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## "Gurukul Samāgama: A Heartfelt Reunion of Parents, Alumni, and Tradition"

Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College, managed by Arya Kanya Vidyalaya Trust, successfully hosted a Parents and Alumni Gathering under the leadership of Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar, who upholds Vedic traditions and holistic student development.

The event began with Vedic mantra recitation, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting by chief guest Dr. K.P. Baku Saheb (Principal, Government Arts and Commerce College, Ranavav) and other dignitaries. Vice Principal Prof. Rohinibaa Jadeja welcomed the guests, and Dr. Anupam Nagar felicitated the chief guest with a shawl and memento.

Parents of award-winning students were honored with garlands, while distinguished alumni, including Dr. Namrata Samani, Prof. Tanvi Gujar, and Prof. Rupal Bharkhada, were warmly welcomed. Dr. Nagar emphasized the role of parents as a child's first teachers and highlighted the significance of education and values.

Continuing a cherished tradition, the institution awarded students in their parents' presence, recognizing excellence in academics, co-curricular activities, and attendance. 21 students across seven departments were honored.

Alumni, including Mrs. Varsha Gajjar, Dr. Namrata Samani, Ms. Bhumi Chandwaniya, and Ms. Krishna Bokhiriya, shared heartfelt reflections on how the college shaped their lives. Dr. Baku commended Dr. Nagar's leadership and praised the tradition of awarding students through their parents.

The event, coordinated by Prof. Shobhana Vala (Alumni Association President), concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Tanvi Gurjar. Its success was credited to Principal Dr. Nagar, Vice Principal Prof. Rohinibaa Jadeja, the Alumni Association team, faculty, and student representatives, ensuring a memorable and inspiring gathering.

## **Empowering Futures with Solar Energy**

Under the Chanakya Commerce Study Circle, Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College organized a lecture on the Prime Minister Surya Mitra Scheme as a precursor to an upcoming workshop. Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar and Commerce Department Head Dr. Bharatsinh Dodiya spearheaded this initiative to provide students with valuable insights into government schemes and career opportunities.

Guest speakers Mr. Bhavin Mankad and Ms. Riddhi Mankad, experienced government exam coaches, highlighted the seven-day Surya Mitra training program, which offers a ₹3,500 government scholarship per student. They discussed the government's ambitious plan to train 30,000 "Surya Mitras" for nationwide solar panel installation under the Prime Minister Surya Ghar Yojana, creating significant employment and entrepreneurship prospects.

The three-month training program includes classroom instruction, practical training, solar technology demonstrations, and entrepreneurship development. The session was attended by 220 female students, along with faculty members and dignitaries. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rajendra Chaudhary, and proceedings were efficiently conducted by Prof. Ami Padhiar.



## **Lights, Camera, Learning!**

One-Day Workshop on 'Film Studies' at Gurukul Women's College Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College, Porbandar, successfully organized a one-day workshop on 'Film Studies' under the English Department, inspired by Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar and guided by Dr. Ketki Pandya.

Renowned theatre mentor Shri Chetan Dave, an experienced actor, scriptwriter, and director, conducted the session. With 'Film Studies' now part of the postgraduate curriculum under NEP 2020, the workshop aimed to enhance students' creativity and understanding of film production.

Shri Dave provided hands-on training on lighting, scriptwriting, set design, costumes, makeup, props, music, and character development, enriched with practical demonstrations. The session began with a welcome speech by Ms. Aditi Dave, and Shri Dave was felicitated by Dr. Anupam Nagar and Dr. Arfat Saiyad.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Aditi Dave, and its success was credited to Dr. Ketki Pandya, Dr. Nayan Tank, Dr. Arfat Saiyad, Ms. Parul Shukla, and student representatives Ms. Raji Parmar, Ms. Nayana Sambad, and Ms. Shweta Bhogayata.



***“Education is not just about learning facts, but about igniting curiosity, inspiring change, and shaping a better future”.***



## ***Finishing School at GMC Enhances Skills for Success!***

Gurukul Mahila Arts and Commerce College, managed by Rajratna Shreshthi Shri Nanji Kalidas Mehta Arya Kanya Vidyalaya Trust, successfully conducted the Finishing School Training Program under the guidance of Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar. Organized in collaboration with KCG and the Gujarat Government's Department of Education, this 80-hour program aimed to enhance students' soft skills and spoken English for better employability.

