

Dr. M.D. Chavda, Principal, L.D. Arts College

A Brief Introduction:

Dr. M.D. Chavda, highly qualified and with rich experience, has been the Principal of L.D. Arts College since 2005. Dr. Chavda was a brilliant student during his formative years and won gold medals in both undergraduate and postgraduate programs. At the M. Phil too, his academic brilliance continued, as he scored a First Class first! Dr. Chavda then went on to earn his doctorate from Saurashtra University in 2003.

Under his able guidance, L.D. Arts College has marched forward in academic excellence, sports achievements, co-curricular events, NSS, NCC, and other humanitarian work.

Widely experienced, Dr. Chavda served as an associate professor for 18 years in various colleges across the state of Gujarat. He has a rich bank of experience as a Principal for 15 years!

Dr. Chavda was appointed as the **Vice-Chancellor of Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University** from 2019 to 2022. An acclaimed scholar, Dr. Chavda has numerous awards and research publications under his name.

Awards and Achievements:

- Honoured by the Governor of Gujarat for organizing a maximum number of "Blood Donation Camps."
- **"Best Principal Award"** by IIEEM (Indian Institute of Educational Management) for excellence in the chosen field.
- Presented a research paper at the International Conference on Education and Psychological Sciences held at Barcelona, Spain, from February 21st to February 22nd, 2014. Subsequently, his paper was published in IJIEET.
- A research paper titled "From DNA to Neighbourhood: Relationship and Experience in Psychosis: An International Dialogue" was selected for the International Conference held at New York, USA, from March 18th to March 22nd, 2015.
- A research paper was selected for presentation at the International Conference on Dynamic Games and Applications held in Tokyo, Japan, from May 28th to May 29th, 2015.
- Presented a research paper at the 2nd International Conference on 'Advances in Economics, Social Science, and Human Behaviour Study' held at Bangkok, Thailand, on August 29th and 30th, 2015. The said paper was published in IRED.

Key Achievements:

1. **Former Dean of the Arts Faculty**, Gujarat University
2. **Executive council member**, Gujarat University, for the last four consecutive terms
3. **Senate court member** of Gujarat University for the last three consecutive terms

4. **Academic council member** of Gujarat University for four consecutive terms
5. **Chairman, Board of Studies** in Psychology, Gujarat University, for the last twelve years
6. **Awarded a Guideship for the Ph.D. Program in Psychology by Gujarat University**
7. **Awarded a Guideship for the Ph.D. Program in Psychology by Dr. Baba Sahib Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad**
8. **Awarded a Guideship for the Ph.D. Program in Psychology by Calorx Teachers' University, Ahmedabad**

Key positions held in various organizations and government bodies:

1. Member of the **Presidential Nominee Committee** (nominated by MHRD)
2. **Member of the Expert Panel in Class-I and II Exams of the GPSC (Gujarat Public Service Commission)**
3. **Member of the Expert Panel in Class-I and II Exams of the MPSC (Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission)**
4. **Member of Expert Panel in Gujarat Gaun Seva Pasandagi Mandal**
5. **Member of the Expert Panel in FSL (Forensic Science Laboratory)**
6. **Member, Indian Science Congress**
7. **Coordinator of the IGNOU Study Centre 0901** since August 2004
8. **Coordinator** of BAOU Study Centre 0101 since 2004

Area of Specialization:

1. HRD
2. Forensic Psychology
3. Social Psychology

Dr. M.D. Chavda has 08 students doing their Ph.D. under his guidance; 50 P.G. students completed their research projects under his mentorship; 100 MAPC students of IGNOU completed their projects under his guidance; and 10 MSC-CFT students completed their projects under his mentorship.

Dr. Chavda has **17** research papers published in prestigious journals and has authored **13** books.

Seminars Organized:

1. Co-coordinator of the National Level Seminar on "National Knowledge Commission recommendations impact on Bharat," organized by Gujarat University, Dr. Baba Sahib Ambedkar Open University, and Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, Delhi, at SPIPA in 2008

2. Organizer and convener of a national seminar on "Value-Based Higher Education" in collaboration with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University and Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi, in November 2009
3. Organizer and convener of another national seminar on "Sustainable Development of Gujarat: Success or Failure" in March 2010
4. Organizer and convener of a state-level seminar on "Mental Illness and Treatment" in March 2010
5. Organizer and convener of a National Seminar on "Impact of Sanskrit on Great Indian Pioneers" in August 2013
6. Organizer and convener of a National Seminar on "Impact of Sanskrit on Great Indian Pioneers" in August 2013
7. Organizer and convener of a national seminar on "Importance of Study and Research in History: The Modern Perspective" in August 2013

Performance, Achievements, and Reforms During the tenure as Vice-Chancellor (2019-2022) at Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University:

1. The university's academic and administrative performance improved drastically, resulting in **4 out of 5 stars in the GSIRF rankings for 2020–21**, compared to the previous year's ranking of **2 stars out of 5**.
2. **Reorganization of the credit system, admissions, and examination structure** in almost all courses offered.
3. Prepared an **Annual Academic, Examination, and Co-curricular calendar** for all activities, and its 100% implementation is ensured.
4. **Total transparency and ease through 100% online admissions** in all courses.
5. **Necessary changes were made in the syllabus** of all courses as per the UGC structure, NEP-2020, and its implementation from 2021–22.
6. Cost-effective '**online affiliation process**' for new institutes
7. **Online availability of the Ph.D. registration process, thesis submission, PEC, migration certificate, provisional eligibility certificate and transcript process, provisional mark sheet download facility, etc**
8. **Online availability of all the forms** (Re-assessment, Degree, Exam Fee refund, Hall-ticket, Rank Certificate, Transcript, etc.) on the university website
9. **The results** of all the examinations are provided and displayed on the university website in **record time**.
10. **Almost a 95% reduction in the number of copy cases registered within a year** as over **700+ online exams** are conducted annually with **utmost transparency via online availability of question papers to centres, a four-layer squad system, CCTV cameras, etc.**
11. Display of **reassessment results** on the university **website**, and students are also informed **via SMS**.

