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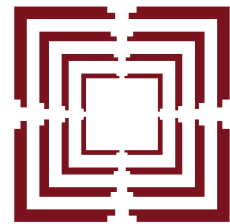
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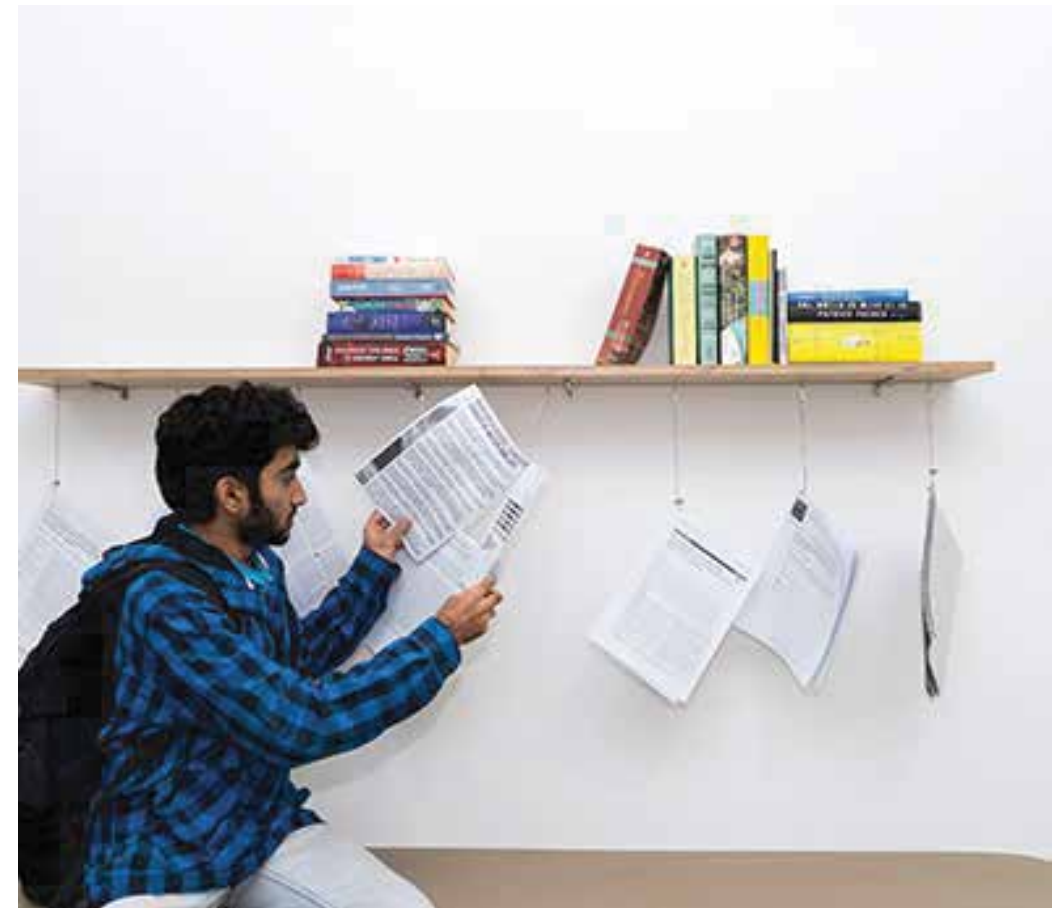

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Ahmedabad University is a private, non-profit university in the west of India, offering students a liberal education with a focus on research and interdisciplinary, project-based learning. Our intention is to create a world-class teaching and research institution.

The University was established in 2009 but is rooted in the vision of an educational trust (the Ahmedabad Education Society) founded in 1935 by three national leaders: Kasturbhai Lalbhai (a philanthropist and doyen of the Indian textile industry), Sardar Patel (the first home minister of India) and Ganesh Mavalankar (the speaker of the first Lok Sabha, the lower house of Parliament). At present, we have schools of Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Management and Computer Studies, offering programmes leading to degrees ranging from bachelors to doctoral.

The Ahmedabad Education Society has a philosophy of transparency, participation and growth, and a land bank in the heart of one of India's most dynamic and livable cities. It has been involved in the setting up of institutions including IIM Ahmedabad, the National Institute of Design, the Physical Research Laboratory and CEPT. It has now endowed Ahmedabad University with a substantial initial endowment, and a dream of creating a first-rate educational institution.

Our campus is in the process of being created, across 200 acres. Some early 20th Century buildings and sturdy old trees are being combined with new build: Ahmedabad University is currently constructing a students' centre, a university sports facility, students' hostels, a central library and a performing arts centre. The campus has been designed by the well-known architect firm HCP and its buildings are being built by global architects. A very unique student centre has been designed by Stephane Paumier of SPA Architects to be the hub of campus activity. The University, reflecting its spirit of sustainable society, is developing an urban forest on its campus which will become the green lung of city of Ahmedabad.