Expert trainers Shri Hariswar Suru and Shri Smit Parekh from Prakshal Infotech Agency led the sessions. Shri Suru focused on life skills and employability training, covering resume writing, interview techniques, critical thinking, and career guidance. Shri Parekh provided English language coaching, incorporating storytelling with AI, group discussions, and creative learning activities.

The 20-day training empowered students with essential skills for the corporate sector. The program was successfully coordinated by Nimisha Pandit and Mansi Joshi, with support from student representatives Bhavisha Kagda, Nirupa Kagda, Raji Parmar, and Khushi Joshi.



## ***Gurukul Shines in Red Cross Oratory Competition!***

To mark Gandhi Nirvana Day and honor Mahatma Gandhi's values of humanitarian service, the Indian Red Cross Society, Porbandar, organized a district-level oratory competition on the theme "Red Cross: A Symbol of Humanity." The event saw enthusiastic participation from various colleges across the district. Students of Gurukul College excelled in the competition, with Ms. Raji Parmar securing second place and Ms. Chetna Keshwala achieving third place, making their institution proud. Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar congratulated the winners and appreciated the guidance of faculty members, including Dr. Nayan Tank, Porbandar District Youth Red Cross Convener, and Dr. Rajendra Chaudhary, NSS Programme Officer. On this occasion, Mr. Lakhnasi Goraniya, Chairman of the Indian Red Cross Society, Porbandar, and his team were recognized for their dedicated efforts in fostering humanitarian values and compassion among the youth. The entire faculty and students of Gurukul Women's College extended their best wishes to the winners, celebrating their achievement and encouraging more students to actively participate in such initiatives that promote leadership, public speaking, and a commitment to social service.



***Education is the most powerful tool to unlock the doors of opportunity, ignite the mind, and transform the world.***

## ***Dedicated to Service: NSS Camp Impacting Lives in Simani Village***

Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College organized a seven-day special NSS camp in Simani village from January 26 to February 1, 2025, instilling the values of service, leadership, and social responsibility among students. The camp was inaugurated in the esteemed presence of Mr. Narendrasinh Rana, a member of the college's Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), along with Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar, Vice Principal Prof. Rohiniba Jadeja, and NSS Program Officer Dr. Rajendra Chaudhary. The opening ceremony, infused with patriotic fervor, emphasized the significance of NSS in nation-building and student development. Dr. Nagar highlighted the deeper meaning of "NSS" and encouraged students to contribute actively to society.

Throughout the camp, volunteers engaged in impactful activities, including a large-scale cleanliness drive, an awareness campaign on health and hygiene, and sports competitions for schoolchildren, with prizes sponsored by the Prohibition and Excise Department. Students visited Babda Gaushala and Om Geeta Gaushala to understand cattle conservation and sustainable agriculture. A medical camp led by renowned dentist Dr. Meet Bapodara provided free dental check-ups to 136 villagers, while Dr. Ketki Pandya distributed dental kits to schoolchildren. The camp also incorporated educational excursions to historical sites such as the 11th-century Navlakha Temple, Modpar Fort, and Jambuvati Caves, enriching students' cultural awareness.

The final day featured an awareness drive on critical social issues, including road safety, environmental conservation, voter awareness, and the importance of girls' education. A drawing competition and cultural performances by schoolchildren added to the enthusiasm of the event. The valedictory session saw reflections from student volunteers, inspiring words from faculty members, and concluding remarks by NSS Program Officer Dr. Rajendra Chaudhary. Under the leadership of Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar and the dedicated efforts of NSS officers, faculty, and student representatives, the camp successfully embodied the NSS motto, "Not Me, But You," leaving a lasting impact on both students and the village community.





## ***Adventure & Fitness: Gurukul College Hosts Thrilling Trekking Camp for Sports Students!***

A Trekking Camp and Excursion were organized for the sports students under the Physical Education, Yoga, and Sports Department at Gurukul Mahila Arts and Commerce College.

As part of this initiative, students visited Osam Hill in Patanvav, Gayatri Temple in Gadhethad, Ganpati Bapa Temple in Dhank, and Umiya Mataji Temple in Sidsar. The event saw enthusiastic participation from all the students. The primary objectives of this camp were to facilitate experiential learning and skill development, as well as to bring students closer to nature. Under the guidance and inspiration of the Principal, Dr. Anupam Nagar, this camp was designed to instill environmental awareness and a sense of responsibility towards ecological conservation. The excursion was organized under the leadership of Professor Shobhana Vala, Head of the Physical Education, Yoga, and Sports Department. Additionally, Dr. Ilu Gamit, Professor Nilesh Karavadra, Professor Kiran Odedra, and Professor Rupal Bharkhada actively participated in the event, encouraging the students and imparting valuable knowledge about the environment.



