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**State Level Conference and Field Workshop on**

# **“Geological, Mineral, Civil Engineering and Architectural Richness of Gujarat: Resources, Hazards, Infrastructure and Research Opportunities Towards Sustainable Development for Viksit Bharat @2047”**

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**Department of Geosciences, Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma  
Kachchh University Bhuj, Kachchh- 370015;  
Government Engineering College, Bhuj; and  
Government Polytechnic, Bhuj**



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**VENUE: KRANTIGURU SHYAMJI KRISHNA VERMA KACHCHH UNIVERSITY CAMPUS  
MUNDRA ROAD, BHUJ, KACHCHH - 370015**

### **About the Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University**

Established in 2003-04 by the Government of Gujarat, Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University (KSKVKU) stands as the sole higher education institution serving the vast Kachchh region. Beginning with 10 affiliated colleges, it has expanded to over 19 postgraduate departments and more than 50 affiliated institutions, enrolling over 25,000 students across diverse fields including Arts, Commerce, Science, Law, Medicine, and Vocational Studies. KSKVKU is UGC-recognized, holds 2F and 12(B) certification, and is NAAC-accredited with a 'B' grade. The university drives research and innovation, supporting over 400 PhD scholars and fostering student startups through its Student Startup & Innovation Policy (SSIP). Its modern infrastructure features administrative and academic blocks with smart classrooms and CCTV surveillance; advanced laboratories, including DST-FIST-sponsored facilities in Earth and Environmental Sciences and a Centre for Excellence in Chemistry; and a unique Geological, Historical, and Archaeological Museum ideal for tourism education. Additional amenities include a guesthouse, staff quarters, sports complex, conference halls, hostels, mess, canteen, Wi-Fi campus, indoor and outdoor sports grounds, digital studio, auditorium, students' facility centre, and physical fitness centre, complemented by digitized student services. With over 50 signed MoUs, KSKVKU actively collaborates on state, national, and international academic programs and workshops, making it ideally positioned to lead tourism capacity-building initiatives in Kachchh.

### **About the Government Engineering College, Bhuj**

Government Engineering College, Bhuj, was established in September 1994. It is the only government institute in Kachchh district offering undergraduate and postgraduate courses in various engineering disciplines. The institute offers seven bachelor's degree programs: Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and Mining Engineering. It also provides master's degree programs in Mechanical Engineering (Automobile Engineering) and Electrical Engineering (Power System Engineering). The college is approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, and is affiliated with Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad. Admissions are managed by the Directorate of Technical Education, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar, through the centralized Admission Committee for Professional Courses (ACPC) process, in accordance with the norms of the Government of Gujarat.

### **About the Government Polytechnic, Bhuj**

Government Polytechnic (GP), Bhuj, is the only government-run polytechnic in the Kutch region, delivering affordable, high-quality technical education to aspiring engineers. With over three decades of excellence, it has consistently nurtured industry-ready professionals through superior education and training programs. Approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the institute upholds rigorous academic and infrastructure standards. GP Bhuj boasts state-of-the-art laboratories, well-equipped classrooms, a resourceful library, and other modern facilities to support comprehensive learning. It offers five diploma programs in Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Mining Engineering, with a strong emphasis on practical, industry-oriented training that prepares students for real-world challenges. The institute takes pride in its academic excellence with all programmes accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) upto the year 2028, further reinforcing GP Bhuj's commitment to high educational standards. Strategically located in the heart of Kutch, the institute plays a pivotal role in providing education and skill development opportunities in this rapidly developing region. More than just an institute, GP Bhuj is a center of learning that prioritizes innovation, professionalism, and excellence, significantly contributing to the engineering field and the growth of the Kutch region.

## CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP THEME

This two-day State Level Conference and Field Workshop provides a premier multidisciplinary platform to explore the geological, mineral, and infrastructural richness of Gujarat. The event brings together a diverse group of stakeholders, including geologists, civil and mining engineers, oil and gas experts, architects, academicians, researchers, industrialists, policymakers, and students. The conference focuses on the sustainable utilization of Gujarat's vast economic mineral wealth—including Rare Earth Elements (REEs), petroleum, natural gas, salt, clay, and industrial minerals—while critically addressing natural hazard mitigation for earthquakes, cyclones, droughts, and floods. To bridge the gap between theory and practice, the event features lectures by eminent experts across the fields of geology, mining, civil engineering, and architecture. Furthermore, a special interactive session will allow students and scholars to showcase their research and innovative ideas through poster presentations and 2D/3D models. The academic sessions will be followed by a hands-on field workshop, taking participants directly to key sites to observe unique geological features, active mines, and marvels of civil and architectural engineering. Aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, this event ultimately seeks to inspire the younger generation and foster collaborative innovation across all participating sectors.

