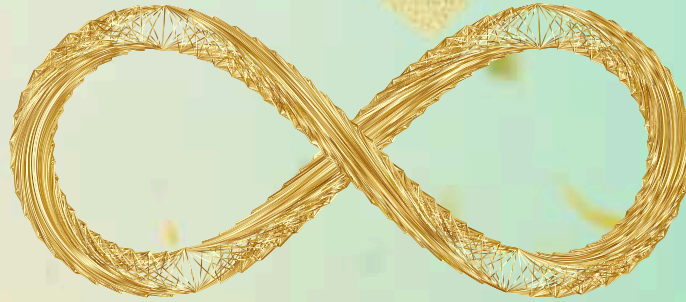


PRABANDH



**The Journey of Five Years
from Vision to Infinity**



From the Editor's Desk



Mr. Mehulkumar Patel

**Vice President - Marketing & Communication, PMI
Gujarat, India Chapter**

Dear Readers,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I welcome you to this special 5-year anniversary edition of PRABANDH—a momentous milestone in the journey of the PMI Gujarat, India Chapter.

From our inception in May 2020 to where we stand today, these five years have been nothing short of transformational. What began as a young, ambitious chapter has grown into a vibrant, thriving community of practitioners, volunteers, leaders, and change-makers across Gujarat.

This commemorative issue brings you a rich tapestry of stories celebrating our Chapter's evolution—its growth, innovation, resilience, and pioneering spirit. You will read about the steady rise in membership, the strategic leap in corporate and academic alliances, and the strengthening of our training and development ecosystem. Each portfolio has contributed to shaping the Chapter's identity, and this edition offers an inside view of how President, Administration, Finance, Marketing & Communication, Corporate Relations, Academics Affiliation, Membership, Technology, Programs, Volunteers Development, and Training & Development portfolios have worked collaboratively to drive impact.

We reflect on the milestones that defined our journey - from launching our flagship conferences and PM Forums, to championing student development through academic partnerships, to nurturing a strong volunteer culture that has become our chapter's heartbeat.

As you turn these pages, I hope you feel the same sense of accomplishment and inspiration that the editorial team felt while curating this edition. The next five years promise even greater possibilities, and together, we will continue elevating project management excellence across Gujarat.

Warm regards,

Mehulkumar Patel

Editor, **PRABANDH Newsletter**

PMI Gujarat, India Chapter



President's Message



Mr. Prerak Shah

President, PMI Gujarat India Chapter

My Dear Project Management Fraternity,

Greetings and warm welcome to December 2025 edition of PMI Gujarat Chapter newsletter, coinciding with our chapter's Annual Conference – now branded as 'ANANTAM', and our chapter's 5th anniversary celebrations.

Wow... we are already a 5-year young chapter! When I sat down to write this note, our journey of these five years and two preceding years of formation activities rolled back in front of my eyes, and I cannot resist an urge to share with you all how rewarding this journey has been for all of us at PMI Gujarat Chapter.

- Let it be for all steering committee members, to whom we remain truly indebted and whose strong belief, vision and diligent groundwork led to birth of new R11 chapter
- For members of first and subsequent boards that have worked relentlessly to ensure vision is appropriately transformed into reality, and our chapter works as a platform for project managers to share, learn and promote project management practices across academia and industry!
- Our committed volunteers that are working hand-in-hand with chapter's board to execute our mission are getting to learn other facets of professional growth – from leading with sense of responsibility to working together to produce the desired outcome while giving back to community AND for all our members that are enjoying resources & benefits available through PMI membership and access to all chapter events, where best practices of various project management areas are discussed and explored alongside networking with fellow practitioners!

No wonder why a journey that started just with about 40 members on the roaster in 2020, is now at 1300+ members – an amazing growth in 5 short years!

As we continue our march through the sixth year, we as PMI Gujarat Chapter Board #AimHigher to ensure even greater growth for chapter by delivering greater value to our members AND leaving stronger positive impact on society and #ElevateOurWorld.



President's Message

To attain these, as shared during our fifth Foundation Day townhall (20th May 2025), we have initiated several new programs this year and I am happy to share that we have made a very sound progress too.

