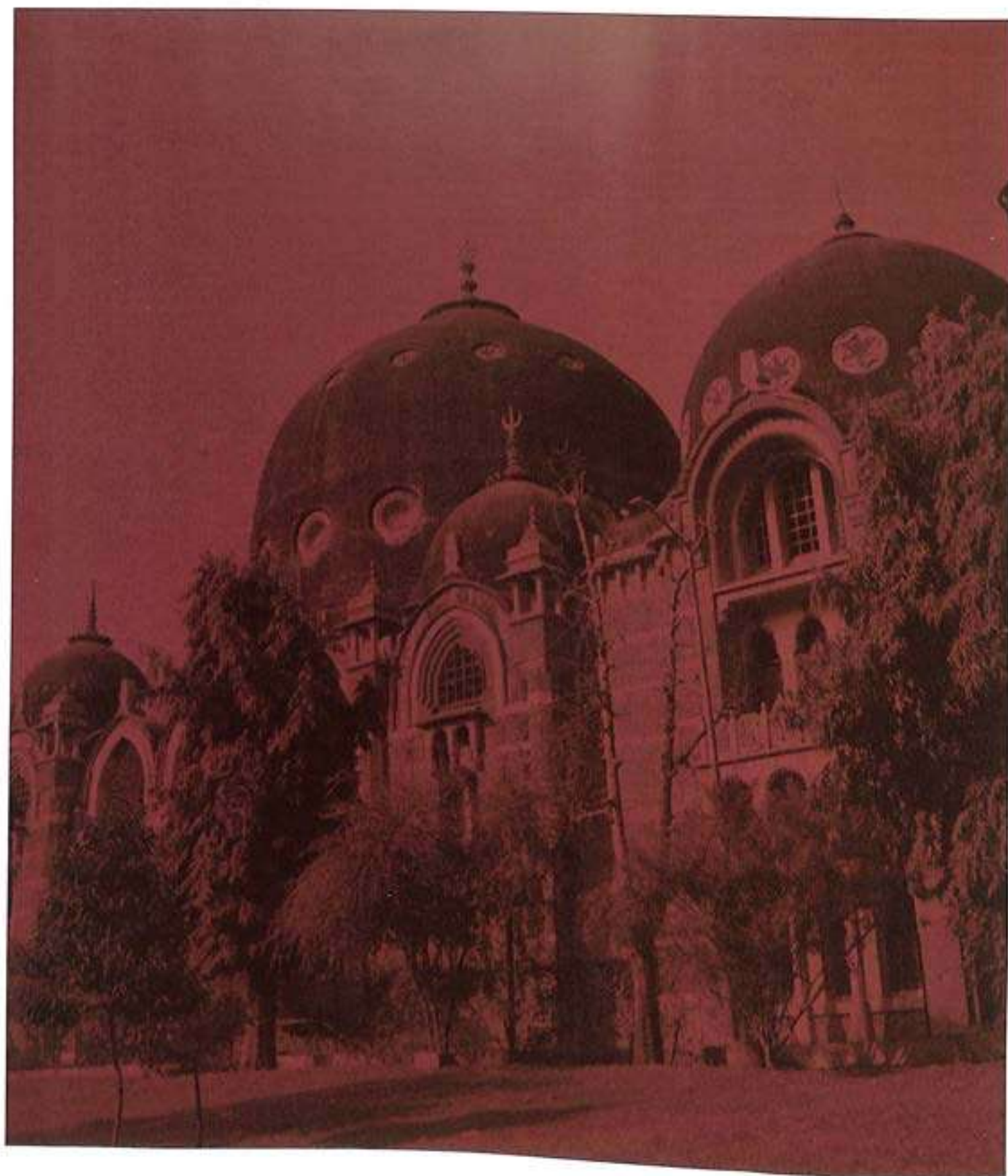


Rajmata Shubhangini Raje Gaekwad

Chancellor,

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF **HON'BLE VICE CHANCELLOR**

It is my great honour and privilege to address the university fraternity as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda with the University Ka Amrit Mahotsav (UKAM). This significant moment in our university's history not only commemorates our rich heritage but also serves as a springboard for future endeavors in the pursuit of knowledge, innovation, and societal impact.

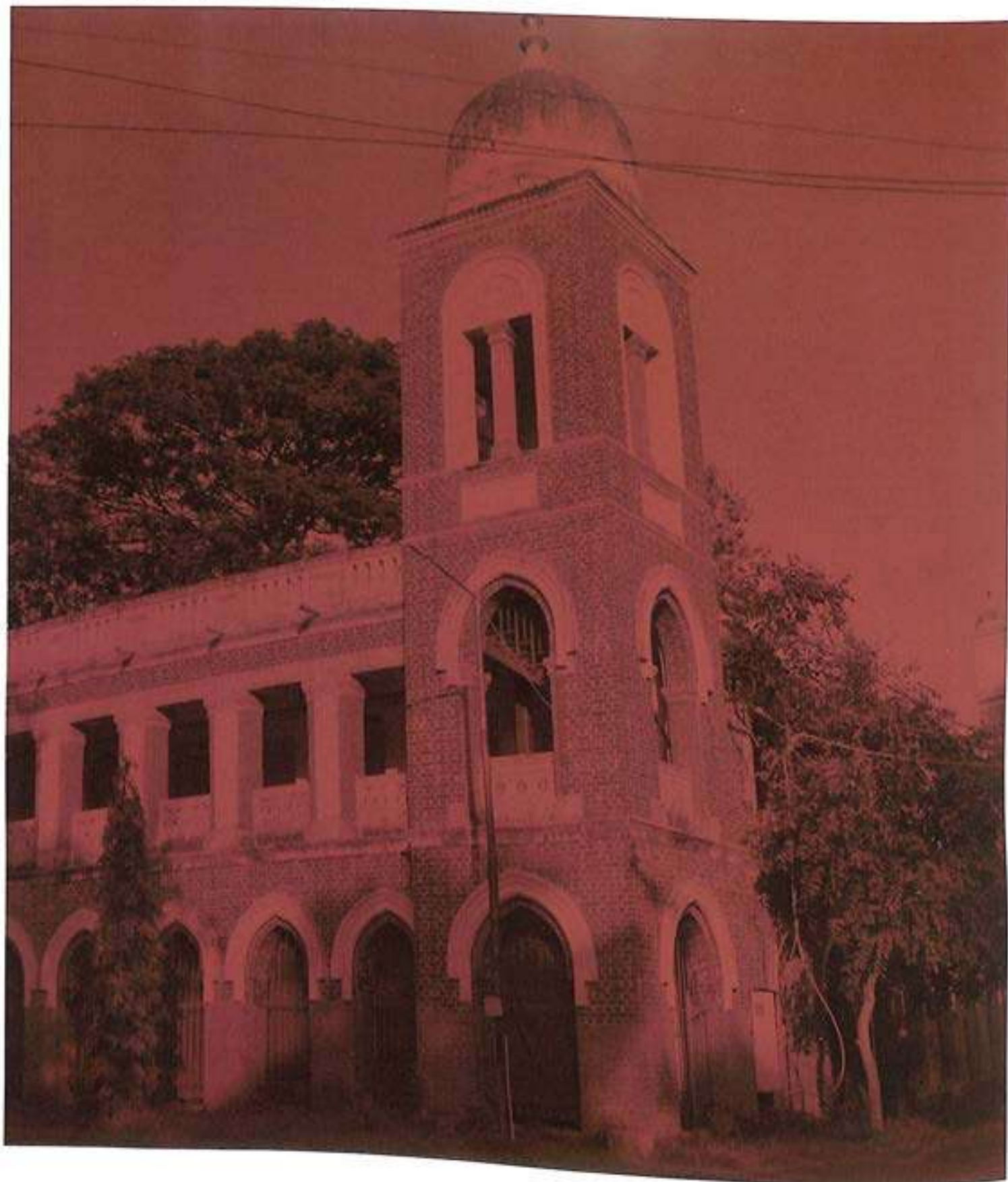
From its humble beginnings, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda has grown into a premier institution of higher learning, consistently striving to uphold the values and vision laid out by our founder, The Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III. His unwavering belief in the power of education to bring about positive change remains the guiding principle of our university, shaping generations of students and scholars who have gone on to make remarkable contributions in their respective fields.

As we celebrate this extraordinary milestone, we must also acknowledge the hard work, passion, and dedication of our entire university community. It is the collective efforts of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni that have propelled our institution to the forefront of academia. From pioneering research to innovative teaching methods, our university has continually pushed the boundaries of what is possible, while remaining deeply committed to the values of inclusion, diversity, and social responsibility.

Looking forward, we remain steadfast in our mission to foster a culture of excellence.

As Vice Chancellor, I am committed to creating an environment where learning, discovery, and collaboration thrive. We will continue to focus on providing our students with the skills, knowledge, and ethical framework needed to succeed in an ever-evolving world. Our emphasis on interdisciplinary research, community engagement, and global partnerships will ensure that our university remains at the cutting edge of education and research.

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The celebration of UKAM is not only a reflection of our past achievements but also an affirmation of our bright future. With the support and enthusiasm of our university community, I am sure that we will continue to chart new paths in higher education, research, and societal development. Our journey forward will be one of sustained growth, innovation, and impact, with our eyes firmly set on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

On this special occasion, I extend my deepest gratitude to all those who have been a part of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda's remarkable journey. Together, we will build on the legacy of the past 75 years and ensure that our university continues to inspire and lead for many more years to come.