The School of Arts and Sciences, designed by Rahul Mehrotra of RMA Architects and Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, was opened in December, 2019. It houses its five divisions: Humanities and Languages, Social Sciences, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Biological and Life Sciences and Performing and Visual Arts. We have aimed from the start to practice collaborative, experiential, interdisciplinary learning and research, while maintaining the highest academic standards. Biological and Life Sciences, the first division to be established at the School of Arts and Sciences, already offers a five year integrated masters and doctoral programme. The School launched its liberal arts education programmes in August 2019 with majors like Philosophy, History & Languages; Social & Political Sciences; Psychology; Economics; Computer Science; Physics; and Life Sciences. Our School of Engineering and Applied Science is experimenting with experiential pedagogy and project-based learning at undergraduate level. We are partnering with Olin School of Engineering, as their only partner in Asia. At the graduate level, we focus on research partnerships with industry both for masters and doctoral students. The Amrut Mody School of Management, housed in a heritage building offers programmes leading to BCom, BBA, and MBA, as well as doctoral degrees. The School has recently launched a Global Executive MBA Programme in Pharmaceutical Management jointly with University of California San Diego. We also believe that doing is learning, and that fieldwork can both enhance engagement and promote learning by our students. The university awarded its first two doctoral degrees in the convocation of 2017. It will be launching a new School of Public Health in 2021.

The University's undergraduate programme revolves around a signature Foundation Programme (which is common to students in all majors) and which tis designed around four principles of learning – ways of thinking, ways of connecting, ways of doing, and ways of becoming. The programmes of study are highly interdisciplinary and they focus on experiential learning and research thinking.

Five interesting centres advance our interdisciplinary research and practice. VentureStudio is a centre for enterprise design that was established to incubate startups, as well as to build an entrepreneurial ecosystem in Ahmedabad. It has developed a unique fellowship programme in partnership with the Centre for Design Research at Stanford University, which helps to identify needs, build a product or service, and launch startups. The Centre for Heritage Management works on India's tangible and intangible heritage and offers a master's programme.

It has partnerships with the University of Valladolid in Spain and the University of Ferrara in Italy. This centre was instrumental in Ahmedabad being chosen in 2017 by UNESCO as India's first World Heritage City. Centre for Learning Futures is conducting new experiments in learning and on how to reimagine a classroom. The Global Centre for Energy and Environment, is led by one of the Co-Chairs of IPCC and is involved in large scale modeling and building policy directions in sustainability. The most recent centre established is the Centre for Inter-Asian Research.

Locally, through a special partnership, students from Ahmedabad University and CEPT (a school of planning, design and architecture) can take courses at each other's institution. We are building a unique relationship with the LD Institute of Indology and the LD Museum in Ahmedabad, which will provide phenomenal archival and textual resources to scholars of early Indian and Asian languages. The University strongly encourages an experiential learning environment.

The second phase of our future institutional construction will include a Health Sciences campus, a School of Policy and Governance with a focus on the Indian Ocean region. Ahmedabad University plans to grow to 6000 students (3600 undergraduates and 2400 graduate students) and 400 faculty over the next ten years (from a current strength of about 3000 students and over 200 regular and visiting faculty). Last year alone the University hired twenty five new faculty across the university and particularly in Arts & Sciences with doctoral degrees from Wharton, MIT, Stanford, Chicago, Columbia, UC Berkeley, Texas-Austin, Indiana, Imperial, Cambridge, NUS, IISc, JNU, IIMs, and IITs.
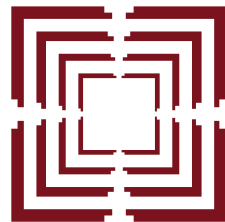
Our Board of Governors is chaired by Sanjay Lalbhai (Arvind Ltd) and comprises Pankaj Patel (Zydus Cadila), Sudhir Mehta (Torrent Group), Dr Naushad Forbes (Forbes Marshall), Punit Lalbhai (Arvind Ltd), Saurabh Soparkar (Senior Advocate, Gujarat High Court), Naishadh Parikh, amongst others. Kiran Karnik (former head of NASSCOM) is a member of our Board of Management.

The University's Executive Leadership team is led by Pankaj Chandra (PhD The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and former Director IIM Bangalore) as the Vice Chancellor and a team of Deans – Devanath Tirupati (PhD MIT), Sunil Kale (PhD Stanford), Patrick French (PhD University of Edinburgh), Deepak Kunzru (PhD University of Piitsburgh) and Raghavan Rangarajan (PhD University of California).

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