- To **#MakeItEasy** for PMP aspirants, PMP Preparation Guidance Group to help prospects prepare for exam and provide necessary guidance has been already formed, and as of now, it has 110+ members... with approximately 90 mentees. It is being lead by Mr Sandip Karia, VP Academics and supported by Mr. Brijesh Pandya.
- Three Special Interest Groups (SiG) to **#EmbraceCuriosity** and strengthen learning & knowledge sharing among professionals of Construction, Manufacturing and Services are already established. All are poised to start their activities – site visits & focused talks, immediately after our annual conference – **#ANANTAM2025**. These are being led by Mr Rajit Shah, VP Corporate Relations and supported by Mr Dharmik Bhavsar, Mr Tejas Gajjar and Mr Nikul Patel.
- **#MakeADifference** team has made a solid progress and ready to kickstart our first campaign in Sustainability domain that is likely to leave great impact on our mindset and society as-a-whole because **#TogetherWeCan** and this is going to be rolled out alongside **#ANANTAM2025**. This is being guided by President's office and supported by Mr Deep Trivedi.

All these are based on inputs received from our members and in line with PMI core cultural values, and please be aware that Chapter board is committed to bring you initiatives that ensure needs, wishes and wants of chapter members are served as best.

That said – even all such good intention programs would not do enough unless members leverage those fully. **And that is where you can help** – by contributing meaningfully, continue learning limitlessly and participating enthusiastically in all our initiatives and activities. **More you participate, more you would gain; and more you gain, more motivated we will be to bring more your way.**

Let us continue working together to build a thriving and strong project management fraternity, ready to deliver beyond the conventional boundaries.

Warm Regards,

Prerak Shah



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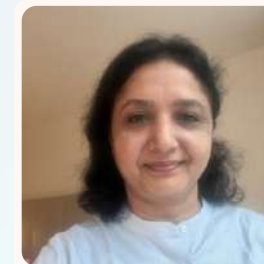
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PMI Gujarat Chapter Highlights

PMI Gujarat Chapter at Project Management South Asia Conference 2025



The 17th Project Management South Asia Conference 2025 (PMSAC25), held on September 13, 2025, in Hyderabad, brought together over 1,200 delegates from 180+ organizations to explore the theme "Aim High. Achieve MORE." PMI Gujarat Chapter's four board members, volunteers, and chapter members attended this landmark regional event, gaining transformative insights on the future of project management.

This year's PMSAC25 theme is more than a call to action—it's a mindset! Rooted in **PMI's M.O.R.E. philosophy**, which challenges project professionals to:

- Manage Perceptions – Shape how success is seen.
- Own Project Success – Go beyond delivery—own the outcome.
- Relentlessly Reassess – Adapt, evolve, and stay ahead.
- Expand Perspective – Think bigger. Lead broader.

Conference Speakers and Key Insights

Distinguished speakers including Sanjay Podder (Accenture) on adaptive leadership in the VUCA world, Dr. B.V.R. Mohan Reddy (Cyient) on technology-driven transformation, Sandeep Kumar (KYTES) on moonshot thinking, and Ashish Vidyarthi on personal transformation delivered compelling perspectives on modern project management.

Panels addressed talent development, future of work and professional learning, and power skills that drive impact—featuring executives from IBM, Shell, Samsung, and other industry leaders.



PMI Gujarat Chapter Highlights

PMI Gujarat Chapter at Project Management South Asia Conference 2025



"The Project Management South Asia Conference 2025 has once again affirmed its position as a landmark event for our community," stated Amit Goyal, Managing Director, PMI South Asia. "The enthusiastic participation and the depth of discussions truly embodied our theme, 'Aim High. Achieve More.' In an era defined by rapid technological advancements and shifting business models, project professionals are more vital than ever. This conference reinforced our commitment to empowering leaders with the strategic insight, adaptive mindset, and executional excellence required to navigate today's dynamic environment. We are cultivating a community that drives innovation, creates lasting value, and elevates the role of project management in shaping the future of business and society."



Conclusion



PMSAC25 reinforced that project management professionals must continuously evolve mastering emerging technologies while strengthening the interpersonal capabilities that drive meaningful impact.



PMI Gujarat Chapter Highlights

PMI Gujarat Chapter's 5th Annual General Meeting: A Day of Leadership, Engagement, and Community



Celebrating Milestones and Building Momentum

On Sunday, October 12th, 2025, the PMI Gujarat Chapter convened its 5th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at DevX, Ahmedabad, bringing together members, volunteers, and board leadership for an enriching and action-packed day of strategic discussions, governance, and community engagement.

Key Highlights from the AGM

The meeting began with a warm welcome address from Mr. Rajesh Panchal, VP Administration, setting the tone for an inclusive and collaborative gathering. Mr. Prerak Shah, President of PMIGJC, then shared his vision and remarks, reinforcing the chapter's commitment to advancing project management excellence across Gujarat.