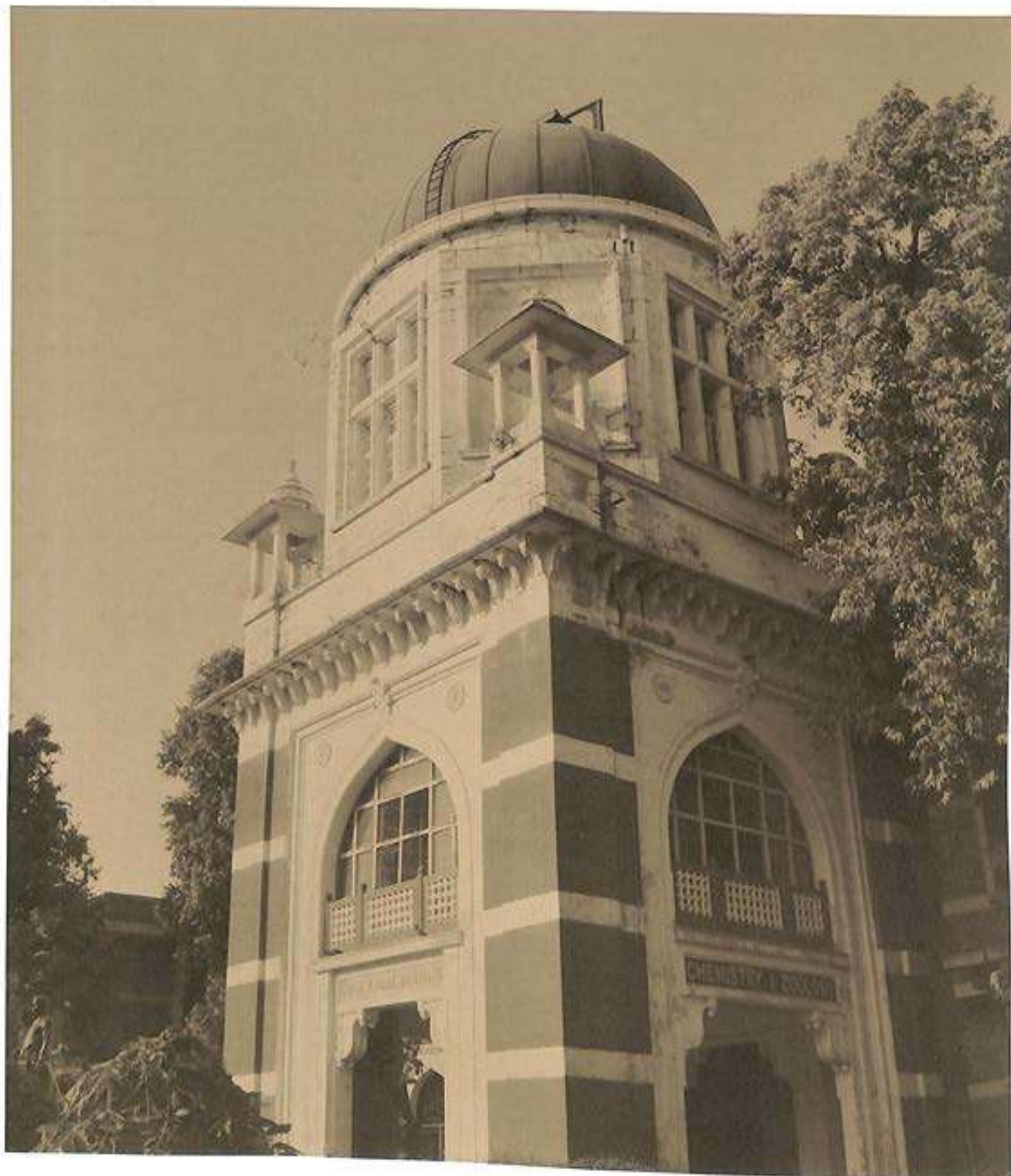
Warmest regards,

Prof.(Dr) Vijay Kumar Srivastava

Vice Chancellor,

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF CONVENER

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda (MSUB) has long been a symbol of academic excellence, research, and cultural growth. It is with great pride that we present this compilation of 75 activities held during the "University Ka Amrit Mahotsav" (UKAM), celebrating 75 years of the university's journey. This year-long celebration began on 30th April 2023 with the launch of the 75th anniversary logo on Foundation Day (Sthapna Diwas) and concluded on 30th April 2024, marking another memorable Foundation Day.

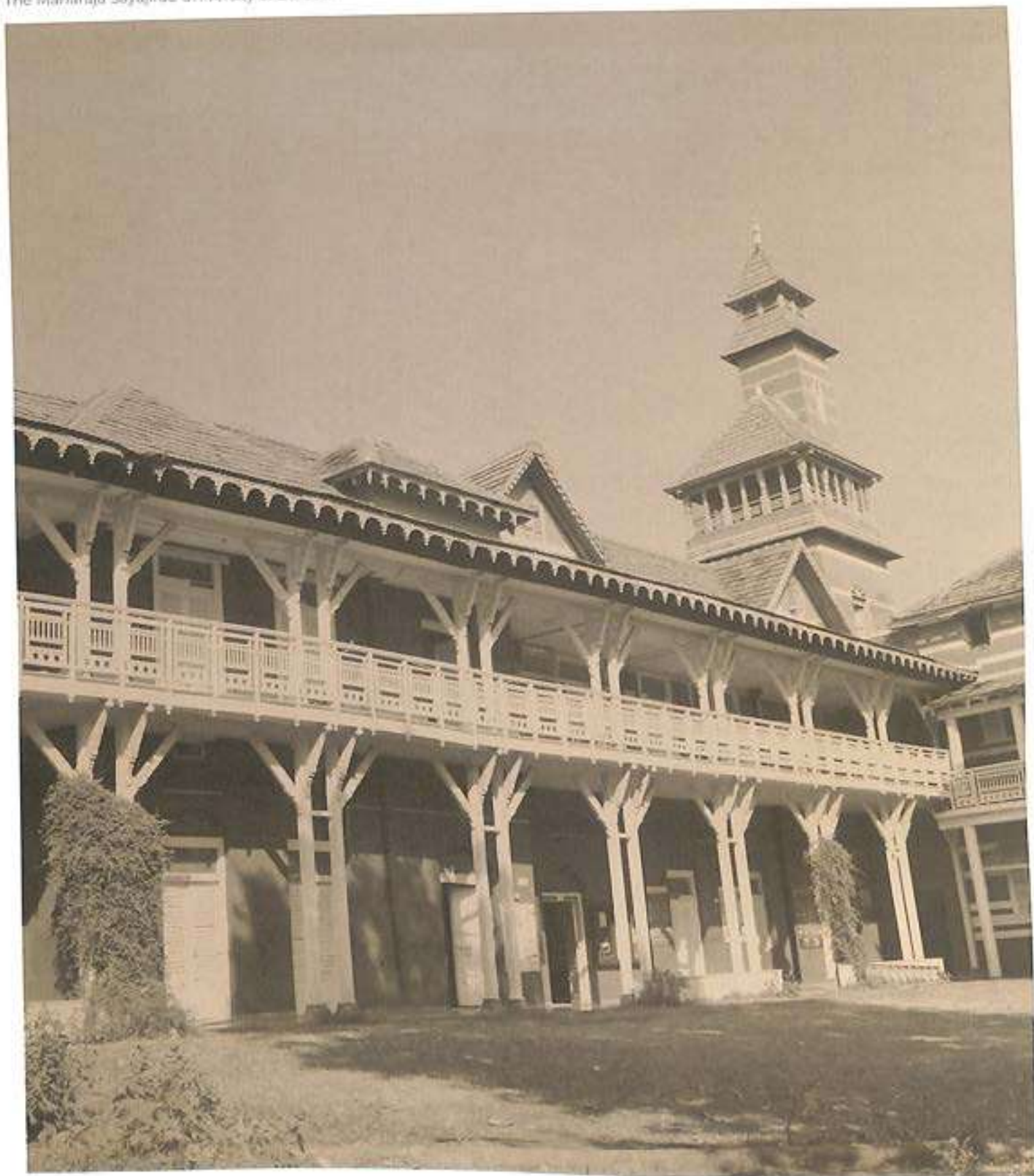
The activities shared in this compilation showcase MSU's diverse achievements across academics, culture, social outreach, and community service. Throughout this special year, MSU organized a wide range of activities that involved students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community. From academic conferences and collaborative research to cultural festivals, sports events, and social initiatives, each of the 75 activities reflected MSU's core values of inclusion, innovation, and excellence. These events not only celebrated the university's rich history but also looked ahead to its bright future in education and research.

The launch of the 75th anniversary logo on Foundation Day in 2023 set the stage for a year of reflection and celebration. As we closed the year on 30th April 2024, the MSU community came together in pride, having contributed to a year full of events that further strengthened the university's legacy.

As we reflect on this significant year, we are reminded that MSUB's true strength lies in its people—the students, faculty, alumni, and community—whose combined efforts shape the university's future. The 'University Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is not only a celebration of the past but also a promise for continued progress and a vision for what lies ahead.

On behalf of the 75 Year celebration committee, I thank Hon'ble Chancellor of the University HH Rajmata Shubhangini Raje Gaekwad for being a guiding Spirit behind Universities all successes and achievements. I thank Hon'ble, Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava for conceptualizing this unique initiative and guiding various events showcasing MSUB's commitment towards 'Viksit Bharat'.

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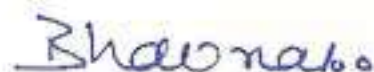


I thank Registrar (Offg.) Dr. K.M Chudasama for his ever standing support and patiently dealing with situations demanding immediate attention.

I am extremely grateful to Deans of all faculties, Principals of colleges and my fellow team members in celebrating the eventful year with full enthusiasm paving ways towards the future.

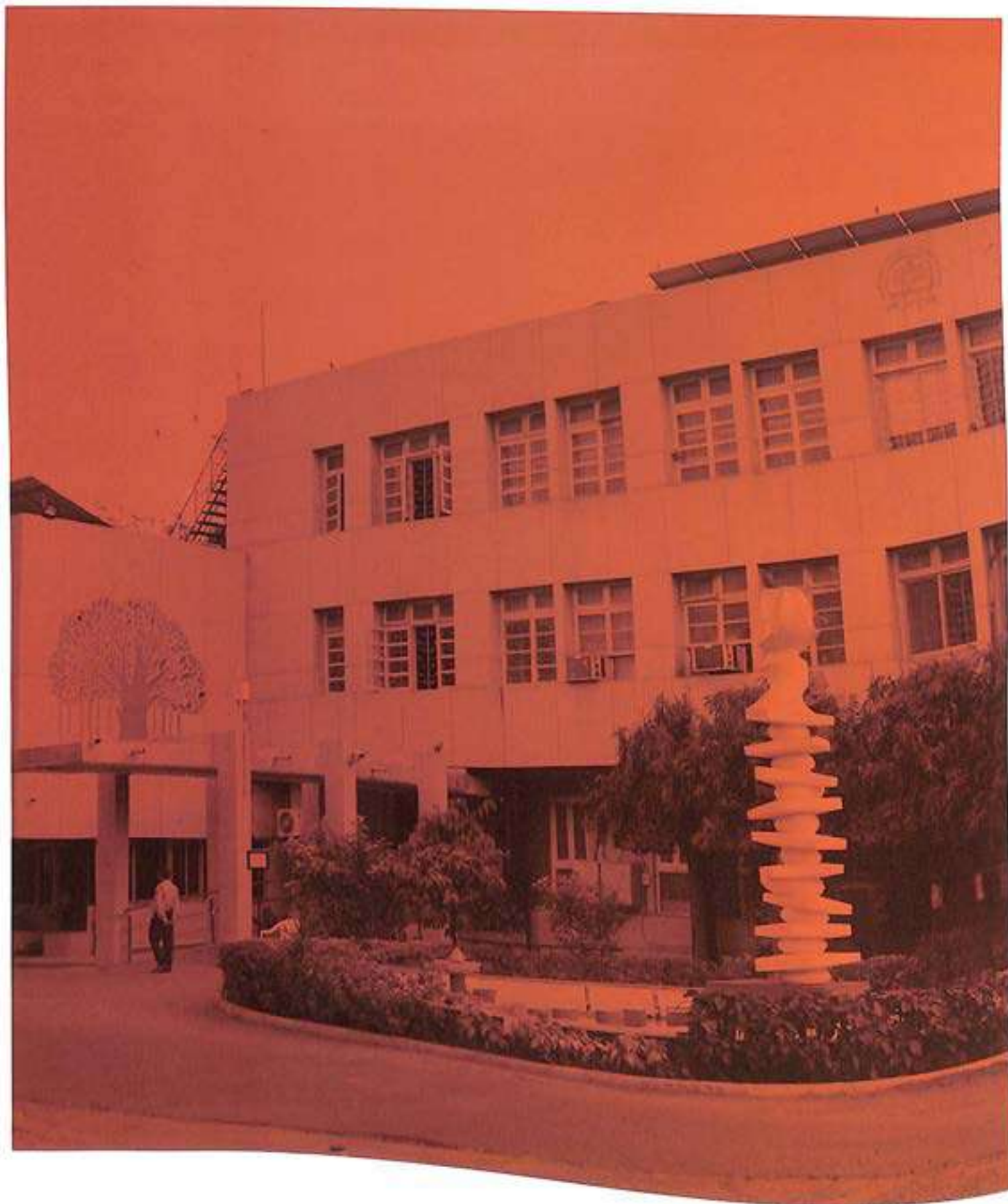
This report is a collective effort of a team who worked in sync to compile, collect and design a year long wonderful celebration report. Lastly, I thank each and every member of this UKAM Report team for their unconditional co-operation and standing by at the time of need and always remaining available at the 10th hour!! A Big Thank You to each one of them!!

