

REPORT



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EXHIBITION

ON

**PARTITION HORRORS
REMEMBRANCE DAY**

14TH AUGUST-2022

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इसी भूमि से राष्ट्रपिता ने विश्व शांति संदेश दिया
शारीरिक, बौद्धिक, नैतिक विकास को शिक्षा का आदर्श किया
सदाचार को नित संकल्पित सत्य-शिक्षा का पुंज हमारा ।
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भूमि लौह पुरुष की जिससे एकीकृत हुआ भारत महान
चितन हेमचन्द्र, दयानन्द का लोथल से हुई सभ्यता महान
साबरमती, नर्मदा से सिंचित सामाजिक ज्ञान का कुंज हमारा ।
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द्वारिकाधीश पर गर्व करें हम गीता का जिसने ज्ञान दिया
कर्म, भक्ति और ज्ञान ज्योति से मानव का उत्थान किया
उनके दिव्य दर्शन से प्रेरित कर्म ज्ञान का कुंज हमारा ।
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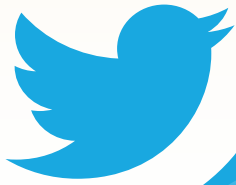
भाषा, शिक्षा, रसायन, प्रबंधन, विविध ज्ञान-विज्ञान समागम
नवाचार से विश्वविद्यालय में जहाँ शोधरत हर जनमन
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प्रो. रमा शंकर दूबे
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Hon'ble Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi



“Partition’s pains can never be forgotten. Millions of our sisters and brothers were displaced and many lost their lives due to mindless hate and violence. In memory of the struggles and sacrifices of our people, 14th August will be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.”

(Tweet by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Dated: 14th August, 2021)

ABOUT CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT, GANDHINAGAR, GUJARAT

Established by Parliament of India through the Central Universities Act (2009), Central University of Gujarat (CUG) considers its main objectives as dissemination and advancement of knowledge creation and sharing. The University is committed to make special provisions for integrated and interdisciplinary courses, to educate and train human resources for the country's development, to initiate appropriate measures for promoting innovation in teaching and learning and to pay special attention to improve the social and economic conditions and welfare of the people, especially pertaining to their intellectual, academic and cultural development. With its 105 teaching faculty and nearly 1400 students, the University is marching ahead in achieving its endeavours. It has 11 schools and 22 centres encompassing various disciplines of Science, Humanities, Social Sciences and Education. The University was accredited B++ by NAAC in the year 2016. The hallmark of the University is its state-of-the-art Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF), housing many highly sophisticated scientific instruments.

MOTTO

Providing a Global Platform for Knowledge and Employability to our Students along with Society and Industry Interface.

OUR MISSION

The mission of CUG is to provide access to quality education and create opportunities for encouraging students to effectively engage with emerging innovations and technological challenges, international competitiveness, and leadership in thought as well as in action. CUG is also conscious of the importance of developing entrepreneurial and scholastic abilities for creation of knowledge, wealth, and prosperity for the country as well as peace and happiness for human beings.

OUR VISION

The vision of CUG is to establish itself as a centre of excellence with social commitment by integrating modern, scientific, and technological knowledge and skills with the basic human ethos and values. The University shall set forth a model in teaching, research and personality development and creating skilled human resource with a sense of responsiveness towards the society, country and world at large.



EXHIBITION ON PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY

BACKGROUND

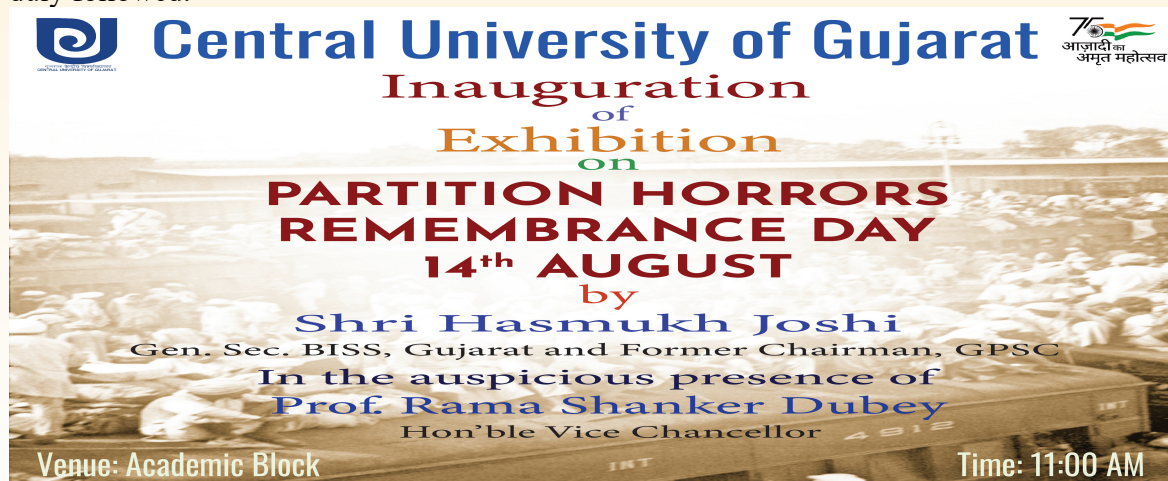
The partition of India in its most basic form is a story of unprecedented human displacement and forced migration. It is a story in which millions sought new homes in environments that were alien and unreceptive. More than being a story of a violent divide based on faith and religion it is also a story of how a way of life and ages of co-existence came to a sudden and dramatic end. About 6 million non-Muslims moved out from what had become West Pakistan and another 6.5 million Muslims moved out from the Indian part of Punjab, Delhi, etc., into West Pakistan. In the east, an estimated 2 million non-Muslims moved out of East Bengal (Pakistan) and later in 1950 another 2 million non-Muslims moved into West (India) Bengal. It is estimated that about one million Muslims had moved out of West Bengal. The estimate of those killed has varied from 500,000 to over 1,000,000. The generally accepted figure stands at around 500,000.