Governance and Organizational Updates

The AGM covered critical organizational matters, including:

- PMIGJC Overview presented by VP Administration, highlighting the chapter's growth and achievements
- Appointment of AGM Chair: Mr. Prerak Shah, President PMIGJC, was formally appointed to chair the proceedings
- By-Laws Update Resolution ensuring our governance framework remains aligned with best practices and PMI standards
- Financial Updates & Approval by VP Finance, demonstrating fiscal responsibility and transparent stewardship of chapter resources



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Recognizing Our Community

The meeting celebrated the vibrancy of our membership through several recognition initiatives:

- Honouring Army Personnel – acknowledging their participation and contributions to community
- Celebrating Recently Certified Professionals – motivating our members to pursue professional development and certification
- Recognizing First-Time Attendees – welcoming new members to the PMI Gujarat family

Expanding Member Knowledge and Opportunities

Members gained valuable insights into chapter resources and global opportunities:

Introduction to the Board of Directors, their respective portfolios, and volunteer roles – enabling members to connect with leadership and understand where they can contribute

Overview of PMO Global Alliance (PMOGA) by Mr. Gaurang, exploring international project management networks and collaboration opportunities

Membership Benefits Awareness Session by VP Membership, ensuring all members maximize their association with PMI

Overview of PMI: M.O.R.E. – introducing resources for professional growth and community engagement



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A Full Day of Engagement and Connection

The AGM was thoughtfully designed to maximize value for our members and stakeholders. Beyond the formal proceedings, the day included:

- Networking Lunch – fostering meaningful connections among members, volunteers, and board leaders
- Quarterly In-Person Volunteer + Board of Directors Meet – enabling volunteers and board members to align on chapter initiatives and collaborative opportunities
- Chapter Board of Directors Meeting – ensuring strategic alignment and planning for upcoming chapter activities

This comprehensive program exemplified our commitment to creating a fruitful experience that serves professional development, organizational governance, and community building simultaneously.

Looking Ahead

The 5th AGM reinforced PMI Gujarat Chapter's position as a vibrant hub for project management professionals across Gujarat. With strong governance, engaged membership, and dedicated leadership, we remain focused on advancing project management excellence and creating meaningful opportunities for our community.

We extend our gratitude to all attendees, volunteers, board members, and speakers who contributed to making this AGM a success. Your participation strengthens our chapter and advances our collective mission.



Strengthening the Backbone: 5 Years of Administrative Excellence



2021



2022



2022



2023

The Administration portfolio has played a pivotal role in supporting the PMI Gujarat Chapter's growth and stability during past 5-year journey, ensuring that every initiative is backed by strong governance and smooth operations.

From planning and facilitating monthly virtual board meetings to organizing quarterly in-person board meetings and the yearly Annual General Meeting (AGM), the portfolio has helped create a dependable rhythm of engagement for all stakeholders and registered members. This consistent support has enabled the Board to focus on strategic decisions while members experience well-structured, professionally managed events throughout the year.

A key achievement of the Administration portfolio has been its focus on robust governance and compliance, including managing and maintaining the Chapter Bylaws and aligning practices with both local regulatory requirements and PMI global standards.

The portfolio has also anchored the Board Election process and volunteer recognition initiatives, ensuring transparent leadership transitions and celebrating the contributions of volunteers who fuel the chapter's activities. Regular communications and updates from PMI to chapter leaders and members have further strengthened alignment with PMI's mission, while keeping the Gujarat community informed, engaged, and connected to the larger global network.

Rajesh Panchal
Vice President, Administration





Strengthening Financial Governance & Sustainability: A Five-Year Journey

Over the last five years, the Finance portfolio has played a pivotal role in building a strong, reliable, and transparent financial backbone for the PMI Gujarat Chapter. From the outset, we recognised that sustainable growth could only be achieved through disciplined governance. To that end, we instituted a rigorous financial framework anchored in transparency, dual-signatory controls, robust bookkeeping practices, and periodic independent audits. It is a matter of great pride that each audit across these five years has concluded with no major or minor non-conformities, reflecting the **Chapter's steadfast commitment to ethical and compliant financial stewardship.**

STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABILITY: A FIVE-YEAR JOURNEY



Robust Governance Framework

Mandatory transparency, dual signatories, and independent audits



Transparent Financial Reporting

Timely disclosure and regulatory compliance



Strategic Growth & Member Empowerment

Investments in training and community activities



Long-Term Stability Through Financial Leadership

Steady income growth & reserves

Transparency has remained the hallmark of our operations.

Beyond maintaining timely financial statements, the portfolio has ensured clear and open communication with members through Annual General Meetings and compliance with all regulatory requirements, including GST filings. This proactive disclosure has strengthened trust within our stakeholder community and reinforced the Chapter's reputation for accountability. Every financial decision has been guided by prudence, clarity, and alignment with PMI's global standards of governance.