I am sure this report will continue to remind all the stakeholders to continue to remain true to the values of knowledge, creativity, innovation and service, and inspire future generations.



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"74th Sthapana Diwas" (Foundation Day) : 30 April, 2023



Launching of 75th Year Logo

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda celebrated its 74th Sthapana Diwas (Foundation Day) with floral tributes to Sir Sayajirao Gaekwad III.

The Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, launched the official logo for the university's 75th anniversary, which was selected through a logo design competition conducted by the Faculty of Fine Arts.

Out of 86 participants, the winning logo was unveiled at the event. Additionally, the Vice Chancellor also released a special edition of Itivrit, a magazine published by the Faculty of Journalism and Communication.



"OPEN HOUSE"

29 May, 2023

Faculty of Technology and Engineering

An engaging Open House event was hosted by the Faculty of Technology and Engineering, inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava.

This event allowed prospective students and industry professionals to explore the faculty's cutting-edge facilities, interact with faculty members, and gain insights into the various programs offered.



“World Environment Day”

5 June, 2023



Faculty of Science

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Faculty of Science held an impactful program that featured a keynote address by Dr. Sunjay Kumar Singh Patel from Konkuk University, South Korea.

The university launched its new waste management policy, emphasizing sustainability. The day's activities also included tree and sapling planting (Beejaropan and Paudharopan) and an online quiz competition aimed at fostering environmental awareness among students from grades 10 to 12.



"Yoga Workshop 2023"

17 to 19 June, 2023

Department of Physical Education

The Department of Physical Education organized a three-day Yoga Workshop centered on the theme "Humanity." The workshop commenced with a large group practice of Surya Namaskar, creating a unified and vibrant atmosphere.

The event was well received, with participants embracing the spirit of wellness and mindfulness.



"INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY"

21 June, 2023



The university hosted the International Yoga Day celebration at the Multipurpose Hall.

The event was graced by the presence of Smt. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson of the National Women's Commission, alongside the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Registrar, and other senior members of the institution.

A large number of students and staff participated, reflecting the university's commitment to promoting health and wellness.

"NRI Marriage Do's and Don'ts: A Way Forward"

21 June, 2023



It was jointly organized by The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda and Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, with sponsorship from the National Commission for Women. The seminar was graced by the Chief Guest, Smt. Rekha Sharma, Honorable Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, New Delhi, who emphasized the importance of addressing the legal complexities associated with NRI marriages.

The event aimed to provide participants with a deeper understanding of the legal intricacies and best practices related to NRI marriages. It highlighted the significance of informed decision-making and legal awareness in navigating these international marital arrangements. The seminar saw a significant turnout of students and staff, demonstrating the university community's dedication to addressing this important issue. The discussions were insightful, offering practical guidance for better handling of NRI marriage.



"Guest Lecture on Social Work in India: Scope, Challenges and Future" 22 June, 2023



Faculty of Social Work

The Faculty of Social Work organized an event focused on the critical aspects of social work and its potential within the Indian context. The keynote speaker, Prof. Sanjoy Roy, a highly esteemed expert in social welfare and community development, delivered a compelling address. During the session, Prof. Roy explored the vast scope of social work in India, highlighting its essential role in tackling societal challenges. He also discussed the diverse areas that require intervention, offering valuable insights into how social work can address the complex issues faced by communities across the country.

"India@2047: India's Panch Pran."

10 July, 2023

Faculty of Social Work and NSS

The Faculty of Social Work at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS), organized a youth dialogue program under the theme "India@2047: India's Panch Pran." The event took place at the I.G. Patel Auditorium, with students aged 18 to 22 participating. Over 150 students registered online and attended the program.

The Chief Guest, Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr) Vijaykumar Srivastava, was present alongside Prof. Bhavna Mehta, Dean of Social Work, and NSS Coordinator Prof. Sunita Nambiyar. In his address, Prof. Srivastava emphasized India's progress towards becoming a global leader and recognized the nation's youthful spirit. He highlighted that "unity in diversity" is one of India's greatest strengths and urged the youth to rise above old colonial mind sets while taking pride in preserving India's rich cultural heritage.

During the event, participants delivered 5-minute presentations in Gujarati, English, or Hindi on topics such as "The Goal of a Developed India," "Eradicating the Colonial Mind set," "Pride in Our Heritage and Legacy," "Unity and Solidarity," and "Sense of Duty Among Citizens."



"Career Guidance Seminar"

19 July, 2023



Faculty of Pharmacy

The Faculty of Pharmacy organized an event emphasizing the importance of professional coaching in helping individuals achieve their career goals. Career coaching plays a crucial role, especially for those who may not have planned their future early on, and there is a need for more support to guide younger generations in building successful careers. Pallavi Dabke introduced Romesh Khandelwal, co-founder of Mentor Universe, who provided insights into top foreign college enrollment opportunities. The session encouraged students to ask questions about their career paths, helping them clarify their doubts and make informed decisions.

“Unleash Career Opportunities in Consulting Role”

19 July, 2023



Faculty of Management Studies

The Faculty of Management Studies organized an event focused on the dynamic world of consulting, aimed at equipping students with essential skills such as problem-solving, strategic thinking, and client management. The session was highly interactive, providing students with valuable insights into the consulting industry. It was led by Mr. Bharat Dhaneshwari, Manager of Talent Acquisition at Mastek Ltd., who shared his expertise and engaged with the students throughout the session.



A Session on “Empowering Youth: Drug Awareness & Prevention”

27 July, 2023

Faculty of Social Work

In a concerted effort to raise awareness and engage youth against the menace of drug addiction, The Faculty of Social Work, in collaboration with the Office of the Commissioner of Police in Vadodara and the Faith Foundation, organized an impactful awareness session on drug addiction. The session was led by Police Inspector Shri R.G. Jadeja and Ms. Susan Samson, Director of Faith Foundation and a distinguished alumna of the faculty. It offered attendees, especially young students, crucial insights into the harsh realities of drug addiction and the severe challenges and negative consequences it can bring to an individual's life.



“World Breastfeeding Week Celebrations”

1- 2 August 2023

Faculty of Family and Community Sciences

As part of the 6th year World Breastfeeding Week celebrations, the Department of Foods and Nutrition, Faculty of Family and Community Sciences, in collaboration with the Department of Paediatrics and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Baroda Medical College, organized a two-day training workshop on Lactation Management and Infant and Young Child Nutrition on 1st and 2nd August 2023. The event was supported by WBW Alliance 2023-Vadodara, UNICEF (Gujarat), Mercury Laboratories, Vadodara, Foods and Nutrition Alumni Association (MSUFNAA), Association of Paediatricians Vadodara (AOPV), Baroda Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society (BOGS), Federation of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), and Isha Hospital, Vadodara.

The theme for this year's event, "Enabling Breastfeeding: Making a Difference for Working Parents," highlighted the importance of supporting breastfeeding mothers in the workplace. The theme is especially relevant as workplace challenges remain a primary reason many women never start breastfeeding or discontinue it earlier than recommended.





"Essay Writing Competition" 5 August, 2023

Shri Sayaji Pratishthan

Shri Sayaji Pratishthan, in collaboration with the Trivenidevi Kashinath Agrawal Management Development Centre, hosted the award ceremony for an essay writing competition centered on The Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III. The ceremony was attended by Honorable Chancellor Rajmata Shubhangini Raje Gaekwad and Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava. The event celebrated the insightful essays submitted by participants and honored their contributions to recognizing the legacy of Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III.





“Launch of 'E-Praman Patra' Portal”

7 August, 2023

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda (MSU) launched its 'E-Praman Patra' Portal on August 7, 2023, as part of the Prime Minister's Digital India initiative. This new platform is designed to benefit all students, both past and present. According to Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, the university serves over 50,000 students annually, many of whom require certificates for various purposes. Recognizing the need for a more efficient system in today's digital era, Prof. Srivastava directed the Computer Center to develop a streamlined process, which was announced on the university's foundation day.

The E-Praman Patra Portal allows students to apply online for certificates, such as migration, special, backlog, passing, medium of instruction, rank certificates, and transcripts. Once the certificate is ready, students will be notified via email and SMS, with details regarding collection. For those outside the region, certificates can be sent via speed post, with delivery options for Gujarat, outside Gujarat, and international locations. International postal charges will be borne by the students.

The portal ensures both reliability and security, incorporating email and mobile verification along with OTP-based login, making the process of obtaining certificates more accessible and secure for all students.

A Workshop on "Grantha Script" 7 to 13 August, 2023



Oriental Institute

The Oriental Institute of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, renowned for its commitment to the study of ancient languages and scripts, organized a workshop on the Grantha Script. The event, held in honor of Pandit K. S. Ramaswami Sastri, was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Archaeology & Ancient History, Faculty of Arts. The workshop was graced by the presence of the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, and took place at the Oriental Institute.



"Book Exhibition"

8 to 12 August, 2023



Smt. Hansa Mehta Library

The Smt. Hansa Mehta Library organized a "Book Exhibition" from 8th to 12th August 2023, with the inauguration taking place on 9th August, coinciding with the birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the father of Library and Information Science in India. The exhibition celebrated his legacy and showcased a diverse collection of books, encouraging academic engagement and exploration among students and faculty.



"Understanding the Significance of Flora and Fauna"

9 August, 2023



Faculty of Journalism and Communication

Students from the Faculty of Journalism and Communication visited the botanical garden and arboretum at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. During the visit, they were introduced to hundreds of varieties of plants, shrubs, and trees. Beyond appreciating the aesthetic beauty of the flora, the students also explored the medicinal properties of various plants. This experience provided them with valuable insights into the interconnectedness of plant life and its vital role in sustaining the ecosystem of our planet.

“Sambhaav: Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”

14 August, 2023



Faculty of Pharmacy

The Faculty of Pharmacy's Sambhaav initiative celebrated Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav by promoting health and hygiene awareness among students. As part of the initiative, third-year B.Pharm students created informative infographics and delivered talks to help their peers understand the importance of daily health and hygiene. During Raksha Bandhan, third-year students Varunda, Diya, Tia, and Khushi prepared materials for making rakhis, which were distributed to schoolchildren. All students participated by making two rakhis each, with guidance from two third-year volunteers. The event concluded with a distribution of fruits for health and prosperity, along with compass packs containing pencils, erasers, and sharpeners to support the schoolchildren in their studies.



“Celebration of 150th Birthday of Shri Aurobindo” 15 August, 2023



The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, in collaboration with the Gujarat Sahitya Academy, organized a grand event commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of the revered philosopher, poet, and spiritual leader, Shri Aurobindo. The program took place at the Baroda Medical College Auditorium and was attended by an enthusiastic audience comprising students, faculty, and admirers of Shri Aurobindo's legacy.