Creation of two nations through a tragic horror of killings is one of the worst memories of the freedom struggle of India. No government would wish to see the repetition of the same traumatic displacement and killings. And our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, who believes in *Sabka Saath Sabka Viskas Sabka Viswas* and *Sabka Prayas*, had announced from the Red Fort last year to observe the 14th August as the Partition Horror Remembrance Day on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Thus, a poster exhibition both in English and Hindi was created by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) and Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA). The main objective of the exhibition is to showcase the sufferings of the partition-affected people.

EXHIBITION AT CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT

The Central University of Gujarat organized an exhibition depicting the horrors that accompanied the Partition of India in order to sensitize the university students and staff towards the history of agony and enormous suffering that people of the subcontinent underwent during and in the wake of this tragic event. The event was organized in keeping with the solemnity and sobriety it deserved; all the SOPs transmitted by the University Grants Commission were duly followed.



The banner features the Central University of Gujarat logo on the left and the 75th Independence Day logo on the right. The background is a sepia-toned photograph of a large pile of white shrouds. The text on the banner reads: **Central University of Gujarat**, **Inauguration of Exhibition on PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY 14th AUGUST**, **by Shri Hasmukh Joshi**, Gen. Sec. BISS, Gujarat and Former Chairman, GPSC, **In the auspicious presence of Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. At the bottom, it specifies **Venue: Academic Block** and **Time: 11:00 AM**.



The exhibition was inaugurated at 11:00 A.M. by Shri Hasmukh Joshi, Gen. Secy, BISS, Gujarat and Former Chairman, GPSC in the august presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey, and university faculty members, staffs and students. Shri Hasmukh Joshi addressed the gathering and underlined the importance of memory and history in the process of nation-building. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the university enlightened the students, faculty members and the staff by recounting the stories of utmost courage and remarkable fortitude that men and women displayed while the blood-curdling violence and unspeakable suffering were unfolding. He underlined the seminal importance of sustaining one's humanity in middle of adversity and catastrophes. Prof. Atanu Mahapatra, the Director of IQAC, guided the honourable guest and others through the displayed exhibitions and explained the significance of the moment captured therein. Despite Sunday (being a holiday), more than hundred students, faculty members and staff members of the university attended the event and enlightened themselves. The exhibition was left open for a week subsequently for other stakeholders of the university and visitors for surrounding communities to watch and benefit from it.

RESPONSE & VIEWS:

The exhibition attracted many students who continued to visit on subsequent days. While seeking the feedback from the students, all the students viewed that we learned a lot about the partition.



Further they viewed that “we learned the genesis and the tragic story of partition which is a lesson for us and we should not allow this to happen again”.

Inaugurating the exhibition, Mr. Hasmukh Bhai Joshi, Secretary, Itihaas Sankalan Samiti and former Chairman, Gujarat

Public Service Commission said that 14th August reminds us of the horror of the partition of India. We call it Akhand Bharat Memorial Day. It is a day to remember the wickedness of the Britishers and deceiving of the aspirations of the people of India. Mahatma Gandhi had said that ‘my body will be in pieces, but I will not allow the country to be in pieces’. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had mentioned that who talk of separate Pakistan are the fools living in heaven. Further it had motivated us that united India would be independent, but it did not happen. There was great deceit and betrayal for the people of the country, and the Congress leaders of that time knelt and accepted the partition of India. In this way, on the eve of independence, India got divided into three bloody pieces – West Pakistan, East Pakistan (present day Bangladesh) and the rest of India.



