



Institutional Distinctiveness of Gujarat Commerce College

"Gujarat Commerce College: A Legacy of Learning and Service to Nation"

Gujarat Commerce College is recognized for its significant contributions to both individual growth and societal development. Through its historical roots, on-going evolution, and impactful initiatives, the college plays a crucial role in preparing students to be well-rounded professionals, civil servants and engaged members of society.

Gujarat Commerce College stands as a venerable institution with a profound historical legacy, Heritage Buildings, Heritage memorial, serving as a cornerstone of higher education in Gujarat. **Established in 1860 during British colonial rule**, the college has evolved significantly over the years while retaining its historical essence. Initially a part of Gujarat College, the Commerce Department gained prominence under the leadership of Principal Dr. B.C. Desai, which eventually led to the formation of Gujarat Commerce College on June 30, 1993.

The college provided a centre stage for the significant activities during freedom movement of India. Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel, Subhash Chandra Bose, Acharya Kriplani, Mahadevbhai Desai and many more national leaders had guided the student movement on the college campus. Special events to mention are;

- Veer Vinod Kinariwala student of the college martyred during 'Quit India Movement' in 1942.
- Special events like Bell ringing, March past, Flag hoisting and Plantation at midnight of 14th August, 1947.
- Civil Disobedience movement of 1921 lead 100 students and professors to leave the college. Many of them took up to Gujarat Vidhyapith to further their nationalistic dreams.
- Hundreds of volunteers became the work force at National Congress Meet of 1921 in Ahmedabad.
- The country's first and strong political strike was initiated by the students of the Gujarat College in 1928 demanding to send back the Simon Commission.

One of the most significant aspects of Gujarat Commerce College's historical legacy is its association with Shahid Veer Vinod Kinariwala, a student who became the first martyr of India during the Quit India Movement on August 10, 1942. His sacrifice have been immortalized through a memorial erected on the college campus. **The memorial, inaugurated by Lok Nayak Shri Jayprakash Narayan in 1947, stands as a testament to the bravery and commitment of the Indian youth.** The road facing the memorial site, named "Shahid Veer Kinariwala Marg," serves as a constant reminder of his great sacrifice.





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To continue the legacy of serving the Nation along with education, and in recognition of Gujarat Commerce College's historical significance, administrative efficiency, and the expertise of its faculty and staff, the College was entrusted with the responsibility of running a SPIPA (Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration) Centre on its premises in the year 2016. The SPIPA was established by Government of Gujarat as the apex training institution of the state, is an autonomous body that provides support to civil/ public service aspirants, helping them to fulfil the expectations of the State Government through specialized training.

Among all the colleges in Gujarat, only Gujarat Commerce College has the privilege of hosting an on-site training centre for SPIPA within its campus. The SPIPA Centre at Gujarat Commerce College is managed by a designated nodal officer, who is a professor of the college, and the principal, who serves as ex-officio members. The centre offers a comprehensive UPSC Civil Service Study program. The program provides all the required on-site facilities, including expert lectures, a technologically advanced library (open 24/7), weekly tests and evaluations, personal counselling, and guidance as needed.

To ensure the highest quality of education and training, the SPIPA Centre of Gujarat Commerce College invites experienced civil servants and expert trainers from various subjects, who would like to impart their knowledge. On our expert list we have renowned policy makers from field of economy, law and industries. The centre also provides an advanced lecture and test schedule, ensuring that students are well-prepared for their examinations.

A distinctive feature of the collaboration between Gujarat Commerce College and SPIPA is the special quota reserved for Gujarat Commerce College students, allowing them exclusive access to the SPIPA Centre services. No other college students enjoy this benefit, highlighting the unique relationship between the two institutions. This collaboration has proven to be a noteworthy example of success, with many trainees from the Gujarat Commerce College - SPIPA Centre securing elite government positions at both the state and union levels. As a result of the initiatives numbers of the Gujarat Commerce College Students had been selected in various public services are more than 100 during last five years.

Furthermore, the college's National Cadet Corps (NCC) unit is highly sought after by defence service aspirants. Many alumni of Gujarat Commerce College have joined the defence services, including the Army, Air Defence, Police Department, and the Agniveer program, thanks to the rigorous training and support provided by Gujarat Commerce College.

In addition to its historical significance and contributions to civil and defence services, Gujarat Commerce College boasts modern infrastructure and student engagement. The college campus





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features classrooms equipped with multimedia projectors and interactive boards, computer labs with high-end computers, a language lab, advanced servers and internet bandwidth. The college also houses a central library with extensive digital resources and multipurpose seminar/auditorium spaces.

Gujarat Commerce College is also committed to social responsibility, extending its efforts to various marginalized groups, underprivileged students, patients, and physically handicapped individuals, reflecting the college's dedication to inclusivity and community welfare.

In summary, Gujarat Commerce College's distinctive attributes include its rich historical legacy, modern infrastructure, commitment to holistic education, social responsibility, and technological integration. The college's collaboration with SPIPA in developing effective bureaucracy further highlights its status as a leading institution in Gujarat, dedicated to providing quality education and fostering the development of well-rounded, responsible individuals. Through its historical significance, on-going growth, and contributions to public administration, Gujarat Commerce College continues to play a vital role in shaping the future of its students and society in the broader sense.



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