12. **An answer book viewing facility** has been started so that students can check their evaluated copies.
13. **Display of the top rankers' list** on the university website so that companies offering services to students can access this data.
14. **For the first time, all the toppers were awarded gold medals** in all the faculties and all the courses. The total medal tally increased from **56 to 80**. As a Vice-Chancellor, he *personally initiated and sponsored one medal* in the arts faculty.
15. Started '**Skill-based short-term courses**' as per the requirements of the local market and their recent needs
16. **Campus interviews** were arranged through an **industrial linkage cell and a placement cell**. Thousands of students were placed for three years for their final placement.
17. **The workshop** was arranged under SSIP to make students aware of **innovation and patents**.
18. **Budgetary allocation** was made **to promote research work** at the college and university levels. **Dissertation and field study were included in the curriculum**.
19. The university successfully registered three **patents** in the field of science.
20. **A research facilitation centre** has been started at the university to promote a research environment among students and faculty members of the university and colleges.
21. **Organized 36 national and international-level webinars** successfully during the academic year 2020–21.
22. **Organized 20 state-, national-, and international-level seminars** successfully during the academic year 2019–20.
23. The university hosted a '**Youth Festival**' for **the first time** in history.
24. Organized "**Gyan-Saptah**," where renowned international experts motivated students on various themes, i.e., youth and nation, health, values, economy, etc.
25. **The 'Mime team' won the championship, and the 'folk dance' team stood at 2nd place in the west zone and the India inter-university competition. Both teams were selected for the South Asian Games.**
26. '**Table tennis (male) team**' was selected in '**Khelo-India**' and became champion in the west zone and performed very well in all India inter-university competitions.
27. **Basketball** (male-female), **handball** (male-female), **Volleyball** (female), **Kabbadi** (male), and **Kho-Kho** (male-female) teams performed well in the west zone inter-university competition.
28. Around **25 crores of infrastructure works** are underway for **various sports facilities**. The **football ground** was recently inaugurated by the minister of education on November 19, 2021. The Gujarat **team qualified after 35 years** on this ground for the **Santosh Trophy** (a national-level competition).
29. **The rifle shooting range** will be inaugurated in the near future, costing around Rs 7 crore. **Cricket ground and multipurpose sports complex infrastructure** work will start within a short span of time.
30. **44 teams were sent to various inter-college, west zone, and all-India inter-university competitions. In addition to this Himalaya trekking, Desert Jesalmer**

trekking, Rann of Kutchh trekking, and basic and advanced Mount Abu trekking were also arranged.

31. Renovation, maintenance, and new construction work—all three together costing around 12,30,36,958—were completed.
32. **A RUSA grant of Rs 20 crore is allocated to the university for the first time. The said grant is being utilized for the Atal Auditorium's infrastructure development and fire safety, student facility enhancement, campus beautification, water harvesting, digital boardroom, digitalization of library, e-books, journals, etc.**
33. For increasing financial resources, affiliation fees of self-financed institutes rose, which resulted in **an add-on revenue of 11.83 crores** for the university.
34. **A total of 52 vacancies in Class III**, which have been vacant for a long time, were **filled up with full transparency as per rules and regulations**.
35. **The Chief Minister Apprentice Scheme 2018** was implemented by the university, which has **reduced administrative as well as economic burdens** at the university.
36. **Because of the appropriate measures taken regarding theory and practical examination costs in all faculties, approximately 6.54 crores of rupees could be saved.**
37. **The attendance of all employees** is recorded through **biometric machines** instead of earlier manual methods.
38. **Online facilities were introduced for leave applications, and leave was sanctioned** for all employees.
39. During the COVID-19 pandemic period, various activities were carried out under the "**Happy to Help Mission**":
 - A **proposal** was put before the government to **set up an oxygen plant** on the university campus in Bhavnagar and Botad.
 - A **budgetary allocation of 10 lakhs of rupees** was made to provide **relief** in the medical bill **to needy Corona patients** up to a maximum of Rs. 500.
 - Currently **enrolled students** of the university who **lost one or both parents in the pandemic** were **relieved of all kinds of fees** (including college and university fees) **throughout their academic careers**.
 - A **budgetary allocation of 10 lakhs of rupees** was made to provide **help to the family members** of the students who died because of the pandemic, up to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/-.
 - A **tele-counselling facility** was made to help the coronavirus patients and their family members.
 - A **budgetary allocation of 10 lakhs of rupees** was made to provide help to the **family members of the permanent teaching and academic employees** who died because of the pandemic for up to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/-.
40. **Food and ration kits** were provided to the **class IV employees** of the university.
41. Arrangements were made to **make a note from the lowest level of administration to the highest level** with mention of an act, ordinance, or statute.