### Core Objectives of the Conference & Workshop

- Promote Geological Conservation & Heritage
- Promote Sustainable Resource Management
- Mitigate Natural Hazard Risks
- Optimize Economic Mineral Wealth & Best Mining Practices
- Bridge Ancient Marvels with Future Engineering
- Advance Resilient Infrastructure & Emerging Technologies
- Facilitate Multidisciplinary Collaboration
- Inspire Youth & Career Development
- Provide Practical Field Exposure



### REGISTRATION DETAILS

To facilitate a seamless registration process, the conference & workshop organizer has established a Google Form. **All the interested** individuals are requested to complete the provided Google Form to confirm their participation in the conference & workshop. It is important to note that the deadline for registration via the Google Form is **March 16, 2026, at 11:59 pm**. After the deadline, the registration link will be closed, and we will be unable to accept any further registrations. **Kindly note that, there is no Registration Fee.** Please find the workshop registration link below:

**Registration Link for the workshop:**

<https://forms.gle/ULdfad3t5d4chAPr6>



### GUIDELINES FOR THE POSTER/ MODEL PRESENTATION

At registration, applicants can indicate whether they will present a poster at the conference. If yes, they must follow these guidelines to prepare the poster: the poster/model **MUST** be in portrait format; the poster must be printed and **MUST BE NO LARGER** than A0 (height = 1189mm, width = 841mm). Additionally, the size of model presentation should not exceed height = 3 ft, width = 3ft, length: 3ft. During the conference, space allocation will be managed by the organizers, who will arrange poster hanging arrangements and provide appropriate space for model placement and presentation, rather than following the previously mentioned specifications. Posters and models should be designed to be easily readable from a distance of 1.5 meters and must include the paper title, authors' names, and their affiliations prominently at the top. Additionally, use high-resolution images, diagrams, or charts of sufficient size to ensure clear readability.

# Program Schedule

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09:00 - 10:00	Breakfast and Registration
10:00 - 10:30	Inaugural Session
10:30 - 11:45	Lecture on “ <b>Geodiversity and Georesources of Gujarat, Western India: The Imperative for Geoconservation and Advanced Research toward Sustainable Development while Accepting and Living with Geohazards</b> ” by - <b>Dr. Gaurav D. Chauhan</b> , I/C Head, Department of Geosciences, Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University
11:45 - 12:30	Lecture on “ <b>Ancient to modern Architectural Marvels of the Gujarat State and future scopes</b> ” by - <b>Shri. Kiran Vaghela</b> , Director, Hunnarshala, Bhuj
12:30 - 13:45	Lecture on “ <b>Future Prospects in Gujarat’s Sustainable Development for Civil Engineers: The Green Initiative</b> ” by - <b>Shri. N. K. Ojha</b> , Technical Advisor & Green Building Consultant, Vadodara
13:45 - 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 - 16:00	POSTER / MODEL PRESENTATION SESSION
16:00 - 16:30	Tea Break
16:30 - 17:30	Interaction and Panel Discussion
17:30 - 18:00	Valedictory Function
18:00 - 18:30	Certificate Distribution

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08:00	Reporting at the Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University Campus, Bhuj
08:00 - 08:30	Breakfast
08:30 - 10:30	Visit to <b>Kaolin/China Clay Mine</b> , Padhhar
10:30 - 12:00	Visit to <b>Smritivan Earthquake Museum</b> , Bhuj: A <b>Civil Engineering</b> and <b>Architectural</b> Perspective
12:00 - 13:00	Visit to <b>Adani/G. K. General Hospital</b> , Bhuj: <b>Earthquake-Resistant Design</b>
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch Break at Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University Campus
14:30 - 16:00	Visit to <b>Geological Museum</b> , Department of Geosciences, Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University Campus
16:00 - 16:30	Tea Break at Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University Campus
16:30 - 18:00	Visit to <b>Recently Constructed Auditorium and Exam Building (Green Building)</b> at Tea Break at Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University Campus
18:00	All Participants can go back to their Station

**Important Note on Fieldwork:** Participants joining the fieldwork must arrive at Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University Campus before the scheduled time, arranged at their own expense. Organizers will cover all travel and food arrangements for the entire day, from start until the field session ends at 18:00 hrs.

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