Strengthening Financial Governance & Sustainability: A Five-Year Journey

The Finance portfolio has also acted as a strategic enabler for the Chapter's growth. By prioritising investments in member-centric activities, capability-building initiatives, and impactful events, we have ensured that our financial decisions directly empower the community we serve.

Careful resource allocation has supported membership expansion, enhanced learning opportunities, and fostered the development of a high-performing volunteer ecosystem. This balance between fiscal responsibility and community enrichment has anchored the Chapter's upward trajectory.

Underpinning all this progress is a scalable financial infrastructure built for the future. Our systems, processes, and capital reserves have been strengthened to accommodate growing operations and smooth leadership transitions. With a steady rise in income and prudent reserve management, we have embedded long-term financial stability into the Chapter's DNA.

As we look ahead, this robust financial foundation ensures that PMI Gujarat is well-positioned to scale new heights - resilient, future-ready, and committed to serving the project management community for many years to come.

Darshil Mistry
Vice President, Finance



Membership Excellence: Five Years of Connection, Growth & Engagement

The PMI Gujarat Chapter has been dedicated to fostering a vibrant community of project management professionals in the Gujarat region, and our membership activities have been at the forefront of this effort. Our goal is to create a sense of belonging among our members, empower them with knowledge and resources, and provide opportunities for networking, engagement, and growth.



With just 5 years of runway, PMI Gujarat Chapter has grown from 25 members to 1300+ members community of project management professionals (see Figure 1). Single Membership and Win Back campaign has helped us to grow, especially in last two year.

The chapter prioritizes effective internal and external communication through a multi-channel approach. We are continuously engaged with our members via Social Media, Emails, WhatsApp, PM Forums, Networking events, and townhalls. We had been connecting with our members in person at two prominent locations viz. Ahmedabad and Vadodara, and virtually also.

Our chapter serves a diverse range of industry segments, including IT, construction, manufacturing, engineering, healthcare, and finance, among others located at almost all major cities of Gujarat and rest of India. We understand the unique challenges and opportunities faced by each industry, and we strive to provide tailored support and resources to our members. Our events and activities are designed to cater to the needs of our diverse membership base, ensuring that everyone feels “Welcomed”, included, and valued.



Membership Excellence: Five Years of Connection, Growth & Engagement



Our engagement with members starts with a Welcome email at the time of joining the chapter. We invite them to join vibrant WhatsApp group that facilitates communication and networking with other chapter members. We connect them on social media and introduce them to fellow chapter members. We provide them with information on benefits (see Figure 2) that PMI and Gujarat chapter offers via Membership Benefits Awareness sessions at chapter events and multiple channels to “Make it Easy” for access of information. We also conduct members survey to understand their interest and satisfaction. Lastly, we connect with our members when their renewal is due so that they can renew their membership in time.

We have a dedicated study group for our members aspiring to “Level Up” with a PMI gold standard project management certification or a specialized PMI certifications in their respective discipline. We have Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to engage our members interested in specific segment / industry sectors like construction, manufacturing, healthcare, and IT, to exchange their experiences and excel.

Bharat Thakarar
Vice President, Membership



Five Years of Programs Portfolio: Nurturing Growth Through Knowledge & Networking



Over the past five years, the Programs portfolio has become a **cornerstone of the PMI Gujarat Chapter's growth and member experience**. What started with small knowledge-sharing sessions in 2020 has evolved into a robust portfolio of in-person, virtual, and hybrid programs that consistently deliver value to project professionals across Gujarat. Volunteers have curated relevant, future-focused topics every year, **covering artificial intelligence, emotional intelligence, sustainability, cybersecurity, and digital transformation, ensuring members stay aligned with emerging global trends**.

These programs have gone far beyond learning. They have helped members earn PDUs, expand their networks, gain industry exposure, and feel more connected to the project management community. From technical deep dives to interactive forums and multi-city events, the portfolio has grown in depth, quality, and inclusiveness.

As we entered 2025–26, the Programs portfolio continued to strengthen under the leadership of Vice President (Programs) Mr. Brijesh Shah, supported by a dedicated team of volunteers: Mr. Parag Shah, Mr. Alpesh Gajjar, Mr. Noor Ahmed, and Mr. Neeraj Jain. With renewed energy and fresh ideas, the team aims to bring even more **diverse events, industry collaborations, and member-centric experiences in the coming year**.

