

## Dr Utpala Kharod takes charge of newly created Bhaikaka University as provost

Dr Utpala Kharod, former Dean of Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad has been appointed as Provost of the Bhaikaka University. Dr Harishkumar Desai, former Deputy Registrar of Charotar University of Science and Technology has taken charge as Registrar of the university.

Bhaikaka University was set up in September, 2019 as per the Government of Gujarat, Education Department notification dated September 20.(The Gujarat Private Universities Amendment Act,2019) The H M Patel Centre for Medical Care and Education, managed by the Charutar Arogya Mandal, has been conferred the status of a private University-Bhaikaka University with effect from September 25.

The Pramukhswami Medical College along with Shree Krishna Hospital, H M Patel Institute for Post Graduate Studies, K M Patel Institute of Physiotherapy, G H Patel School & College of Nursing, Smt L P Patel Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology, CAM Institute of Allied Health Sciences & Technology will be affiliated to the new Bhaikaka University. The new University is supported by Charutar Arogya Mandal , Karamsad established in 1971 working in the area of healthcare and education and was founded by the Late Dr H M Patel, the former Finance and Home Minister of India.

With experience of four decades in courses related to Health Professions Education, Medical Laboratory Technology and Allied Health Science, with about 1300 students on the campus pursuing 57 different courses supported by more than 250 teaching and 1200 non-teaching staff. The H M Patel Centre for Medical Care and Education has been a centre of academic excellence. It has the necessary infrastructure for academic and extracurricular development and growth of its students. It will work in the larger interests of the society, to provide need based educational programmes and contribute to development of human resources for health for the nation.

The Bhaikaka University will not only maintain all the existing educational programmes but would also initiate academic programmes in niche areas of medical specialties to provide job oriented courses in a changing health care environment

This recognition will help these institutes to introduce need based courses to develop Human Resources for Health (HRH) in line with the vision of National Health Mission and bring about timely changes in course curriculum including assessment system. It also facilitates educational and research collaborations with institutions within India and abroad .



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