

FOREWORD



Anantyam is a newsletter, which is designed to disseminate information about the research work being carried out at the Post-graduate Research Centres of Gujarat Technological University. The academic staff for the Post-graduate Research Centres was recruited only after the space in the new building became available and it is only the second issue of the newsletter. (The first issue is available at <http://gtu.ac.in/ABP/Anantyam%20%20vol%20I.pdf>)

This is a special issue of the Newsletter, which takes note of the campaign for the Statue of Unity being put up on an island called Sadhu Bet in Narmada directly facing the Sardar Sarovar Dam. It is natural that the unity of our country is taken for granted by us. But those, who care for their own history and those, who have learnt the value of unification of their nation have enshrined Bismarck as the statesman-par-excellence. In India, Sardar Patel accomplished a task, which was much more complex and stupendous. His success was achieved with such a finesse and elegance, that it looked like the work of a magician. But the magic was in the personality and reputation of Sardar and this persona had been created through an exemplary leadership over many decades of the fight for independence.

Today when the nation has decided to set up the Statue of Unity, the researchers at GTU have taken up an interesting study. Normally What-if analysis approach is used to postulate a potential scenario that may result in system performance problems. The analysis is used to develop appropriate safeguards against those problems. The studies in this Newsletter will help us cherish the treasure of unity, gifted to us by Sardar. During the brief period of three years, from 15th August 1947 to December 15, 1950, he not only unified the country, he showed us what good governance means. His ideas about economy were based on using the native genius of Indians to develop India. His warnings about Kashmir and Tibet were based on a pragmatic understanding of the world. It is because we failed to follow his ideas and because we paid no heed to his warnings, that India today has the largest number of poor in the world and India has to live in the shadows of worries about the strength of China and the attacks of the terrorists, from across the western borders. But we have been able to cope up with the worries and we have hopes of wiping out poverty due to the strength,

bestowed upon us by our unity. Let us be thankful for having been blessed with the leadership of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the dawn of independence.

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