

Ph.D. Programme and Training Activities

The Institute is a recognized institution of the Gujarat University for Ph.D. degree in Economics. Nearly 65 scholars have been awarded Ph. D degrees so far and several scholars are currently registered.

The Institute has been conducting regularly various training programmes on Research Methodology, Macro Economics, Economics Analysis and Application of Quantitative Techniques.

Seminars/Conferences/Workshops

Organizing seminars, conferences, etc. at the Institute and participation by the research staff of the Institute at regional, national and international level and undertaking programmes for training research scholars, etc. are other important facets of the working of the Institute. These activities provide opportunities for scholarly discussion and dissemination of knowledge. In honour of Prof. D. T. Lakdawala the Institute has initiated an annual lecture series.

Library

The Harivallabhdas Kalidas Library of the institute is a specialized library and its acquisitions have been essentially related to the research interests of the faculty and other scholars.

The Institute subscribes to 18 Indian journals and 15 foreign journals and receives 84 journals on gratis/exchange basis. The total collection of books in the library including bound volumes is over 45,000.

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**SARDAR PATEL INSTITUTE OF
ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH**

SARDAR PATEL INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH is registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. With the valuable cooperation of the Gujarat Government, businessmen and industrialists of Gujarat, the Institute was established in 1969. The Institute is located in its own campus on Thaltej hill-top on about 50 acres of green land, consisting of a Research-cum-Administrative Complex, Library, Hostel-cum-Guest House, Canteen, and Staff Quarters.

Primary Objectives

1. To undertake, aid, promote and co-ordinate research in economic problems and the social implications of these problems.
2. To promote and foster the application of research in the development of commerce, trade and industry, the discovery and development of methods for the beneficial utilization of natural resources and generally for the economic development of India;
3. To analyse and propose solutions of specific problems encountered in the process of planning and development of the country;
4. To exchange information and to co-operate for the promotion of its objects with other Institutions, Associations and Societies within India or elsewhere interested in same objects;
5. To foster the training of research workers in fields related to its objects and to undertake training programmes;
6. To convene conferences at such places and at such times as may be determined and to publish journals and bulletin etc.

The Chief Minister of Gujarat is, by convention, the Chairman of the Governing body which consists of prominent social scientists, civil servants and industrialists. Patron members (donors), corporate members, institutional members, professional members and individual members elect one member

each to the Governing body. The State Government and the ICSSR nominate members to the Governing Body.

Source of Funds

Appreciating the role of such an institution of higher learning and research, the Gujarat government decided to give full maintenance grant during the initial years of the Institute's development. By the mid-seventies, the Institute had established its unique identity at the national level. The Central Government recognized it as a National Institute in 1975 and, consequently, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, recognized the Institute for an annual grant.

Overview of Research

Theoretical analysis, economic modelling and applied economic research have been on the main front of Institute's research agenda. Topics range from regional and national issues to international issue. These include:

- Consumption analysis, including Gujarat's poverty problem; formulation and estimation of poverty indices; evaluation of poverty programmes.
- Common property resources - social forestry, land and water resources - with special reference to problems of negative externalities associated with the use of common resources.
- Problems of weaker section; status of women, problem of tribal areas and other societal issues.
- Industry studies - over all & sector specific such as textiles, diamonds, jari, cloth printing, electronics. Non farm employment and rural entrepreneurship. Rise in multinationals.
- Agricultural growth - impact studies, possibilities and constraints across the agro-climatic regions, sources of growth and total factor productivity related studies, small farmer agriculture and issues.

- Intra-regional analysis of agriculture and industrial growth, formulation of development indicators across talukas of Gujarat.
- Physical and financial infrastructure - energy and power sector, financial institutions.
- Regional economy in a long term perspective including implications of a major development effort, Sardar Sarovar project.
- Trade and related issues - structure of protection to industry, trade liberalization and its impact, World Trade Organization (WTO) and its implications to industry and agriculture.
- Environment and climate change and disaster preparedness.
- Social infrastructure including education specifically elementary and primary education health sector. Human Development related aspects.

In the rapidly changing global scenario, the Institute has maintained its tradition on working for the socio-economic development of the country. Its work is highly responsive to the changing societal needs. By incorporating the emerging dimensions of development and economic growth, and integrating it with its past experiences, theories and practices, the institute's efforts would be able to shape the change into an ordered equitable process.

Publications

Institute's publications consist of journals, monographs, books, and working papers. It has brought out 27 books / monographs/proceedings of seminar; 4 Anveshan series (Gujarati); 2 abstracts of project reports; 42 individual books; 31 Madhukari book series, 16 Working Paper series, and 25 Reprint series.

Journals

Anvesak, a refereed bi-annual journal of the Institute since 1971 and publishes research work on theoretical and applied economics. The journal also has a book review section devoted to recent publications on theoretical and applied economics.