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English Department Hosts the Literary Fest 2024-25

The inaugural ceremony of the Literary Fest 2024-25, organized under the aegis of the English Department at Gurukul Mahila Arts & Commerce College, managed by the Rajratna Shreshthishri Nanji Kalidas Mehta Arya Kanya Vidyalaya Trust, Porbandar, was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Under the guidance of Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar, Dr. Ketki Pandya, Head of the English Department, alongside faculty members and students, meticulously organized the fest to foster an interest in English language and literature among students, enabling them to excel not only in Indian literature but also in Western literary traditions.

Inauguration Ceremony

The chief guest for the inaugural event was Sister Josemi, Principal of St. Mary's School, accompanied by guests of honour Sister Zeroth and Mr. Sameer Tejura, a member of the college's IQAC committee.

Week-Long Competitions and Activities

Throughout the week, the fest featured various enriching competitions, including Fancy Dress, PowerPoint Presentation, Quiz, Extempore Speech, Skits, Mimes, and Short Video Making and Presentation. These events provided a platform for students to showcase their intellectual and creative abilities, and the participation was met with overwhelming enthusiasm.



Closing Ceremony Highlights

The closing ceremony featured Dr. Bipin Parmar, Associate Professor from Shri M. N. Kampani Arts and Shri A. K. Shah Commerce College, Mangrol, as the chief guest. The event was graced by Dr. Anupam Nagar, Principal; Prof. Rohiniba Jadeja, Vice Principal; and other faculty members.

The programme commenced with a prayer, followed by a welcome speech by Dr. Nayan Tank, Associate Professor of the English Department. Continuing the tradition of honouring guests, Principal Dr. Nagar welcomed the dignitaries with Sutmala and shawls.

A short film directed by Ms. Dhruva Purohit, a student of BA Semester 4, was showcased, highlighting the theatrical skills of the participants. Students from BA Semester 2 and 4 performed an impactful mime on the theme "No Plastic". The English Department's annual magazine, Graffiti, featuring creative writings, paintings, and drawings by students, was released by the chief guest Dr. Bipin Parmar.

Acknowledging Excellence

Dr. Ketki Pandya felicitated her students, including Dr. Bipin Parmar, Dr. Nayan Tank, Ms. Aditi Dave, and Ms. Parul Shukla, with books as a token of appreciation. A motivational play titled "Our Beloved Didi Ji", depicting the life of Dr. Savita Nanji Mehta, was performed by Ms. Raji Parmar and her group from BA Semester 6.



The winners of the various competitions were announced:

• Fancy Dress Competition:

- 1st: Ms. Hiranishi Tanna and Ms. Vishwa Bhatt
- 2nd: Ms. Chetna Keshwala, Ms. Kajal Odedra, Ms. Vidhi Modhvadiya
- 3rd: Ms. Raji Parmar and Ms. Kritika Dave

• PowerPoint Presentation:

- 1st: Ms. Chetna Keshwala
- 2nd: Ms. Raji Parmar
- 3rd: Ms. Kritika Dave
- 4th: Ms. Sejal Keshwala and Ms. Hiranishi Tanna

• Quiz Competition:

- 1st: Ms. Megha Zala and Ms. Mena Keshwala
- 2nd: Ms. Bhagwati Sutreja
- 3rd: Ms. Chetna Keshwala
- 4th: Ms. Bindiya Goswami
- 5th: Ms. Kajal Odedra and Ms. Kiran Ranavaya

• Extempore Speech:

- 1st: Ms. Raji Parmar
 - 2nd: Ms. Sejal Keshwala
 - 3rd: Ms. Hiranishi Tanna
 - 4th: Ms. Sanskruti Karavadra and Ms. Kritika Dave
- Winners were awarded prizes to encourage their participation and achievements.



Inspirational Speeches

Principal Dr. Nagar delivered an impactful speech, defining ELF (English Literary Fest) as: E for Eagerness, leading to Empowerment.

L for Learning with Laughter, paving the way for Liberation.

F for Fulfillment, fostering the Flourishment of Talent.

He appreciated Dr. Ketki Pandya and the English Department team for their relentless efforts toward the holistic development of students.

Dr. Bipin Parmar, in his address, expressed gratitude to his mentor, Dr. Ketki Pandya, and emphasized the importance of skill power and willpower, illustrating his point with a dialogue from the Ramayana. He concluded with a reflection on life as a blend of experience, experiment, and expectation, inspiring students to work diligently and realize their dreams.