The event was inaugurated by the Rajmata Shubhanginiraje Gaekwad, the Honorable Vice Chancellor and Baroda, who eloquently spoke about Sri Aurobindo's immense contributions to Indian philosophy, literature, and spirituality. Her words highlighted his vision for a spiritually awakened India and his enduring influence on generations to come.

A notable highlight of the program was the creative dedication by the students at the university. Through vibrant dance performances and compelling theatrical presentations, they beautifully brought to life the story of Shri Aurobindo's transformative journey—from his role in India's freedom struggle to his profound spiritual quest and philosophical teachings.

The event served as a fitting tribute to Sri Aurobindo, fostering a deeper understanding of his life and inspiring the audience to embrace his ideals.

Release: "સોરઠ અને બરડા પ્રદેશનો ઇતિહાસ"

17 August, 2023



Oriental Institute

The Oriental Institute of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda hosted a significant book release event for the publication **સોરઠ અને બરડા પ્રદેશનો ઇતિહાસ** (The History of Sorath and Barada Region), authored by Prof. Pradyumn Khachar. The ceremony was presided over by the Chief Patron, Rajmata Shubhangini Raje Gaekwad, Chancellor of the University, and was also graced by the presence of Patron Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, Vice Chancellor of the University. The event underscored the Institute's dedication to preserving and promoting regional history and culture, celebrating the scholarly contributions of Prof. Khachar. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with and appreciate the rich historical narratives of the sorath and Barada regions.

A Discourse on "Uniform Civil Code: A Step towards Gender Justice" 20 August, 2023



Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law recently hosted an engaging lecture on the topic "Uniform Civil Code: A Step towards Gender Justice," delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Viney Kapoor Mehra, the distinguished former Vice-Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Rai, Sonapat. In her thought-provoking presentation, Prof. Mehra explored the intricacies of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and its potential to promote gender justice. She illuminated both the challenges and opportunities that come with implementing a UCC, offering expert insights into how a uniform legal system could foster a more just and equitable society. Her analysis was both comprehensive and enlightening, emphasizing the role of legal reforms in addressing gender disparities.

“World Entrepreneurship Day Celebration”

21 August, 2023



Faculty of Law

On the occasion of World Entrepreneurship Day, the Faculty of Law invited Ms. Divya Sharman, Founder of Elyvra-The Divine Gift and Viva International Brand, a startup specializing in organic premium cosmetics with a mission of zero cosmetic waste. Ms. Sharman shared her experiences as a young entrepreneur, offering valuable insights into her journey of establishing and growing her eco-conscious business. Her inspiring talk highlighted the challenges and rewards of entrepreneurship, especially in promoting sustainability through innovative, environmentally friendly products.

22 Guest Lecture on "From Idea to Business: Lessons from Successful Entrepreneur" 21 August, 2023



Faculty of Management Studies

The Faculty of Management Studies organized a guest lecture as the first sensitizing event under the Student Startup & Innovation Policy (SSIP) program, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC). The SSIP, initiated by the Government of Gujarat, aims to establish a statewide, university-based innovation ecosystem that fosters the creativity and ideas of young students, providing them with a supportive environment to nurture their innovations. The guest speaker for the event was Ms. Anita Jandial, an entrepreneur and proprietor of Fiscals, who shared her entrepreneurial journey and insights on navigating the business world.

"A Talk on Arbitration in India: Emerging Trends"

23 August, 2023



Faculty of Law

The Sayajirao Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (SCADR) at the Faculty of Law organized a talk on "Arbitration in India: Emerging Trends," delivered by Mr. Akash Gupta, an Arbitrator, Conciliator, and Assistant Professor at Jindal Global Law School. Mr. Gupta's insightful presentation focused on the evolving landscape of arbitration in India, discussing recent developments and trends in the field. His expertise provided attendees with a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in arbitration as a growing mechanism for dispute resolution in the country.

Seminar on "G20: Young India, Strong India"

29 August, 2023



The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda organized an insightful seminar titled "G20 & Hon'ble Prime Minister's Vision: Young India, Strong India." The event was led by Patron Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, and featured contributions from esteemed speakers including Dr. Hemang Joshi, Dr. Sheetal Nair, Ms. Bijal Mathkar, Ms. Aditi Bhatt, and Mr. Bhavin Bhatt. The seminar also benefited from the expertise of Prof. Sunita Nambiyar and Prof. S. Padmaja, the G20 Nodal Officers, who provided valuable insights into the G20 summit and the Prime Minister's vision for building a stronger and more dynamic India, with a special focus on the role of youth in shaping the nation's future.



“Youth And Drug Abuse & Felicitation Ceremony”

5 September, 2023

Faculty of Management Studies

The Faculty of Management Studies took an important initiative to combat drug abuse among youth on the occasion of Shikshak Parv, in collaboration with the Sambhav Initiative and the District Legal Services Authority, Vadodara. The event featured distinguished guests, including Shri Anil Pratham, IPS, Director General of Police, Government of Gujarat; Shri Anupam Singh Gahlaut, IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police, Vadodara; Shri Manoj Ninama, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Vadodara Rural; Shri Rohan Anand, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Vadodara; Smt. J. C. Kothiya, GPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Vadodara; and Smt. Hiranshi Shah, Founder of the Sambhav Initiative. The initiative aimed to raise awareness and promote action against drug abuse, particularly among the younger generation.

Field visit for "Inclusion of Indian Knowledge System" 9 September, 2023

Faculty of Journalism and Communication

The Faculty of Journalism and Communication organized a field visit to Samarth Gurukul in Vadodara to enhance students' understanding of Indian Knowledge Systems. As part of the visit, the students also participated in a tree plantation activity, contributing to environmental conservation efforts.



"A Guest Lecture on E-Rupee: A 360 Degree Perspective"

20 September, 2023



Faculty of Management Studies

The Faculty of Management Studies began the session with the introduction of the honorable chief guest, Mr. Kaushal Shah, followed by a felicitation of the guest speaker by Dr. Bhargav Pandya, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Management Studies. Mr. Shah has an extensive professional background, having worked with TATA Teleservices Ltd. as the Zonal Head of Central Gujarat, served as an Area Manager with Telenor Communication Pvt. Ltd., and later being promoted to Distribution Head of Gujarat, overseeing operations in South, Central, and parts of Western Gujarat.

“National Symposium on Facets of Biochemistry”

21 September, 2023

Faculty of Science

The Department of Biochemistry organized a national symposium on “Facets of Biochemistry.” On this occasion, the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, released a special issue of the Indian Journal of Biochemistry and Biophysics, titled “Multiple Facets of Protein Science,” Vol. 60, No. 9. Edited by Prof. C. Ratna Prabha, Head of the Department of Biochemistry, the issue features eight original papers and four review articles. The event was highlighted by the prestigious Prof. C.V. Ramakrishnan Lecture, delivered by Prof. Jayant B. Udgaonkar, former Director of IISER, Pune. Additionally, Prof. Krutika Sawant from The M.S. University of Baroda presented the IWSA Popular Science Lecture.



"Inauguration of Population Clock"

21 September, 2023

Population Research Centre

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda has successfully inaugurated its Population Clock, marking a significant milestone in its commitment to advancing demographic research and analysis. The Population Clock was officially unveiled by Prof. Srivastava, underscoring the university's dedication to providing real-time demographic data and insights.

The inauguration was attended by several distinguished guests, including Shri S. R. Meena, Director General (Statistics) of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, and Shri Kumar Sundaram, Ms. Preeti Tiwari, Director (Statistics) of MoHFW, and Assistant Director (Statistics) of MoHFW. Their presence highlighted the importance of this initiative in the broader context of national and international population studies.

Prof. H. R. Kataria, Dean of the Faculty of Science, and Prof. V. A. Kalamkar, Director of the Population Research Centre, were also in attendance, lending their support and expertise to the event.

The Population Clock aims to offer a dynamic platform for tracking and analyzing demographic changes, reinforcing the university's role in advancing scholarly research and contributing to informed policymaking.



Completion of the "108 - Years Ritual & Teacher Honor Ceremony"

22 September, 2023



Baroda Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya

Baroda Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya hosted a significant event titled "Completion of the 108 - Years Ritual Teacher Honor Ceremony." The ceremony was honored by the presence of Hon. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Vijay Kumar Srivastava at the event. The occasion also featured the esteemed Jagadguru Shri Vekateshwar Maharaj, who was in attendance to grace the ceremony. This event celebrated the completion of a rigorous 108 - Years ritual and honored the teachers involved, reflecting the college's deep respect for tradition and dedication to academic excellence.

"Mental Health Day"

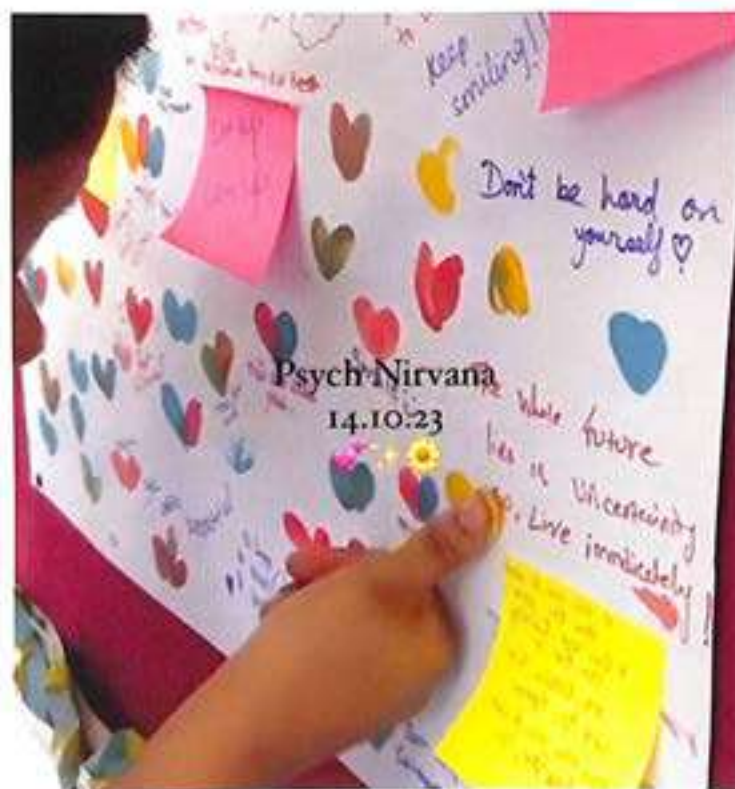
14 October, 2023

Faculty of Education & Psychology

The Department of Psychology organized a Mental Health Day event to raise awareness and promote understanding of mental health issues. More than 200 students from various academic years actively participated in the event, which featured two powerful 'Nukkad Natak' (street play) performances addressing mental health concerns.

The first performance focused on men's mental health and suicide prevention, stressing the need to break stereotypes and encourage open conversations about mental health challenges faced by men. The second presentation, titled "Tathastu: Changing Perspectives to Live a Better Life," highlighted the importance of shifting mindsets and attitudes in order to navigate life's challenges more effectively.