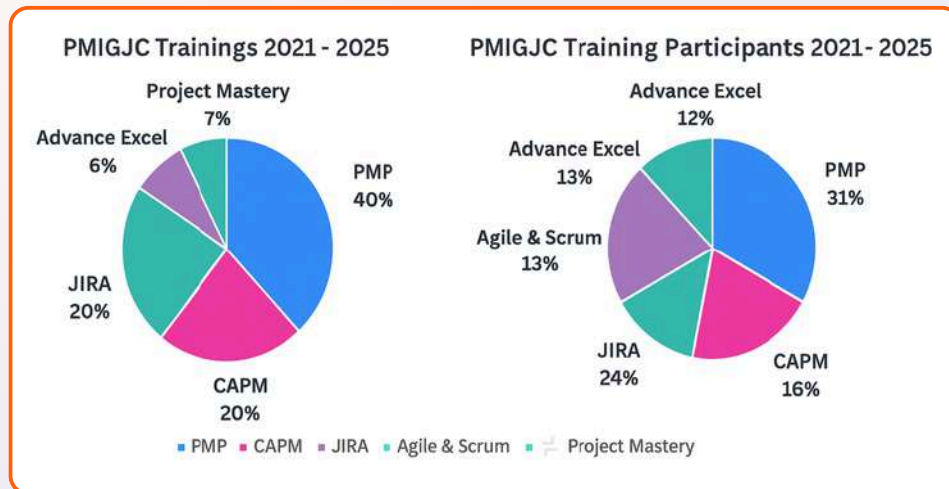
Brijesh Shah
Vice President, Programs





A Five-Year Retrospective: Driving Training & Development

The five-year leadership of the Training & Development portfolio for the PMI Gujarat Chapter (2021-2025) has been challenging yet responsible, focusing on empowering members and regional professionals with essential skills and certifications in project management.



Comprehensive Training Programs and Tangible Impact

Over this half-decade, the T&D portfolio successfully designed and executed a diverse catalogue of programs. This included:

Core Certification Trainings: Foundational programs such as PMP (Project Management Professional), CAPM (Certified Associate in Project Management), and various Agile & Scrum certification courses.

Technical & Soft Skill Enhancement: Specialized, skill-based workshops designed to meet modern workplace demands, including Jira user training, Advanced Microsoft Excel, and Emotional Intelligence development.

This sustained effort resulted in the successful delivery of over 15 distinct training programs for both chapter members and non-members. A key metric of success lies in the direct mentorship and guidance provided to more than 50 PMP aspirants, who were successfully guided to achieve their PMP certification, transforming them into certified project professionals.

Evolving with Member Needs (2021-2025)

A significant trend observed during this period was a gradual but deliberate shift in the types of trainings conducted. The chapter demonstrated keen adaptability, moving from a standard set of offerings to a model strategically aligned with the evolving needs of its members. This pivot ensured that the T&D portfolio remained relevant, timely, and valuable to the professional community it serves.



A Five-Year Retrospective: Driving Training & Development

STRATEGIC BREAKTHROUGHS

SIGs and Corporate Outreach

Recently, the Gujarat Chapter launched a break-through initiative with the formation of Special Interest Groups (SIGs). This strategic move enabled the chapter to approach sector-specific organizations, understand their unique challenges, and design bespoke training solutions.

This new model has already yielded significant successes:



InoxGFL Ltd., Vadodara

An in-person "Integrated Project Mastery Program" was meticulously designed and delivered. This program, tailored to the company's specific training needs, involved 5 expert faculty members and was attended by over 20 participants.



Serpent Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

A dedicated, in-person PMP training was conducted at the company's premises for more than 10 employees, showcasing the chapter's flexibility in providing targeted corporate solutions.

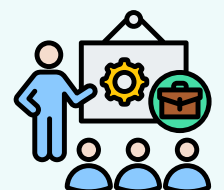
Resilience and the Spirit of Volunteering

The T&D portfolio's journey was not without its trials. It navigated significant "ups and downs," including the unprecedented global disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these challenges, the portfolio consistently demonstrated remarkable resilience, emerging stronger and more adaptive after each test.

At the core of this success is the spirit of volunteering, essential to PMI. Managing the T&D portfolio has greatly impacted participants, creating a community of practice and shared growth.

This dedication to professional development is quantified by the allocation of over 1,200 Professional Development Units (PDUs) to participants who registered and attended the various training programs, solidifying the PMI Gujarat Chapter's role as a cornerstone of continuous learning in the region.