## ***G M College Makes Waves at Prestigious International Conference in Bali!***

Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College continues its legacy of academic excellence, with Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar and Head of the English Department Dr. Ketki Pandya representing the institution at the 27th National Conference of the Association of Indian College Principals (AICP) in Bali, Indonesia, on February 7-8, 2025.

The conference, themed "Excellence in Higher Education: Leading with Vision and Impact," was jointly organized by AICP, Grand Academics Portal (GAP), and Udayana University, bringing together 105 principals from across India.

Dr. Nagar presented a research paper on "The Role of Humanities in Shaping Educational Values," emphasizing how humanities foster critical thinking, cultural awareness, and ethical reasoning. Citing literary figures like Shakespeare and Keats, he highlighted the transformative power of humanistic education in personal and societal development.

Dr. Pandya also actively participated in the conference, making their contributions a moment of pride for Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Mehta University, their college, and the entire Saurashtra region.



## ***Celebrating culture and tradition at GMC on Sari Day!***

The Sari Draping Competition and Sari Day event were organized at Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College. The college, which is renowned in Saurashtra for its education, values, and discipline, held this event as part of its music, dance, and cultural activities. Sari is a symbol of Indian women's identity and represents Indian culture and tradition. It is considered the main attire of Indian women and a symbol of femininity. Gurukul Women's College maintains a unique identity by preserving Indian culture and traditions.

In today's world, under the influence of Western culture, it is important not to forget our own culture. The purpose of organizing this sari competition was to help students understand the significance of wearing a sari and to promote Indian culture. The sari reflects a woman's personality in a distinct way. Around 25 enthusiastic students participated in this competition, showcasing different colors and styles while draping their saris.

Vice-Principal and Head of the Home Science Department, Professor Rohiniba Jadeja, who is also a member of the music, dance, and cultural committee, delivered a valuable talk on the importance of the sari. She informed students about various types of saris, appropriate jewelry, color selection for different occasions, and how women working in various professions should choose the right sari.

In the competition, Kumari Purvi Karia and Kumari Mansi Vyas secured the first place, while Kumari Shivani Kuchhadiya secured the second place, and Kumari Sagun Sadiya and Kumari Raji Parmar won third place. The judges for the sari competition were visiting lecturers Professor Rupalben Parkhda and Professor Mansi Ben Joshi, who did an excellent job. The entire event was coordinated by Visiting Professor Aditiben Dave. To encourage the students, Dr. Ketkiben Pandya and other faculty members were present to provide guidance. The event was organized by the Head of Music and Dance Department and the Hindi Department, Dr. Shantiben Modhvadia. The event was conducted under the guidance of the college Principal, Dr. Nagar Sir, who congratulated the winning students and all participants.

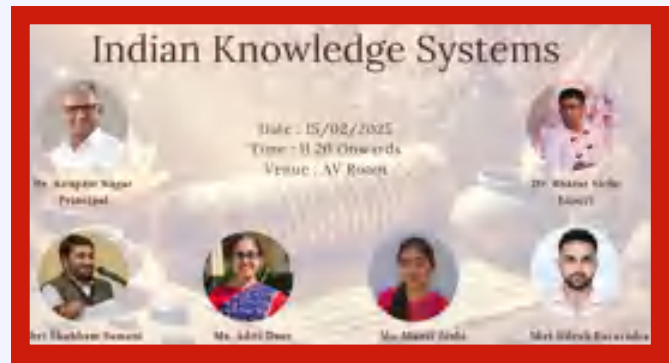




## ***Bridging Traditions – Exploring Indian Knowledge in the Modern Era!***

A lecture was organized as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Sanskrit Department of Gurukul Women's College, Porbandar, and Babdeshwar Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, guided by Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar. This event aligned with the NAAC's third criterion of Research, Innovation, and Extension, which encourages college partnerships for faculty and student exchange programs.

Dr. Bharatbhai Shilu, an expert in the field, delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the Indian knowledge tradition, focusing on how British influence affected Indian culture. The event was introduced by Vice-Principal Prof. Rohiniba Jadeja, along with greetings from Sanskrit lecturer Shri Shubham Samani and Value-Added Course instructor Kumari Manasi Joshi in Sanskrit. After the lecture, students engaged in a Q&A session, and the event concluded with expressions of gratitude by Shri Shubham Samani. The program was successfully moderated by Kumari Aditi Dave and supported by the Sanskrit faculty and student representatives.