In addition to these performances, psychological testing was offered through the Prayaas Counselling Centre, which received an overwhelmingly positive response from the participants. The event was commended by Prof. Ashutosh Biswal, Dean of the Faculty of Education and Psychology, for its efforts in breaking the stigma around mental health and fostering a supportive environment for all.



National Conference on "Interdisciplinary Approaches in Environmental Sciences (IAES-02)"

16 - 17 October, 2023

Faculty of Science

The Department of Environmental Studies, under the Faculty of Science, successfully organized a two-day National Conference on Interdisciplinary Approaches in Environmental Sciences (IAES-02). The event began with a warm welcome by Prof. Haribhai Kataria, Dean of the Faculty of Science, and focused on integrating various disciplines within environmental science.

Mr. Kapoor spoke about the crucial relationship between ecology and economy, while the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, a renowned environmentalist, stressed the significance of embracing an eco-friendly lifestyle. He aligned his message with the Prime Minister's "LiFE" (Lifestyle for Environment) mission, encouraging sustainable practices. Dr. Mehta highlighted the interdisciplinary roots of ancient Bharatiya environmental science and called for global unity to ensure sustainability. The conference also featured distinguished speakers such as Prof. Rajesh, Dr. Haldar, Prof. Bhawana Pathak, Dr. Geetanjali Kaushik, Mrs. Srishti, Dr. Bendi, and Dr. Suranjit, who contributed valuable insights on various environmental topics. There were 17 oral presentations and 25 poster presentations, with participation from 120 delegates from across India, making the event a resounding success.



Conference on “Membrane-Based Separations”

16 to 18 October, 2023

Faculty of Technology & Engineering

The Faculty of Technology & Engineering at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda organized the International Conference on Membrane-Based Separations, marking a significant milestone in honor of the 100th birth anniversary of Prof. S. Sourirajan, a trailblazer in membrane technology. The conference included a keynote address by Dr. Kannan Srinivasan, Director of the CSIR-Central Salt & Marine Chemicals Research Institute, and offered an in-depth exploration of the development, current trends, and future opportunities in membrane-based separations. This event not only paid tribute to the pioneering work of Prof. Sourirajan but also provided a platform for discussing innovations and future directions in the field. Researchers, experts, and participants from various sectors gathered to reflect on the evolution of the technology and its impact on diverse applications, while also considering the advancements that lie ahead.



"Western Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference on the Implementation of NEP-2020 at the Statue of Unity" 26 October, 2023

The Government of Gujarat, in association with The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda embarked on the journey to implement NEP-2020, with the objective of catalyzing a transformative metamorphosis in the educational landscape of the state. The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda has taken deliberate strides towards this mission, with a predominant focus on outcome-driven and experiential learning. The Department of Education, Government of Gujarat, convened a one-day Education Summit in association with The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda titled "Western Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference on Implementation of National Education Policy-2020."

The Honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Bhai Patel, inaugurated a one-day conference for Vice Chancellors and NEP Coordinators at the Statue of Unity, Ektanagar, Narmada district, which focused on the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The event was attended by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Education Minister, Government of India, Shri Rushikesh Patel, Minister of Health and Medical, Higher and Technical Education, and Shri Praful Pansheria, Minister of State for Education, Government of Gujarat. Additionally, the Chief Minister launched an Education on Indian Knowledge System and Startup Exhibition. The opening ceremony also witnessed the attendance of Chief Advisor to the Chief Minister Shri Hasmukh Adhia, Chairman of AICTE Prof. T.G. Sitharaman, Commissioner of the Technical Education Department, Gujarat Shri Banchhanidhi Panl, Director of the Department of Higher Education Shri P.B. Pandya, Joint Commissioner, Higher Education, Government of Gujarat Shri Narayan Madhu; Vice-Chancellor of The Maharaja Sayajirao University Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, Vice-Chancellors of Western Zone Universities, education experts, professors, and invited delegates. The conference was allocated into 4 plenary sessions which contained the Session on Access to Quality Education and Governance-Higher Education, Equitable and Inclusive Education-Issues of Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups, Creating Synergy between Education and Skilling future Workforce, Holistic Education through integration of Skilling, Industry connect and Employability, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Research and Development, Internationalization of Education and Indian knowledge System. Each session saw the presence of renowned experts of the field giving their insights on the subject of effective implementation of NEP-2020. Around 300 delegates including vice Chancellors, Dean/Principals, NEP Coordinators, Professors of more than 150 Universities/Colleges across the State of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and Union Territory of Diu, Daman and Dadra and Nagar Haveli participated in the event.



“Western Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference on the Implementation of NEP-2020 at the Statue of Unity”

26 October, 2023





“My Theatrical Saga of Six Decades as an Artist : A Nostalgic Journey”

3 November, 2023



Faculty of Performing Arts

As part of the Extra-Mural Lecture Series, Padma Shri Saritaben Joshi delivered a captivating talk titled “My Theatrical Saga of Six Decades as an Artist: A Nostalgic Journey.” In her presentation, Saritaben Joshi shared not only her remarkable journey in theatre but also personal memories from her life. She brought to life her experiences with prominent Gujarati theatre productions and discussed her performances in famous plays such as Santanu Rangili, Kumarni Agashi, Dhummas, and Saptapadi, many of which she performed alongside her husband, Pravin Joshi. She fondly recalled how her love for theatre began in Vadodara, with the sounds of rehearsals from the Vankaner Theatre Group filling the air during her school days. Despite having no formal training, Saritaben elaborated on how she developed her own distinctive approach to creating characters throughout her career. The lecture concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where students asked insightful questions, and Saritaben addressed their queries with enthusiasm, leaving the audience inspired by her journey and wisdom.



"UTSAV"

6 November, 2023

Faculty of Pharmacy

The Faculty of Pharmacy's NSS volunteers, guided by Program officer Dr. Hemal Tandel, conducted the 'UTSAV' activity at the Mujmahuda Primary School, Koshish-Milap Trust, to celebrate Diwali Utsav with students of slum area of Mujmahuda. Sixteen volunteers from B. Pharm II and III of Faculty of Pharmacy, the MSU of Baroda worked with 50-65 children from kindergarten to 5th Grade, assisting them in creating Diwali greeting cards, Rangoli designs, and 'Torans' from Asopalav leaves. The event aimed to spread joy and creativity during the festival.





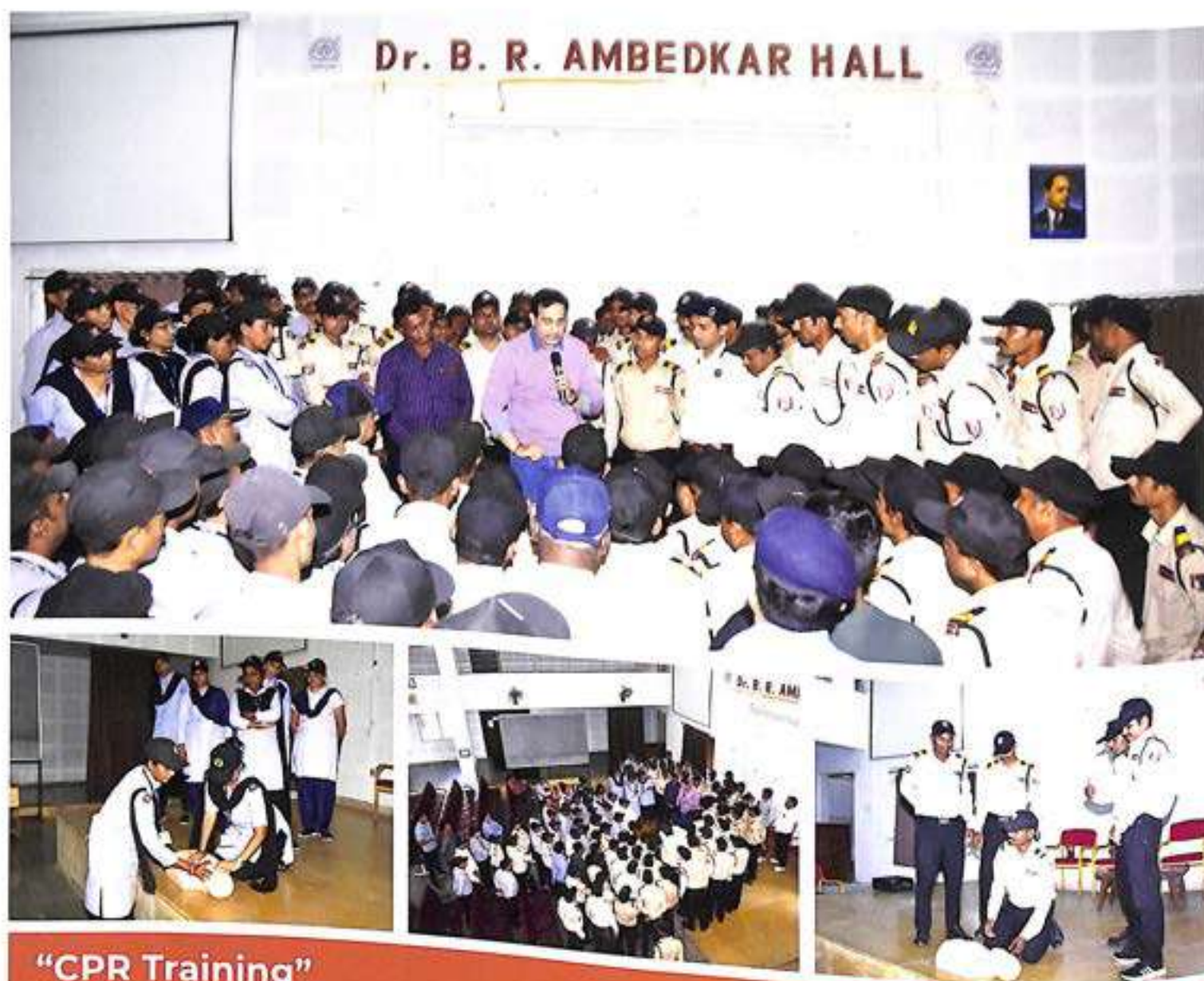
"The Relevance of Hindu Studies in Contemporary Society"

7 December, 2023

Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts organized a special lecture on "The Relevance of Hindu Studies in Contemporary Society." The event featured Professor Shounak Rishi Das, Head of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, as the chief guest, with the University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, also in attendance. The primary focus of the seminar was to deepen the understanding of Hinduism and its core teachings.

During the event, an MoU was signed between MSUB and the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, outlining provisions for collaborative research, cultural exchange, and student exchange programs. In his address, Professor Shounak Rishi Das began with a mantra and delved into the philosophical aspects of Hinduism, addressing human rights from a Hindu perspective. He emphasized that Hinduism embodies a unique blend of science, nationalism, and religious texts, offering a contrast to Western ideologies. As Hindu studies gain greater prominence in India, there will also be an expanded exploration of other religions, such as Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism, enriching the academic and cultural landscape.



"CPR Training"
12 December, 2023

University Health Centre

The Health Centre of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda conducted a CPR Training Program aimed at enhancing the safety skills of the university's Security and Vigilance Teams. The program was held at B.R. Ambedkar Hall, providing participants with essential life-saving techniques. This initiative underscores the university's commitment to equipping its security personnel with vital skills to respond effectively in emergency situations, ensuring a safer environment for everyone on campus.