Conclusion

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Arfat Saiyad, ensuring acknowledgment of everyone's contributions. The event was smoothly coordinated by Ms. Aditi Dave and Ms. Parul Shukla, with commendable efforts from students like Ms. Raji Parmar, Ms. Khushi Joshi, Ms. Sejal Keshwala, and Ms. Janvi Kanjariya.

The Literary Fest 2024-25 was a resounding success, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Dr. Ketki Pandya and the entire English Department team.

Fancy-Dress Competition



Service to Man is Service to God...

*The Indian Red Cross Society,
honored GMC*

The Indian Red Cross Society, Porbandar branch, recognized Gurukul Women's College for its active participation in humanitarian efforts through its Youth Red Cross unit. The college organizes various service-oriented activities, including blood donation camps, thalassemia awareness, CPR training, and disaster management programs. Recently, the college hosted the "Yuva Samvad" program, where 80 volunteers attended an inspiring talk by SP Bhagirath Singh Jadeja on traffic awareness.

As part of the recognition, Gurukul Women's College received a certificate of appreciation for its consistent support, presented by SP Jadeja and Chairman Shri Lakhanshi Goraniya. Dr. Anupam Nagar, Principal of the college, has been a strong advocate for these initiatives, with the NSS Program Officers and Youth Red Cross Convener, Dr. Nayan Tank, working tirelessly to ensure the success of these programs.

*A program on "Save Birds
Campaign" was organized at GMC*

Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College, Porbandar, in collaboration with Prakruti: The Youth (under an MoU with the NSS), organized a "Save Birds Campaign" during Makar Sankranti to protect birds and animals injured by kite strings. Dr. Nutan Gokani and Dr. Siddharth Gokani addressed students, urging them to avoid harmful Chinese kite strings, refrain from flying kites during times when birds are active, limit kite heights, and assist in treating injured birds. They shared their contact details for emergencies and emphasized raising awareness about the dangers of kite flying to wildlife. The program, conducted by NSS Program Officer Dr. Rajendra Choudhary, saw the active support of former NSS Program Officer Dr. Ketki Pandya, Dr. Namrata Samani, and NSS representatives Ms. Priya Vara and Ms. Mayuri Ranavaya, ensuring its success. Under the guidance of Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar and the enthusiastic participation of students, the campaign fostered empathy and responsibility, inspiring everyone to take action to protect birds during the festival.



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Initiatives and Collaborations

Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College, Porbandar, under the leadership of Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Arts Faculty of Dr. Subhash University, Junagadh, represented by Dr. Shweta Gohil, Dean of Arts and Humanities, and Dr. Ketaki Pandya, Head of the English Department. This collaboration aims to enhance educational opportunities through seminars, workshops, expert lectures, and faculty and student exchange programs, aligning with the NAAC's third criterion for research, innovation, and extension. The initiative seeks to inspire and guide students, contributing to their career development and global readiness. Key figures from both institutions, including Provost Dr. D.D. Patel and other faculty members, extended their best wishes, emphasizing the significance of this partnership in fostering a bright future for students.



Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College Signs MOU with Dr. Subhash University's Arts Faculty

G M College's Commerce Department (English Medium) organized an enriching industrial visit to Saurashtra Cement Limited, aiming to broaden students' skills in line with the National Education Policy 2020. During the visit, students explored various departments of the cement production unit, including the Chemical Laboratory, Physical Laboratory, X-Ray Department, Central Control Center, and Mines Department, with guidance from the respective department heads. The students also received valuable career-oriented advice, learning about cement production processes, machinery operations, and the importance of practical knowledge in the industry. The visit, attended by around 70 students, highlighted the hard work and dedication of employees at Saurashtra Cement, many of whom manage complex machinery despite limited formal education. The event was guided by Mr. Rameshbhai Chavda and Mr. Ashishbhai Nanu, with strong support from college leadership, including Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar and Commerce Department Head Dr. Bharatsinh Dodia. The tour was efficiently managed by student representatives and faculty members, providing students with both educational insights and inspiration for future career growth.