This incident of Partition was very cruel, barbaric and painful, in which lakhs of people lost their lives; sights of vultures, dogs and other animals pouncing on the piles of dead bodies were quite disturbing, and atrocities and rape incidents were on the rise, but the leaders of that time failed to protect their brothers, sisters, and families. It was such a painful sight, and it still makes us feel deeply aggrieved today.

The hopes and aspirations of crores of people of India were subjected to cruel deceit and betrayal. We should always remember this painful history of ours. The exhibition on the horrors of Partition clearly reflects and reminds us of the cruel, barbaric and heart-wrenching incidents of the history of partition of India. But we need to have utmost faith in the prediction of Maharishi Aurobindo Ghosh who had stated that *'This partition is artificial, and India will be united again'*.

And the proclamation of Swami Vivekananda: *'Mother India will guide the world proudly'* –



While the exhibition makes us revisit the untold sufferings, horrified days, separation and destitution of people due to Partition, it instills to take a pledge to maintain the unity, integrity and sovereignty of Bharat Mata and work for fulfilling her aspirations.



In his presidential address, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Professor Rama Shanker Dubey



highlighted that the partition of the country and the unfortunate incidents that happened at that time was an insult to the spirit of the brave freedom fighters who were martyred for freedom of united India. He said that all our freedom fighters never ever thought of division of motherland India even in their dreams. Partition was a betrayal to their sacrifices. The unfortunate event was a result of 'Direct Action Plan' initiated by Jinnah in which lakhs of people were butchered in Bengal state which was the only state ruled by Muslim League.

Prof. Dubey said that the partition of India was never peaceful and took lives of millions. Many trains from Pakistan came to India filled with dead bodies. This was a dark time for humanity where there was no dignity of life of someone. In one stroke of time people lost all their belongings, roots, wealth, heritage and so on. He said that the culture of India has been that of 'Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam' and 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah', which has always kept India invincible. The all-inclusive culture of India has been the biggest contributor to the integrity of India. This spirit kept India awake and it reorganized even after such disaster. Today, India stands on its own and is showing path to the world. On the eve of 75th anniversary of our freedom we need to make our younger generations aware of the tragedy that was followed by the partition. Prof. Dubey invoked all the students to visit the exhibition and understand the cost of our independence.



Expressing gratitude to all, Professor Atanu Mohapatra, Director, IQAC, CUG reiterated that the exhibition is a commendable attempt at bringing into fore the horrors of the partition that our people experienced and stressed that the independence of India has come with the sacrifices and sufferings of lots of people. When we are celebrating the 75th years of our independence we must express our deep sense of respect and gratitude to their sacrifices and pledge to contribute to the building of 'New India' as envisioned by our loving Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji.



Registrar of the University, Professor H. B. Patel said that this exhibition is extremely informative, and this will definitely invoke a spirit of knowing more on this topic to students. The students will start searching for more information and that they will be able to understand one of the greatest tragedies of history. He urged students and faculty members to visit the exhibition.

Professor Pallavi Sharma, Dean School of Nano-Sciences expressed her desire that everyone should know this darkest part of our history as well. She said that we have done a great deal



of development in past decades, but we need to take lessons from our history and act accordingly. Therefore, it is very important to organize such events and make new generations aware of such unfortunate incident. Prof. Rakesh Rai, Provost, CUG urged everyone to visit the

exhibition. He said that the exhibition displays events during the partition and should be known to everyone.



STUDENTS' RESPONSE

"I found this exhibition very knowledgeable and my takeaway from it was that I came to know various unknown facts about partition horrors first time, it was really heart breaking to see such miserable story."

Mr. Anantagopal Sing, Ph.D. in School of National Security Studies

"Migration was the most tragic mishappening due to partition that India could have achieved freedom without partition. I was in deep grief to see this partition hazard in the exhibition."

MD. Zameer Anwar, Ph.D. in Centre for Diaspora Studies

"This exhibition is showcasing the realities of partition, horrible situation under refuge which can even not be imagined at present times. Youth should know the reality of partition."

Ms. Ankita Shukla, M.ED. Student, CSRE

"I am highly impressed by the exhibition and partition horrors. It made me sad to know about the problems and situations of migrants and about the people who went through the horrible condition of partition."

Mr. Neelkamal Malviya, M.A. in German Studies

"I found that the exhibition laying down the critical situation of women, children, migrants and brutal killings of innocent people during partition as a dark history of India."

Ms. Jyoti Jaiswal, Ph.D. in Nano Science

"This exhibition presents the realty of the horrible times of partition that was painful for every section of society - women, children and innocent people of undivided India"

Ms. Subhalaxmi Mohanty, Master of Library and Information Science

"I am overwhelmed with the efforts of organizers who presented the brutal actions of dividing policy through this creative exhibition that engulfed the lives and peace of innocent people of the undivided India."

Ms. Puja Singh, Ph.D. in Gandhian Thought & Peace Studies



Based on the students' and staff's interest, CUG has uploaded the exhibition in its Website and Facebook.



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