Mahesh Panchal
Vice President, Training & Development





Corporate Relations: A Five-Year Journey of Strategic Growth & Industry Engagement

Corporate Relations has evolved into one of PMI Gujarat's most strategically impactful functions. The portfolio leadership created a sustainable conference model that has since been replicated by other PMI chapters. The case paper on this model was selected and presented at the PMI APAC Leadership Meeting, further elevating PMI Gujarat Chapter on a regional platform.



The CR portfolio strengthened corporate relationships through consistent engagement while also establishing Special Interest Groups (SIGs) across Construction, Manufacturing, and Services. These SIGs now function as CR sub-portfolios, bringing non-members into the PMI ecosystem through industry visits, events, and professional exchanges—ultimately accelerating chapter growth in membership and training.

We also developed Commercial Management and Integrated Project Management courses for the construction sector, delivering them immediately to Inox and Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd after their merger. Looking ahead, the CR portfolio has introduced CXO Networking Dinners to understand industry challenges and position PMI Gujarat as a skill-based solution provider.

For the 3rd Annual Conference, the SIG and CXO panels addressed real estate, digital currency, and GenAI themes, contributing to a systematic project management roadmap aligned with the **Viksit Bharat 2047 vision**.

Rajit Shah
Vice President, Corporate Relations





Nurturing Future Project Leaders: A Five-Year Academic Excellence

Since its inception, the PMI Gujarat Chapter has been a catalyst for academic excellence in project management across the state. What began as a humble 3-day workshop in 2016—even before the chapter was officially formed—has evolved into a vibrant movement, empowering thousands of students and educators.

5 YEARS OF ACADEMIC IMPACT – PMI GUJARAT CHAPTER



Impact Highlights

- 20+ workshops and sessions conducted across Gujarat's colleges.
- 1000+ students gained practical and theoretical knowledge in project management.
- Student Clubs now manage college-level events, showcasing leadership and trust.
- Students actively volunteer, present, and attend conferences at state and Asia-Pacific levels.
- Clubs organize innovative events like Hackathons, Shark Tank, and Auctions, spreading PM knowledge creatively to all students across colleges

Sustainability & Leadership

At LD College of Engineering, the Student Club has flourished since 2022, led by a dedicated three-member student leadership board that independently manages its activities. This sustained momentum demonstrates the long-term viability and maturity of the Student Club model. These clubs have earned the confidence of their institutions, becoming an integral part of major college events and a trusted platform for nurturing leadership, collaboration, and project management excellence.



Nurturing Future Project Leaders: A Five-Year Academic Excellence



Looking Ahead

The PMI Gujarat Chapter remains deeply committed to nurturing the next generation of project leaders. With a solid academic foundation and an expanding network of Student Clubs, the chapter is poised to forge stronger partnerships, introduce more experiential learning platforms, and bring project leadership into classrooms across Gujarat.

The momentum built over the last five years will now fuel a future where students are not just learning project management but applying it, leading initiatives, and shaping the professional ecosystem of tomorrow.

Sandip Karia
Vice President, Academics Affiliation





Crafting the Chapter's Voice:

Five Years of Marketing & Communications

Over the past five years, the Marketing & Communication portfolio has been instrumental in **building the identity, voice, and visibility** of the PMI Gujarat Chapter. The initial years focused on creating the foundation, establishing the chapter's digital presence through the **official website, regular email campaigns, and multi-platform social media engagement**. Even during the pandemic, the team ensured continuity by facilitating virtual academic conferences and hosting online events to keep the community connected.



From 2022, the portfolio expanded greatly with the launch of the **newsletter PRABANDH**, the addition of **Twitter**, and biannual structured newsletters. These efforts enhanced outreach, while marketing toolkits, consistent branding, and improved communication established a professional chapter identity. Volunteer participation also increased, diversifying content and brand presence.

In 2023, the portfolio shifted from information sharing to strategic storytelling, highlighted by the first annual conference, a new YouTube channel, and expanded newsletters.

These efforts enhanced the chapter's regional presence, with PRABANDH showcasing more relevant articles that aligned with evolving industry trends. Marketing played a central role in capturing these moments and presenting them with clarity and purpose.

In 2024, efforts were made to enhance recognition and brand maturity through the launch of **PMIGJC Branding V2**, which provided a structured visual identity for newsletters, campaigns, and social media. The new **"Certification Spotlight"** initiative celebrated member achievements, while marketing toolkits supported events and collaborations, reflecting the chapter's commitment to professional excellence and member-focused communication.