"Industrial Visit to Saurashtra Cement Limited by Gurukul Mahila Arts and Commerce College (Commerce Department)"

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Initiatives and Collaborations

A visit was organized by the Home Science Department of Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College to two local businesses, Navkar Khakhra Home Industry and Jai Vachhraj Tiffin Service, to provide students with practical exposure related to their curriculum. Under the guidance of Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar, IQAC member Mr. Sameer Tejura, and the Home Science Department Head Prof. Rohiniba Jadeja, students learned about the production and marketing aspects of these businesses. The aim was to bridge theoretical knowledge with real-world applications in areas such as nutrition, food science, and meal management, helping students gain insights into potential career paths and self-reliance.



Students exploring Navkar Khakhra and Jai Vachhraj Tiffin Service.

During the visit to Navkar Khakhra, owner Mrs. Komal Kordiya demonstrated the process of making and packaging khakhra, along with the skills needed for marketing. She also shared her inspiring life story of perseverance and empowerment, as she employs several women at her business. The students were equally impressed by Jai Vachhraj Tiffin Service, which has grown significantly thanks to the efforts of its three female owners. This service offers affordable meals and employment to a diverse staff, including women in nursing. The visit was a success, with students gaining valuable insights on home industries, marketing, and the importance of hard work and self-sufficiency, with guidance from the faculty and Mr. Tejura.

The Hindi Department of Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College, in collaboration with Shri A.K. Doshi Women's College, Jamnagar, organized an online lecture as part of their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The partnership aims to enhance students' skills through initiatives like student and faculty exchanges, seminars, workshops, and expert lectures. On January 17, 2025, Dr. Kamlesh Desai, Head of the Hindi Department at Shri A.K. Doshi Women's College, delivered a lecture on "The Contribution of Bharatendu in Modern Hindi Prose Literature," highlighting Bharatendu Harishchandra's significant impact on Hindi literature.

The event was initiated by Dr. Shanti Modhwadia, Head of the Hindi Department at Gurukul Women's College, with Dr. Rajendra Chaudhary delivering the vote of thanks. Faculty members Kiran Odedra and Dimple Bamniya provided technical support for the online session.



MoU between GMC & Shri A.K. Doshi Women's College, featuring an insightful lecture.

The lecture was well-received by students, who actively participated, and was graced by the guidance and presence of Dr. Anupam Nagar, Principal of Gurukul Women's College.

Empowering Wellness: A Workshop on Health, Hygiene, Safety, and First-Aid Nursing

Under the guidance of Dr. Anupam Nagar, Principal of Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College, a seven-day workshop on "Health and Hygiene," equivalent to a UGC Environment Course capsule, was organized by the Health Care Committee. Led by Chairperson Mrs. Shobhana Vala, with coordination from Mr. Shubham Samani and Mrs. Kiran Odedra, the workshop was supported by Mr. Narendra Singh, CEO of Saurashtra Cement Limited. Sessions were conducted by Dr. Milan Vasavada and his team, including Mr. Ajay Chawda and Mrs. Vipula Gareja, covering first aid, disease prevention, nutrition, bandaging techniques, ergonomics, and accident treatments in a simple and effective manner.

At the concluding ceremony, mementos were presented to the speakers by the Principal, Vice Principal, and faculty members. Dr. Nagar emphasized the importance of environmental awareness and health education in line with the Supreme Court's directive, highlighting the relevance of the UGC Environment Course. Dr. Vasavada praised Dr. Nagar's inspiring leadership, likening his energy to the sun. The event's success was attributed to the dedicated efforts of the organizing committee, including student representatives Mitali Kanani, Jugal Odedra, Bhargavi Khunti, Raji Parmar, Khushi Joshi, and Jansi Hedar.



Exploring Journalism: Highlights from the Workshop at Gurukul Women's College

The Gujarati Department of Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College, under the guidance of Principal Shri Anupam Nagar, organized a month-long Journalism workshop from December 18, 2024, to January 18, 2025. Senior journalist Shri Jitesh Chauhan, with 23 years of experience in media, led the workshop, offering valuable insights into print, electronic, and social media, as well as the process of creating newspapers and magazines. Students also received practical training in radio journalism and participated in "walk-through news" exercises.

The workshop included an excursion to local sites and concluded with an examination and a closing ceremony on January 20, 2025. During the ceremony, students were awarded certificates, and Shri Chauhan was honored for his contributions. He encouraged students to pursue careers in journalism, while Dr. Bhargav Bhatt offered a vote of thanks for the successful completion of the workshop.



Important Date or Events

What: Annual Function

When: 01st March, 2025

Where: GMC Prarthana Mandir