## ***A Marathon of Knowledge – Learning Beyond Boundaries at Gurukul!***

A Workshop Marathon was organized at Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College, Porbandar, under the guidance of Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar and the efforts of Dr. Ketki Pandya, Head of the English Department.

The event featured various workshops:

- AI Workshop by Mr. Hiren Pankhaniya (Arya Computers) on how AI simplifies tasks.
- Indian Knowledge Systems by Mr. Shubham Samani, covering devotion, Radha's existence, and ancient scriptures.
- Organic Farming by Mr. Nilesh Karavadara, explaining sustainable farming methods.
- Beauty & Wellness by Miss Kajal Bhutiya, with hands-on hairstyling and makeup techniques.

On the final day, certificates were distributed by college dignitaries. The event was hosted by Miss Aditi Dave and Miss Parul Shukla, with contributions from students Raji Parmar and Khushi Joshi.



## ***Celebrating the Soul of Language: Mother Tongue Festival 2025 – Honoring Heritage, Culture, and Expression!***

The Gujarat Sahitya Academy, Gandhinagar, and Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College, Porbandar, jointly organized the 'Mother Tongue Festival 2025' as part of 'Mother Tongue Week' to celebrate International Mother Language Day on February 21. Hosted at Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College, the event aimed to honor the significance of the mother tongue through various cultural and literary activities. Guest speakers Prof. Dr. Rajendrasinh Gohil (Kutiyana College) and Prof. Dr. Montu Patel (Ranavav College) enriched the event with their insights on Gujarati literature and linguistics.

The week-long celebration from February 15 to 21, 2025, witnessed over 100 students actively participating in competitions such as film analysis, postcard writing, monologue acting, quizzes, poetry recitation, and the theatrical performance 'Hohalika'. Winners were recognized across these categories, with faculty members serving as esteemed judges. The competitions encouraged creativity and deepened students' appreciation for their mother tongue. On February 21, the main event commenced with Vedic chanting, followed by an address from Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar. Dr. Rajendrasinh Gohil discussed Gujarati poetry, while Dr. Montu Patel presented a session on spelling variations and meaning differences in the language.

The celebration concluded with the play 'Hohalika' by Chandravadan Chimanlal Mehta, performed by students. The event was successfully organized under the guidance of Dr. Bhagyash Jha (President, Gujarat Sahitya Academy) and Dr. Anupam Nagar (Principal, Gurukul College), with support from faculty members, visiting lecturers, and students. The winners were honored with certificates and prizes, making the event a memorable tribute to the power of language and cultural heritage.



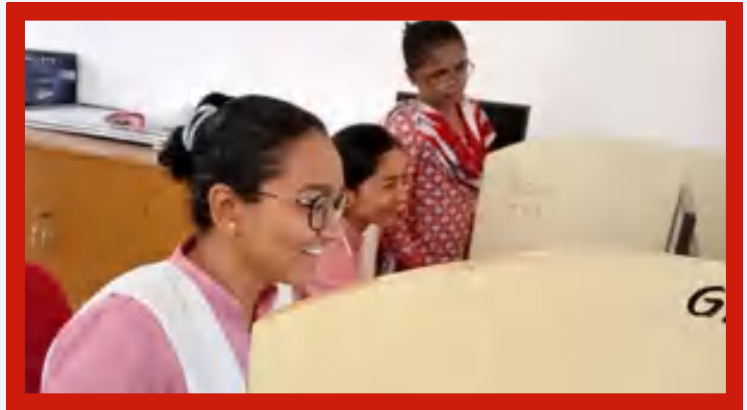
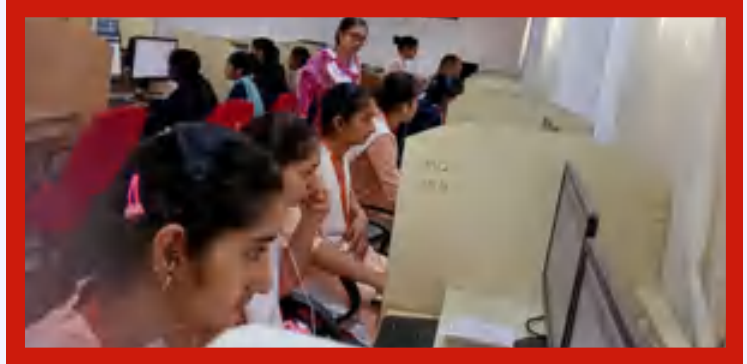
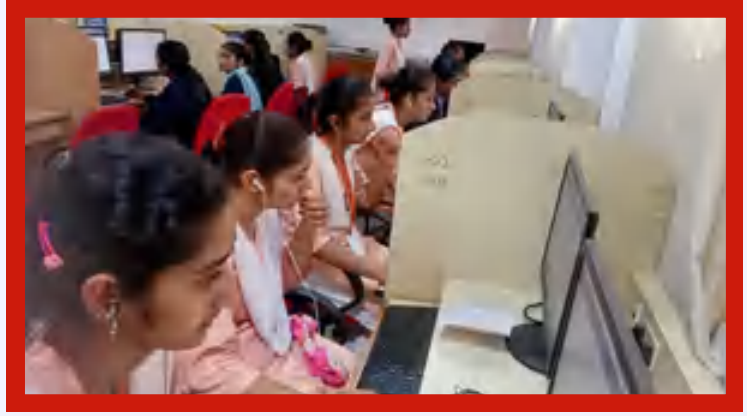


