

Government of Gujarat's Vishwakarma Project being executed by GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

GTU goes to Villages

Invitation to Principals/ directors of Institutions and Faculty Members to join in the Movement

Introduction: Since 2nd August 2010, GTU has been working with SMEs. It has been encouraging the Final Year students to conduct Shodh Yatras not only in industrial estates but also in tribal areas to identify the problems, which can be solved through the use of technology. However all the GTU Innovation Sankuls were anchored in industrial estates. As is natural for engineering students, 73% of the Final Year projects of the first cohort of engineering degree students, who successfully passed the Final Year examinations in May 2012, had taken the projects from SMEs.

When the Government of Gujarat came up with the Vishwakarma project, we found that it meshes with our requirements well. Hence GTU has readily agreed to work on the project.

Our students must learn to identify the problem. They should be able to visualize and design an implementable solution. These are the two things, for which this project provides an excellent opportunity.

We want our students to prepare a holistic plan for development of the villages by

- Designing Villages as Rurban communities
- Redesigning spaces to retain and strengthen the community spirit and
- Re-imagining the economic structures.

A Call to Polytechnics, Engg Colleges, MBA and MCA Colleges located near the villages of Phase-1 (Please see the **List of Villages**) :

For Principals and Faculty Members:

If you want to participate in the project, please telephone Mr Ramlingam or Ms Toral Vandara at (079)- 26300699 or write to them at pstovc@gtu.edu.in to obtain an invitation for the meeting being organized on Sunday, 19th August 2012 at 2 PM at GTU conference room.

In case you are unable to participate in this meeting but would like to be fully engaged with the project, please convey your contact information.