**Charutar Vidya Mandal and the Government**

**of Gujarat Sign MOU for Rs. 500 Crores**

Dr. C L Patel CVM Chairman and Prof. Paresh Dave, Jt. Director, Technical Education, Government of Gujarat, signed the documents in the presence of Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi

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Vibrant Gujarat 2011 was the occasion for signing of an MOU worth Rs. 500 Crores for the creation of a world class educational campus at New Vallabh Vidyanagar. Dr. C L Patel, Hon’ble Chairman, Charutar Vidya Mandal and the Joint Director of Technical Education Prof. Paresh Dave signed the documents at the Convention Centre of Mahatma Mandir in the presence of Shri Narendra Modi, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of the Gujarat State. On this auspicious occasion, Hon. Secretary of Charutar Vidya Mandal, Prin. R P Patel also remained present.

Earlier in the year 2005, during the second Vibrant Gujarat Celebration, Charutar Vidya Mandal’s Chairman, Dr. C L Patel and the Vice Chairman and the Managing Director of GIDC Shri Haribhai Patel signed the MOU of for the projects of Rs. 120 Crores. On the basis of it, Charutar Vidya Mandal was able to accomplish the projects of Rs. 250 Crores.

With the inspiration of Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Charutar Vidya Mandal was established by Shri Bhaikaka and Shri Bhikhabhai during the year 1945 – ‘46. After that, an able administrator and civil servant Dr. H M Patel took up the responsibility of the Mandal and after his sad demise in 1993, from April 1994 Shri Dr. C L Patel has shouldered the responsibility of the various institutions that were established by his predecessors. Not only carefully nurturing the already established institutions but also expanding and developing new institutions, Dr. C L Patel realized the inadequacy in the town and hence he decided to establish a new 100 acre campus, New Vallabh Vidyanagar, for the new educational institutions. And at present, the projects of establishing a Global Campus in New Vallabh Vidyanagar worth Rs. 500 Crores are undertaken for which additional 225 acres of land will be utilized.

During the Platinum Jubilee Celebration of the Chairman of Charutar Vidya Mandal, Shikshan Maharshi Shri Dr. C L Patel, the Hon. Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Narendra Modi came as a Chief Guest and during his speech, he indicated the need for the development of Defencse Technology. Accepting his suggestion, Dr. C L Patel announced to establish the first engineering college for Defencse Technology with the investment of more than Rs. 75 crores for the project. It was also announced that Charutar Vidya Mandal would establish various institutions with high-tech educational facilities of international standards on the New Campus. The list includes A School of Law and Justice, Institute of Design, a Polytechnic Institute for girls, School of Management, Renewable Energy Research Centre, the Residential Primary as well as Secondary Schools in both English as well as Gujarati Medium, a modern Convention Centre with high-tech facilities that can accommodate 3000 people, a Central Library with the facilities of Robots to automatically locate and facilitate the lending of books, a huge playground of Olympic standards, and staff-quarters and hostels the students would be established.

It is worth mentioning here that the Charutar Vidya Mandal has earned the credit for the first Engineering College in Gujarat State established in 1948 – *Birla Vishwakarma Mahavidyalay* – and now the first Engineering College for Women established in 2009. Under the competent leadership of Dr. C L Patel, Chairman, Charutar Vidya Mandal, around 35,000 students are preparing themselves for the 21st century challenges in around 45 educational and research institutions ranging from K.G. to P.G. The teaching and Non-teaching staff of Charutar Vidya Mandal consists of 3,500 employees from 19 states of India, speaking more than 22 different languages.

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