"Right to Constitutional Remedies with Special Reference to Article 32 and 226: An Overview of ADR"

14 December, 2023

Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda hosted a distinguished lecture titled "Right to Constitutional Remedies with Special Reference to Article 32 and 226: An Overview of ADR." The lecture was delivered by Hon. Dr. Justice Ashokkumar C. Joshi, former Judge of the High Court of Gujarat. The session explored the critical aspects of constitutional remedies available under Articles 32 and 226 of the Indian Constitution, along with an overview of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms.

The event was presided over by Prof. (Dr.) Vijaykumar Srivastava, Vice Chancellor of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.



“DIET UP : 10-day research methodology workshop”

21 December, 2023



Faculty of Education and Psychology

The Department of Education organized a 10-day research methodology workshop for DIET UP, funded by UNICEF. The workshop, held in collaboration with UNICEF and SCERT, Uttar Pradesh, consisted of 14 sessions, providing participants with hands-on experience and practical workshops. The Registrar of The Maharaja Sayajirao University, Dr. K. M. Chudashama, along with Dr. Raviraj Dayal, Education Specialist at UNICEF, participated in the event. Prof. Ashutosh Biswal, Director of the DIET UP Project (UNICEF), outlined the research plan during the workshop. Following this, 18 master trainers began a year-long collaboration with The Maharaja Sayajirao University to train other DIETs across Uttar Pradesh.

"Embracing the Magic of Millets: Towards a Sustainable Future"

21 December, 2023



Faculty of Family and Community Sciences

The Department of Foods and Nutrition organized an International Conference to commemorate the United Nations' International Year of Millets. A decade of dedicated research led by the department, including efforts related to Shri Anna, focused on standardizing millet recipes, conducting sensory evaluations, and exploring their role in diabetes supplementation, as well as developing recipes for children. The event featured a special address by the Collector, A. B. Gor, followed by speeches from the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, and Chancellor Rajmata Shubhanginiraje Gaekwad, who offered their blessings. A significant moment of the conference was the unveiling of the Millet Books. Padma Shri awardee Prof. Anil Gupta shared his expertise, and the conference concluded with a vote of thanks from Organizing Secretary Prof. Komal Chauhan. It was a day of profound learning and inspiration at this special Millets conference.

“Center of Excellence for Indian Knowledge System (CEIKS)”

28 December, 2023



The Inauguration Ceremony of CEIKS

The Inauguration Ceremony of the Centre of Excellence for Indian Knowledge System (CEIKS) at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda took place with great enthusiasm. The Centre was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Adhya Saxena, Dean of the Faculty of Arts. Dr. Deepak Koirala, National Head of the Gurukul Project at Indian Knowledge System Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, spoke on the significance of the Centre of Excellence for Indian Knowledge System (CEIKS). The keynote address was also delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. K. M. Chudasama, Registrar (Offg.), followed by the National Anthem.



"Production-Oriented Physical Theatre Workshop"

29 December, 2023 to 8 January, 2024



Faculty of Performing Arts

Associate Professor Darshan Satishchandra Purohit, from the Department of Dramatics, Faculty of Performing Arts, conducted a production-oriented Physical Theatre workshop with students from the University of Colombo's Sri Palee Campus, with support from the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka. In the workshop, Professor Purohit covered various aspects of theatre arts with approximately 50 students. He directed a unique performance of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's short story SUBHA in Physical Theatre, which was presented in the local Sinhalese language. The production incorporated folk music, songs, and dance movements, gaining recognition within the Sri Lankan drama scene and receiving media coverage. Unlike traditional Proscenium stage performances, this production was designed for open arenas, in alignment with Tagore's philosophy. SUBHA revolves around a mute girl named Subha, exploring themes such as fear, isolation, connection, selfishness, innocence, tradition, and control.

“Inauguration of Digital Electrical Design Laboratory, Computing Foundation Lab, Core Computing Facility”

2 January, 2024

Faculty of Technology and Engineering

Neilsoft Pvt. Ltd., a specialist engineering services and solutions company owned by Mr. Ketan Bakshi, an alumnus of the Department of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Technology and Engineering, designed, developed, and implemented a state-of-the-art laboratory named the Digital Electrical Design Laboratory. The laboratory included upgraded infrastructure, high-end computing devices, and advanced electrical design software worth Rs.85 Lacs, all provided under the company's CSR initiative.

Matrix Comsec Pvt. Ltd., owned by Mr. Ganesh Jivani, an alumnus of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Faculty of Technology and Engineering, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, is a leading provider of cutting-edge security and telecommunications solutions. Over the last five years, the company contributed Rs. 1.50 Crore under CSR to the department, supporting the renovation of five laboratories and one seminar hall.



A transformative Conclave on “Contemporary Developments in Criminal Justice System, delving into the New Codes”

6 January, 2024

Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law hosted a transformative Conclave on Contemporary Developments in the Criminal Justice System, focusing on the New Codes. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Ms. Justice Gita Gopi of the Gujarat High Court and presided over by Hon'ble Mr. R. Venkataramani, Attorney General for India. Prof. Vijay Kumar Srivastava, the Honorable Vice Chancellor, delivered an insightful talk in which he emphasized the university's commitment to Bharatiyata and highlighted the achievements and initiatives undertaken by MSU Baroda in advancing legal education and research.

Hon'ble Ms. Justice Gita Gopi, in her address, underscored the principles of truth and non-violence, emphasized the importance of protecting the rights of accused persons, and discussed the integration of digital records in the New Codes. Hon'ble Mr. R. Venkataramani urged students to grasp the fundamental principles of law and moral conduct, drawing connections between the New Codes and ancient values. The conclave marked a remarkable convergence of legal minds and showcased MSU's dedication to advancing legal discourse.



"Faculty Development Programme on Human Values"

8 to 10 January, 2024



Faculty of Technology and Engineering

The Faculty of Technology and Engineering conducted a three-day Faculty Development Programme on Human Values. During the inauguration, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay K. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, emphasized the vital role of the course in alignment with the National Education Policy 2020. He highlighted ongoing efforts to instill human values in youth and stressed the crucial contribution of teachers in achieving the objectives of the NEP.

Prof. Dhanesh Patel, the dean, extended a warm welcome, while resource persons Dr. M. D. Amipara and Dr. Ela Dedhia underscored the societal significance of human values. AICTE-appointed observer, Dr. Brijesh Panchal, ensured the smooth organization of the event. Dr. Satyajeet Chaudhari, the workshop coordinator, delivered the vote of thanks.

"Indian Knowledge System in Education: A Way Forward to Viksit Bharat" 11 - 12 January, 2024



Faculty of Education and Psychology

The Department of Education, Faculty of Education and Psychology, organized a National Seminar on "Indian Knowledge System in Education: A Way Forward." The inaugural session featured an impactful address by Swami Dharmbandhuji, an educator, specialist, and President of the Shree Vedic Mission Trust. Prof. Ashutosh Biswal, the Director of the National Seminar and Dean of the Faculty of Education and Psychology, delivered insightful remarks on the seminar's significance.

Dr. Deepak Koirala, National In-Charge of Gurukul Prakalp, Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, set the tone for the event with a unique address. The panel discussion, moderated by Prof. Rampal Shukla, Principal of Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, included contributions from Shri Chanchal Malviya of Meta Education, Pune, and Shri Seva Vilas Swami, a teacher at ISKCON Temple, Vadodara, Gujarat, who brought diverse perspectives to the table. The seminar successfully facilitated discussions on integrating Indian knowledge systems into modern education, emphasizing the importance of sustainable development and innovative pedagogies.

"Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2024"

13 January, 2024



Faculty of Commerce

A visit to the Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2024, held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, was organized by the Department of Business Economics. Students from the M.Com (final) program in Industrial Economics and Financial Economics, along with faculty members from the department, attended the summit to experience the vibrancy of the event.

There were 12 halls representing various departments, focusing on themes such as e-mobility, the Blue Economy, Make in Gujarat, and more. Among these, a few domes addressed economic issues. The students experienced comprehensive learning throughout the visit.



"Sanskrit Sahitya: Ramakavya Parampara and Ramastotra Pathotsava"

22 January, 2024

Faculty of Arts and Oriental Institute

An exhibition and seminar on "Sanskrit Sahitya: Ramakavya Parampara and Ramastotra Pathotsava" was held at the Oriental Institute in collaboration with the Department of Sanskrit, Pali, and Prakrit, Faculty of Arts. The exhibition was graced by the presence of the Honorable Chancellor, Rajmata Shubhangini Raje Gaekwad, and the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava.



"Embarking on a Spiritual Journey: The Shobha Yatra"

22 January, 2024

Immersed in the festivity at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, we joyously celebrated the consecration of Lord Rama's idol under the visionary leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, the Honorable Vice-Chancellor. In the sacred presence of Shri Mukul Kanitkar, National Organizing Secretary at Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, and Prof. Srivastava, their blessings elevated the occasion. We united in harmony, joining hands to partake in the grandeur of this auspicious event—a spiritual journey marked by shared blessings and divine celebration.



"Start-up Saga: Zero to One"

25 January, 2024

Faculty of Commerce and The Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) Cell

The Faculty of Commerce and the University SSIP organized a transformative event titled "Start-up Saga: Zero to One." Dr. Krunal Ramteke, founder and CEO of DQ Care, graced the occasion as the keynote speaker, sharing his inspirational journey as an entrepreneur. His speech resonated with 400 enthusiastic commerce students, emphasizing innovation and the benefits of venturing into startups.

Dr. Prashant Murumkar, co-ordinator, SSIP cell, highlighted the support provided by the Government and university for entrepreneurial initiatives. Prof. Ketan Upadhyay and Dr. Kalpesh Purohit encouraged students to explore startup opportunities, while Dr. Bhavin Rajput's coordination ensured the program's success.



"Personal Finance- Getting the Basic Right"

25 January, 2024



Faculty of Management Studies

The event organized by the Faculty of Management Studies enlightened students by providing a comprehensive understanding of financial concepts and fostering an appreciation for the impact created by compounding. The session was delivered by Mr. Shriram Iyer, CEO of HDFC Pension Management Company Ltd.



"She Team's Orientation Visit"

29 January, 2024



Faculty of Commerce

The Vadodara She Team's Orientation Visit at the Higher Payment Unit, Faculty of Commerce, prioritized student safety. Led by Prof. Ketan Upadhyay and Dr. Shradha Budhedeo, the event featured PSI Jayshree Vaidh, Police Constable Ms. Jagruti Jaiswal, and two Home Guards from the She Team.

The interactive Q&A session personalized the experience, actively involving students. Targeting Bachelor of Commerce students, the initiative aimed to empower them with practical safety knowledge.

"A workshop on Bio-enzyme Polytechnic College"

2 February, 2024



Polytechnic's Civil Engineering Dept.

The Polytechnic's Civil Engineering Department organized a workshop on 'Bio-enzyme,' featuring Ms. Darshana Shah from Nari Shakti (PSG) as the speaker. Ms. Darshana Shah shared insights on creating bio-enzymes at home with no initial cost, utilizing household items and kitchen waste.

The recipe included jaggery, citric acid from fruit peels (such as lemon), water, and a container in specific proportions. The fermentation process, lasting 90 days, produced a versatile bio-enzyme suitable for various cleaning purposes. This eco-friendly solution could be used for bathroom cleaning, toilet bowls, floor and tile cleaning, laundry whitening, kitchen grease removal, and as a plant fertilizer. The workshop emphasized adopting a chemical-free lifestyle for a greener environment.