Crafting the Chapter's Voice: Five Years of Marketing & Communications

TRANSFORMATION (2025)

Reimagining Identity - PMIGJC 2.0 - Brand roadmap - New email themes - Print editions

BRAND MATURITY (2024)

Achieving Recognition - Branding V2 - Certification Spotlight - Marketing toolkits

STORYTELLING (2023)

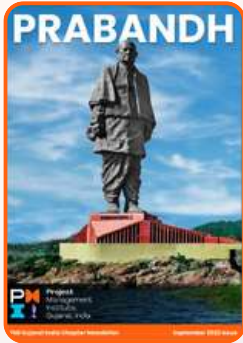
Amplifying Impact - YouTube launch - Annual conference - Richer PRABANDH content

EXPANSION (2021-2022)

Strengthening Communication - PRABANDH launch - Twitter activation - Bi-annual newsletters

FOUNDATION (2019-2020)

Building Presence - Website - Email system - Social media - Virtual conferences



As it celebrates its fifth anniversary in 2025, the chapter is **reimagining its brand with initiatives like PMIGJC 2.0**, a five-year rebranding journey, new email themes, and enhanced social media toolkits, showcasing an ambitious vision for the future.

PRABANDH continues to serve as a flagship publication, with print editions released in August and December. Through creativity, structure, and collaborative effort, the Marketing & Communication portfolio has shaped a unified, recognisable, and inspiring voice for PMI Gujarat, connecting, engaging, and empowering the project management community across the state.

Mehulkumar Patel
Vice President, Marketing & Communication

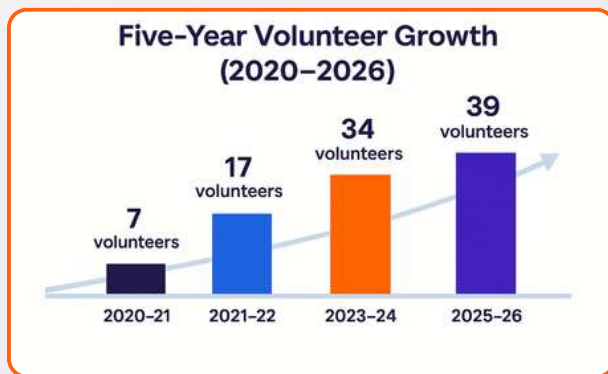


Empowering People, Fueling Growth: Five Years of Volunteer Development

Keeping volunteering spirit thriving, Together We Can. We live and believe in “#TogetherWeCan”.

Volunteerism is the value which chapter have believed in and practices since its inception in 2020. We at PMI Gujarat Chapter believe “Volunteering as Service to Self, Service to Society”.

Our volunteers are the foundation of our chapter, driving the success of our diverse initiatives. With global crisis situation, chapter started with virtual events and transitioned to in-person gatherings starting in 2022. Be it a virtual event or in-person, **Volunteers have consistently been by our side.** They are our strong Pillars. Their contribution in various events and PMI initiatives is admirable and commendable.



With our first volunteer in Oct 2020, today we have a strong base of **39 volunteers with 10 portfolios and President's Team.** Volunteering opportunities are always made available to all PMIGJC Members, as long as they carry a passion to contribute and commitment to serve the responsibility fully.

From the beginning, the Volunteer Development (VD) portfolio established a formal onboarding process. **Since 2023, the Gujarat Chapter has utilized PMI's Volunteer Engagement Platform (VEP) for streamlined coordination.** Our Volunteer Development Team manages chapter-level communication, organizing two in-person and two online volunteers and chapter leaders' meetings each quarter to focus on portfolio development, skill enhancement, and networking opportunities. Over the years volunteers have continued working with respective portfolios, and during our annual conference, they unite as one big family to ensure the event's success.

Over past 5 years, PMI Gujarat Chapter has broadened the reach for volunteers to professional network by working closely with each other and also being part of various PMI initiatives like WEC-Women Engagement Committee, South Asia and PMI Chapter Exchange Program.

Empowering People, Fueling Growth: Five Years of Volunteer Development

We have been always supportive to various local and global PMI initiatives and events. Volunteers have got chance to develop and sharpen vital new skills, including leadership, collaboration and team-building techniques.

Our quarterly volunteer meetings have evolved into significant leadership gatherings alongside chapter officers, providing hands-on experience in managing a professional organization. These meetings have fostered enduring relationships and made a positive impact on both personal growth and community service.

Volunteer Success Highlights



5 volunteers
elected to
leadership
roles



Contributors
recognised at
South Asia R11



Annual
Star
Volunteers



Participation
in WEC, Chapter
Exchange,
PMI regional
programs



The success of PMIGJC volunteering is reflected in our growing volunteer base, which expanded from 7 in 2020 to 17 in 2021, and then to 34 in 2023-24, with a current total of 39 in 2025-26, as we aim for further growth. All 39 volunteers are actively engaged in various initiatives.