## **Breaking Barriers: Gurukul Women's College Excels in Cambridge SCOPE Examination!**

**SCOPE Examination Successfully Conducted at Gurukul Women's College by Cambridge University, London**

**Gurukul Women's Arts and Commerce College, which has been dedicated to the field of education in Porbandar for over five decades, successfully conducted the SCOPE (Society for Creation of Opportunity through Proficiency in English) examination by Cambridge University, London. In today's era, where global communication skills are in high demand, the Government of Gujarat has initiated this program to enhance English proficiency among the youth.**

**To help students develop global communication skills, under the inspiration of Principal Dr. Anupam Nagar and the guidance of Dr. Ketki Pandya, Head of the English Department, the course is conducted by faculty members Ms. Aditi Dave and Ms. Parul Shukla. A total of 185 students from Gurukul Women's College registered and appeared for the exam. The successful organization of this examination was made possible through the dedicated efforts of SCOPE Coordinator Ms. Aditi Dave, Co-Coordinator Ms. Parul Shukla, and student representatives Ms. Raji Parmar and Ms. Khushi Joshi.**



### **"Honoring Leadership, Inspiring Progress: A Warm Welcome to Prof. Dr. Atul Bapodara!"**

**Recently, Prof. Dr. Atul Bapodara, who has taken charge as the Vice-Chancellor of Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Mehta University, was honored by Shri Amit Bhatt, Administrator of Rajratna Shreshthishri Nanjibhai Kalidas Mehta Arya Kanya Vidyalaya Trust; Dr. Anupam Nagar, Principal of Gurukul Mahila Arts & Commerce College; and Prof. Rohiniba Jadeja, Vice-Principal.**

**Along with him, Registrar Shri Mayank Soni was also felicitated, and a courtesy meeting was held with Executive Council Member Dr. Jay Trivedi. Additionally, it was expressed with hope and confidence that under his leadership, all colleges affiliated with the university would move in the right direction and achieve new heights of progress.**



# "Gurukul Mahila College Annual Programme 2025: A Celebration of Excellence, Knowledge & Culture!"



## GURUKUL MAHILA ARTS AND COMMERCE COLLEGE ANNUAL PROGRAMME 01/03/2025



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### Prarthana Mandir, G M College

Gurukul Mahila Arts and Commerce College is set to host its much-anticipated Annual Programme - 2025 on March 1, 2025, at

Prarthana Mandir, G.M. College, from 9:00 a.m. onwards.

The grand event will be graced by the presence of eminent personalities, including Prof. (Dr.) S. P. Singh, Director General of Kaushalya - The Skill University, Ahmedabad, and Shri Sureshbhai Kothari, Honorary Secretary of Arya Kanya Vidyalaya Trust, Porbandar.

A distinguished panel of IQAC members will also be part of the event, including:

- ◆ Smt. Pushpaben Joshi
- ◆ Dr. C. G. Joshi
- ◆ Dr. Milanbhai Vasavada
- ◆ Shri Narendrasinh Rana
- ◆ Shri Samirbhai Tejura
- ◆ Shri Dilipbhai Dave

The Annual Programme serves as a platform to celebrate academic achievements, cultural excellence, and the collective spirit of the college community. The event will feature inspiring addresses, student performances, and the recognition of outstanding contributions in various fields.

All faculty members, students, and well-wishers are cordially invited to join this prestigious occasion and be a part of this celebration of knowledge and excellence.

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