"72nd Annual Convocation"

4 February, 2024

On 4th February 2023, a momentous occasion unfolded at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda as it celebrated its 72nd Annual Convocation Ceremony. The esteemed Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Justice Dhananjay Y. Chandrachud, graced the event virtually, while the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, the Hon'ble Cabinet Minister Shri Rushikesh Patel (Health and Family Welfare, Medical Education, Higher and Technical Education, Law, Justice, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs), Rajmata Shubhangini Raje Gaekwad (Hon'ble Chancellor), Prof.(Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava (Hon'ble Vice Chancellor), and Dr. K.M. Chudasama (Registrar, Offg.) were the distinguished dignitaries present on the dais. The ceremony resonated with inspiring speeches from the leaders, who emphasized the importance of education and service to society. Their words reflected the transformative power of education, urging the graduates to make a positive impact in their communities and the world. The day not only celebrated academic achievements but also served as a reminder of the responsibilities that come with knowledge and expertise. The entire event was a reflection of the university's commitment to fostering excellence and nurturing future leaders.





“Maker Fest”

3 - 4 February, 2024



Faculty of Technology and Engineering

Maker Fest Vadodara was the Indian version of the global Maker Faire movement, which originated in California in 2006. Since its inception in 2019, this annual event had become a vibrant showcase of innovation. Hosted in collaboration with The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda and the Faculty of Technology & Engineering, Maker Fest Vadodara welcomed creators from diverse fields, including tech enthusiasts, artists, educators, hobbyists, engineers, scientists, environmentalists, food artisans, and early-stage startups.

Participants ranged from young inventors to seasoned professionals, reflecting the festival's inclusive spirit. Attendees had the opportunity to explore cutting-edge creations and ignite their own innovative ideas. With over 300 maker teams showcasing their work, the fest aimed to foster a culture of innovation, provide a platform for emerging creators, celebrate their contributions, and offer constructive feedback to refine their innovations.

"Lux Et Veritas"

9 to 11 February, 2024



Faculty of Law

The Lux Et Veritas National Law Fest 2024, organized by the Faculty of Law, saw fourteen teams from different universities across the country competing in events such as Moot Court, Client Counselling, Legal Drafting, and Judgment Writing.

The fest kicked off with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kshitij Vyas, a former Chief Justice of the High Court of Bombay and an alumnus of the Faculty of Law, serving as the chief guest. Throughout the event, participants showcased their legal skills under the scrutiny of experienced judges, including eminent lawyers from Gujarat and former and sitting judges from the High Court of Gujarat.

All winners were honoured with certificates, trophies, and cash prizes, epitomizing excellence in legal education and advocacy at Lux Et Veritas 2024.



"Empowering Entrepreneurship"

12 February, 2024



Entrepreneurship Development Cell

The inaugural function of the Entrepreneurship Development Training Program, supported by the Commissioner of Higher Education, Government of Gujarat, was successfully held at Deep Auditorium. This program, jointly organized by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), marked a significant step toward fostering an entrepreneurial spirit among the youth. The Entrepreneurship Development Training Program aimed to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to embark on their entrepreneurial journeys successfully.



“MERAKI”, “REVELATION” and “MÉLANGE”

16 – 17 February, 2024

Faculty of Family and Community Sciences

The Department of Family and Community Resource Management, Faculty of Family and Community Sciences, arranged “Meraki,” an exhibition-cum-sale featuring innovative products and food created by students of the FCRM department. Additionally, “Revelation” showcased the creative impressions of innovative designs by B.Sc. (Honours) Interior Design students, while “Mélange” displayed the work of students from the Post Graduate Diploma in Hotel Interiors.



"Decolonization of Indian Performing, Visual, and Literary Arts in the Context of Indian Knowledge System"

23 - 24 February, 2024



Faculty of Performing Arts

The Department of Indian Classical Music - Instrumental (Sitar and Violin) within the Faculty of Performing Arts at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda proudly hosted an International Seminar on "Decolonization of Indian Performing, Visual, and Literary Arts in the Context of Indian Knowledge System" on February 23rd and 24th, 2024. The seminar, which explored critical themes in the decolonization of artistic practices, featured the esteemed presence of Sitar maestro Ustaad Shahid Parvez Khan ji and was inaugurated by Dean Prof. Gaurang Bhavsar. This significant event fostered rich discussions and exchanges on integrating traditional knowledge systems with contemporary artistic discourse.

"Satva"

23 - 24 February, 2024



Faculty of Science

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda proudly concluded Satva, hosted by the Department of Environmental Studies. The festival was inaugurated on February 23rd by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava. His presence, along with that of distinguished guests, added significant honor and gravitas to the event.

Satva featured a diverse range of engaging activities designed to highlight and celebrate the creativity and skills of the university's students and faculty. Participants enjoyed events such as painting, terrarium making, photography, singing, mono acting, drama, and pottery workshops. Each activity provided a platform for artistic expression and hands-on learning.

The festival was a vibrant display of the university's dynamic spirit and creative energy, bringing together students and faculty in a celebration of artistic and academic achievement.

International Conference on "Applying Psychology for Suicide Prevention"

23 - 24 February, 2024



Faculty of Education and Psychology

The Department of Psychology within the Faculty of Education and Psychology at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda hosted an International Conference on "Applying Psychology for Suicide Prevention" on February 23rd and 24th, 2024. This pivotal conference aimed to address critical issues in mental health and suicide prevention through psychological research and interventions. It brought together experts, practitioners, and researchers to share insights, strategies, and innovations in combating this urgent global challenge.

"Vasantotsav 24" Celebrating Art, Knowledge, and Legacy! 26 February, 2024

Faculty of Arts

Under the esteemed guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, the Honourable Vice Chancellor of Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, the Faculty of Arts proudly presented "Vasantotsav 24, Celebrating Art, Knowledge, and Legacy!" The festival commenced its journey with a grand inauguration at the Premanand Hall, graced by the esteemed presence of our Honorable Vice Chancellor, along with Registrar Dr. K.M. Chudasama, the Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments, faculty members, students, non-teaching staff, and distinguished guests.

Nineteen students passionately shared their perspectives on selected books, while insights from esteemed faculty experts representing various disciplines, including Journalism, Political Science, Russian, German, Hindi, Sociology, and French, enriched the intellectual discourse, showcasing the students' acumen in comprehension and analysis.

On this momentous occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Srivastava, our revered Vice Chancellor, personally inspected every nook and corner of the main building of the Faculty of Arts, diligently monitoring preservation efforts on the terrace and both floors. His actions reflected an unwavering commitment to maintaining our institution's heritage and infrastructure.



National Conference on “Scientific Innovations Towards Developed India”

28 February, 2024

Faculty of Science

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Faculty of Science, hosted the “National Conference on Scientific Innovations Towards Developed India” at the Prof. C.C. Mehta Auditorium. The event featured distinguished guests, leading researchers, and scholars.

Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, delivered an inspiring keynote address, emphasizing the university's dedication to scientific innovation and announcing grants of up to two lakh rupees for startups. He also highlighted the value of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and the science of 'Jugaad'.

Dr. Ajay Ranka, Chairman and MD of Zydex Group, Vadodara, served as the Guest of Honor and spoke on the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on research and innovation. The conference included the release of an abstract book on ongoing research and featured three plenary sessions with experts like Prof. Shankar Ghosh and Dr. Ritesh Vijay Sr. The event successfully fostered collaboration, knowledge sharing, and inspiration for a brighter, innovative future for India.



"Inter Hostel Sports Competition"

2 March, 2024

Halls of Residence

The Inter Sports event organized by the Hall of Residence at The M.S. University of Baroda on March 2, 2024, was a vibrant display of athletic talent and campus spirit. Featuring a diverse array of sports activities, the event provided students with a platform to showcase their skills and foster camaraderie.

The occasion was inaugurated by the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, whose presence underscored the significance of promoting sportsmanship and wellness within the university community. The day culminated in the distribution of prizes and trophies to the standout performers, celebrating their achievements and encouraging continued excellence in both sports and academics.



"HR Convention"

2 March, 2024

Faculty of Social Work

The 26th HR Convention at the Faculty of Social Work, The M.S. University of Baroda, on March 2, 2024, marked a significant gathering of experts, practitioners, and scholars dedicated to advancing the field of human resources. The event fostered meaningful discussions and knowledge sharing on contemporary HR challenges and innovations.

A standout moment of the convention was the inauguration of a newly donated minibus, generously provided in kind by Scott Company. This valuable addition was officially unveiled by the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava. The minibus significantly bolstered the faculty's ability to facilitate fieldwork, enhance student engagement, and support various outreach programs, thereby furthering their commitment to social work excellence and community service.



"Walk for Her-2 Breast Cancer Awareness Program" 7 March, 2024

Faculty of Social Work

In celebration of International Women's Day, the Faculty of Social Work collaborated with the Ashirvad Foundation to host a Breast Cancer Awareness program titled "Walk for Her-2." The event commenced with a warm welcome speech by Professor Dr. Ankur Saxena, the Dean of the faculty, who extended gratitude to the esteemed dignitaries in attendance.

Professor Dr. Bhavna Mehta, Head of the Department, shed light on the significance of Women's Day, delving into its historical roots and contemporary relevance. Dr. Sonal Mishra, Medical Superintendent of the Health Center, delivered an informative talk on breast cancer, stressing the importance of mammography in early detection. Mr. Meghal Shah, CEO of the Ashirvad Foundation, provided insights into the foundation's initiatives and its commitment to community development.

This collaborative effort between the Faculty of Social Work and the Ashirvad Foundation underscored the importance of proactive measures in raising awareness about breast cancer and advocating for women's health.



"Indian Women: Epitome of Inspiration and Inclusivity" International Women's Day Celebration at MSU

7 March, 2024

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda celebrated International Women's Day with a deeply moving and inspiring event. Under the esteemed guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, the Honorable Vice Chancellor, and in the gracious presence of Honourable Radika Raje Gaekwad, Smt. Shailaja Andhare, and Prof. Pranita Sarangi, the occasion highlighted the resilience, strength, and achievements of women worldwide.

The event provided a platform to raise awareness and sensitivity toward gender issues, showcasing the invaluable contributions of Indian women who exemplified inspiration and inclusivity while honouring our rich cultural heritage. Through this gathering, we reaffirmed our commitment to fostering equitable and inclusive societies, motivating students and participants to champion positive change and advance gender justice.



National Conference on "Future Business Trends: Relevance, Impetus & Prospects" 14 -15 March, 2024

Faculty of Commerce

The National Conference on 'Future Business Trends: Relevance, Impetus & Prospects' was organized by the BBA Programme, Faculty of Commerce, and hosted by the BBA Students' Association. In the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, the Honourable Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, his insightful remarks and guidance added immense value to the inaugural function, inspiring all present to strive for excellence in education and research.

The conference witnessed the participation of 130 undergraduate, postgraduate, and research students from across India, representing diverse backgrounds such as Commerce, Arts, Technology, Hindu Studies, Science, Cell & Molecular Biology, Architecture, and more. Together, they presented nearly 90 research papers covering vital themes including Accounting & Finance, Economics & Banking, Human Resources, Marketing, Environmental Sustainability, and Indian Knowledge System.