As we continue to evolve, our journey is marked by ambition and enthusiasm to achieve our goals in the years ahead. **Happy Volunteering...**

Hiral (Vyas) Dave

Vice President, Volunteer Development.
Chairperson - Women Engagement
Committee, PMI South Asia



Five Years of Digital Evolution: Powering the Chapter's Technology Ecosystem



Over the past five years, the Technology portfolio has played a pivotal role in modernizing the PMI Gujarat Chapter's digital presence and enabling smoother member experiences. What began as basic website and hosting management has steadily transformed into a comprehensive ecosystem of tools, platforms, and automations supporting every chapter function.

From ensuring uninterrupted website operations to managing domains, hosting, and renewals of essential application platforms, the Technology team has continually powered the chapter's stability and digital growth. These foundational efforts have allowed members, volunteers, and leaders to rely on consistent, secure, and well-managed systems year after year.

The portfolio reached a significant milestone with the **introduction of AI-driven initiatives designed to enhance collaboration and operational efficiency**. These efforts brought **"chat-first automation"** into chapter workflows by unifying messaging, spreadsheets, drive, and AI-powered capabilities into a single, streamlined environment. This enabled **domain-rich workflows**, instant onboarding, customizable processes and provided volunteers with a powerful digital assistant to simplify daily activities.

As we moved into 2025–26, the Technology portfolio continued to gain momentum **under the leadership of Mr. Suketu Modi** with dedicated volunteer team—Mr. Nikul Patel and Mr. Niraj Chauhan. Their efforts, supported by continuous innovation and long-term strategic thinking, aim to further elevate digital capabilities, strengthen platform reliability, and introduce more **AI-driven tools** for better collaboration within the PMI community.

Suketu Modi
Vice President, Technology





Glimpse of Past PMI Gujarat Chapter Conferences

PMI Gujarat First Annual Conference 2023



PMI Gujarat Second Annual Conference 2024





Testimonial: PMI Gujarat Chapter LDCE Student Club Achievements



As president of the PMI Gujarat Chapter Student Club at LDCE, I am proud to reflect on a year of tremendous growth and achievement. Our chapter has successfully delivered **high-impact initiatives that align with PMI's founding purpose "to advance the practice of project management"**.

Throughout the year, the club organized impactful activities designed to build both technical and personal effectiveness. Among these, the **"Management Colloquium,"** a focused session on stress, anger, and time management by expert speaker Mr. Amitabh Singh, stood out as a valuable learning experience. This event introduced participants to practical behavioral and emotional management techniques, supporting the holistic development of future project leaders.

Together with our other initiatives and continuous knowledge-sharing through newsletters, it set a constructive tone for an enriching year of learning and growth.

The IGNITE 3.0 event

It was a flagship initiative for our chapter, focusing on experiential learning over three days. It featured various competitions, including spirited debates, project presentations, courtroom trials, auctions, and problem-solving challenges. Highlights included the Debate Arena for critical thinking, the Project Pro League for technical innovation, the PMI Courtroom Trial for reasoning under pressure, the PMI Auction for decision-making, and Mind Maze for teamwork. The enthusiastic participation demonstrated the growing skills and confidence of our student community, emphasizing the importance of experiential platforms in developing future project managers.

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The chapter promoted knowledge sharing through **quarterly newsletters** and **bulletins, featuring news, event summaries, project management articles**, and member achievements. This communication fostered community dialogue and continuous learning, linking classroom education with professional practice. PMI materials highlight that student clubs provide opportunities for gaining project management experience, developing leadership skills, and building professional networks, which our newsletters and activities supported.

The chapter is committed to enhancing leadership and project management skills among students. The success of Ignite 3.0 and the Colloquium highlights the importance of teamwork and planning. Gratitude is expressed to student volunteers, faculty advisors, and mentors for their collaborative efforts.

As President, I've witnessed professional growth in participants and the organizing team, fostering confident leaders. Thank you to everyone involved for advancing PMI's vision in Gujarat and empowering future project managers, inspiring us to keep innovating and leading with purpose.

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President, PMIGJC LDCE Student Club





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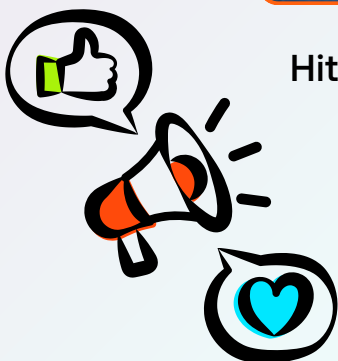
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