"Harmony in Green"

15 March, 2024

Faculty of Family and Community Sciences

The Faculty of Family and Community Sciences, Department of Family and Community Resource Management, organized "Harmony in Green: A Workshop on Sustainable Living Through Waste Management." The workshop aimed to foster a deeper understanding of sustainable living practices through effective waste management techniques. The inauguration of the workshop was a significant moment, graced by the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, the esteemed Vice Chancellor of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.

Dr. Shilpi Saraswat, the Workshop Director, led with expertise in environmental studies, shaping comprehensive waste management strategies. The workshop included five sessions: the first was on "Solid Waste Management," presented by Sanath Shah; the second session, on "Feasible Options for Plastic Waste," was conducted by Prof. Nitin Bhate; the third session focused on the "Miyawaki Technique for Green Space," delivered by Arun Arya. The other two sessions were hands-on, where participants learned to make cleaners from bioenzymes, conducted by Ms. Darshana Shah. The final session involved making compost from garden and kitchen waste, which was led by Ms. Prachi Patni from the Kachare se Azadi organization.



"University-Industry Meet, 2024"

19 and 20 March, 2024

The University-Industry meet, supported by Laghu Udyog Bharti and the Vadodara HR Forum, was held on March 19th and 20th, 2024, at the University's head office. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Shrivastava, emphasized the University's goal of partnering with industries. Around 200 MDs/ CEOs/ Owners/ HR professionals from the industries situated in and around Vadodara participated in the meet which was organised to strengthened industries- academia interface.

The event began with the Deans presenting their faculties, offerings, and needs from industry partners. Laghu Bharti Udyog and HR forum members introduced their companies, highlighting what they could offer to academia and what they hoped to gain. A discussion session followed, allowing both academia and industry to address queries and clarify expectations. The Deans showcased their collaboration.



"Alumni Meet 2024"

22 March, 2024

Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science organized a prestigious felicitation program to honour Dr. Shailesh Nayak, an illustrious alumnus and recipient of the Padma Shri award in 2024. Dr. Nayak's outstanding contributions and achievements were recognized and celebrated during this remarkable occasion. Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, the Honourable Vice-Chancellor of the University, delivered an inspiring address to the audience. He emphasized the importance of determination and hard work in aspiring for national and international recognition, encouraging the young minds present to aim for high-reputation awards in their respective fields.

The presence of the Honourable Chancellor, Her Highness Rajmata Shubhangini Raje Gaekwad, added to the motivation and grandeur of the occasion, uplifting everyone with her esteemed presence. The felicitation program was part of the larger 'Alumni Meet of the Faculty of Science 2024,' where alumni from various departments gathered to reconnect and celebrate their alma mater's achievements.

Additionally, the faculty organized a prize distribution ceremony for FOSTER-2024, an annual event showcasing cultural and sports activities, further fostering a sense of community and achievement among students and alumni. Dr. Nayak, from the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, shared insights on the importance of Earth System Science and the way forward. His talk resonated deeply with the audience, especially the young minds and professors, emphasizing the critical role of Earth system science in addressing natural hazards, climate challenges, the blue economy, and polar science.



"The Cervical PAP Smear Examination Camp"

28 March, 2024

University Health Centre

A Step Towards Cervical Cancer Prevention and Health Awareness: The Cervical PAP smear examination camp was successfully conducted at the Health Centre in collaboration with Shree Maharani Chimanbhai Stree Udyogala. This initiative was made possible under the esteemed guidance of trustee H.H. Radhika Raje Gaekwad and with the patronage of our Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Vijay Kumar Srivastava.

A total of 70 females participated in this crucial health screening event, highlighting the importance of early detection in preventing cervical cancer, which ranks as the second most common cancer among women worldwide. This camp served as a significant step in creating awareness among the general public about the importance of regular PAP smear examinations and emphasized our university's commitment to promoting preventive healthcare.



"Startup Ecosystem: Igniting Young Minds"

8 April, 2024

Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of Journalism and Communication and Faculty of Technology and Engineering

The Faculties of Technology and Engineering, Journalism and Communication, and Pharmacy hosted the event 'Startup Ecosystem: Igniting Young Minds.' Organized jointly by these faculties, the event showcased the university's commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship among students. Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, the Honourable Vice Chancellor, personally handed Offer Letters to the awardees, who were mainly students and scholars mentored by faculty across various disciplines. This marked the highlight of the program, which included awarding grants to promising entrepreneurs by the university's Startup and Innovation Cell.

The event also marked the release of 'Itivritt,' the flagship print media lab journal of the Faculty of Journalism and Communication, showcasing inspiring startup and innovation stories from around the country.



"Annual Degree Show"

30 April – 1 May 2024



Faculty of Fine Arts

The Annual Degree Show is a very prestigious event conducted by Faculty of Fine Arts at the faculty level which attracts visitors from various parts of India. This event is a great opportunity for the young artists to connect with the society and art market, collectors, buyers, galleries etc. whereby they brand themselves as an artist. The faculty have organized the degree show from 30th April to 01st May 2024 and we have integrated the essence of university ka Amrut mahotsav with the event.

The birth Anniversary of Shri Aurobindo was celebrated on 15 August with great pomp through an exhibition and educational extension activities on this day. On the life of Aurobindo, the canvas paintings were created by students and teachers of painting, sculpture and graphics departments and was presented to the public through the exhibition. Along with the painting exhibition, an educational extension activity for the school children to understand the life and philosophy of Sri. Aurobindo was organized. Various activities like quizzes, sketching, puzzles and story-telling were conducted during the event and more than 300 school children took benefit of this event.

"75th Sthapana Diwas" The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

30 April, 2024

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda Parivar gathered in the Gargi Sabhagar to honor the 75th foundation day of our esteemed institution. Rajmata Shubhangini Raje Gaekwad, Chancellor of the University, and Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, Vice Chancellor, graced the event with their presence and shared their visions for the university's future.

Rajmata Shubhangini Raje Gaekwad emphasized the importance of tradition and modernity coexisting to foster an environment where learning and cultural enrichment thrive. She expressed her pride in the The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda Parivar's role in shaping future leaders. Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava inspired all with his vision of innovation and excellence. He spoke about enhancing research capabilities and expanding global partnerships to elevate our institution's status in the academic world. The teaching and – non-teaching staff of the university paid homage to Sir Sayajirao, whose vision continued to inspire their journey.



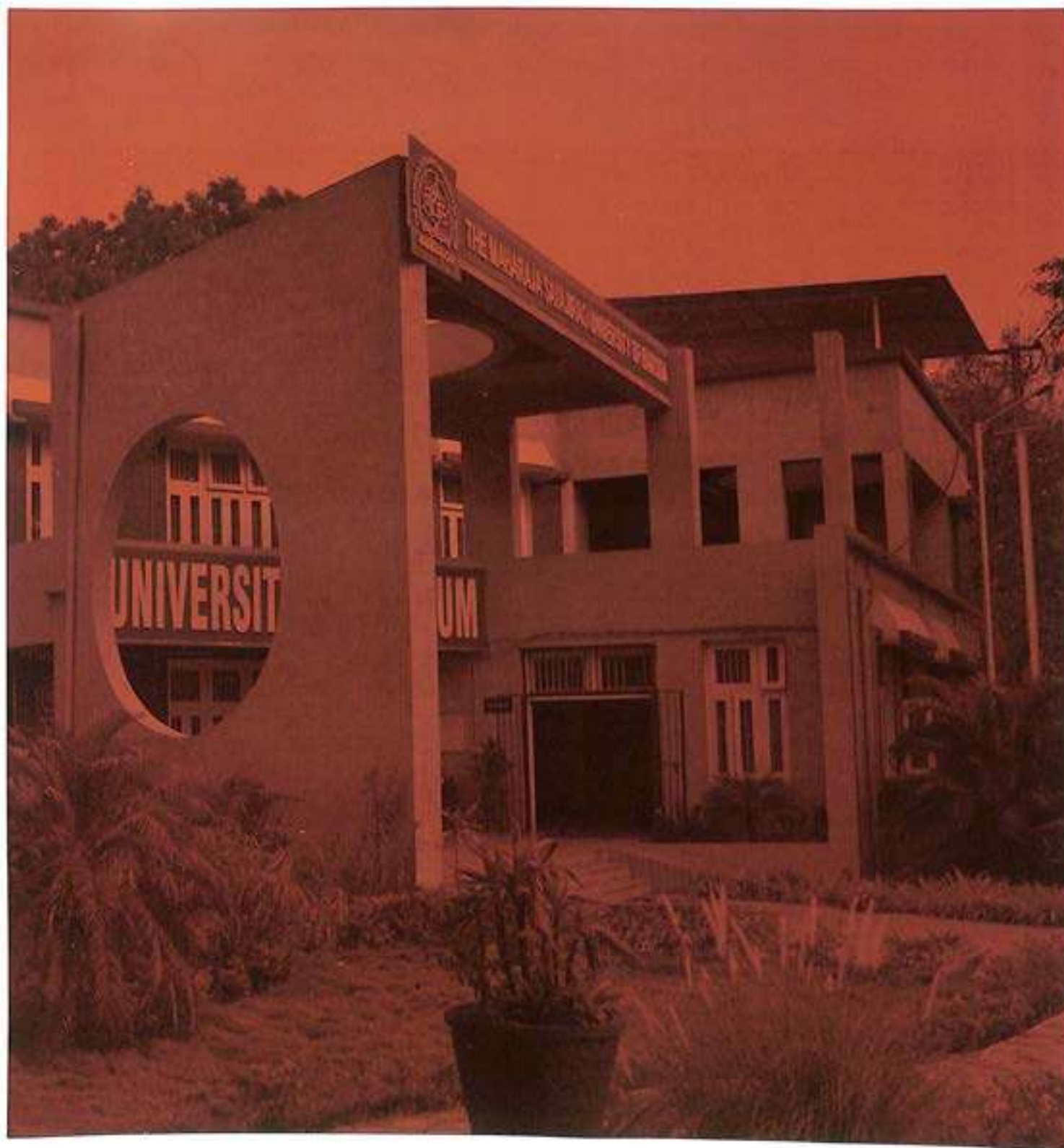
Piping Ceremony for the Honorary Rank of Colonel of NCC granted to Prof. Vijay Kumar Srivastava, Vice Chancellor of Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

1 August, 2024

A piping ceremony was held at the C.C. Mehta Auditorium to confer the honorary rank of Colonel to Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, Vice Chancellor of Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. Prof. (Dr.) Srivastava was honoured with the rank of Colonel in the National Cadet Corps (NCC) by the Government of India, recognizing his remarkable contributions and achievements.

The event was graced by the presence of the University's Honourable Chancellor, Her Highness Shubhangini Raje Gaekwad, and the Chief Guest, Major General Ramesh Shanmugam (ADG, NCC, DTE, Gujarat, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu). Also present were Brigadier Yudhvir Singh Sajwan, Group Commander, Vadodara Group; Colonel Devendra Singh, Commanding Officer of the 3 Gujarat Battalion, NCC Vadodara; and Lieutenant Colonel George D'Souza, Admin Officer of the 3 Gujarat Battalion, NCC Vadodara. The Registrar, Dr. K. M. Chudasama, along with heads of various faculties and departments, officers, as well as cadets.







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