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## International Seminar at Gurukul Mahila Arts & Commerce College, Porbandar

Interdisciplinary approach and multilingual studies are the order of the day. In fact, globalization has brought about a paradigm shift in our understanding of literature today. We are no longer confined to 'defined' perspectives and approaches. Cultural Dialogics and Intellectual interface is the call of the hour and accordingly Gurukul Mahila Arts and Commerce College, Porbandar had organized a oneday International conference on 'Henry David Thoreau and Indian Thought' on 17.02.2018 to not merely celebrate his 200th birth centenary but to also rethink, re-contextualize and reinterpret the writings of Thoreau with Indian philosophical thought.

Accordingly, as many 236 student scholars and 145 teacher delegates had formally registered for the seminar before 15th of Jan. 2018, the abstracts of which, along with the key-note address of the Chief-Guest Prof. Rupin Walter Desai (Delhi University, Delhi) was a part of the Souvenir that was released during the inaugural session (9.00 to 10.30 hrs.) in the presence of the Chairman Shri Dhirendrabhai Mehta & Smt. Medhavini Mehta (Arya Kanya Gurukul Trust), the Hon. Secretary Shri Suresh Kothari, Prof. & Mrs. Rupin Walter Desai, the advisors Prof. Prashant Sinha (Pune University, Pune) & Prof. Kamal Mehta (Saurashtra University, Rajkot) & as many as 12 resource persons from all

parts of the country. In fact, in addition to the on-the-spot registrations the total number of registered delegates rose up to 410.

After the Inaugural session, the parallel sessions commenced from 10.30-12.30 pm (teachers) & 1.30-3.30 pm (Students). In as many as six concurrent multilingual sessions that had a 'Chair' and a 'Co-Chair' as resource persons, the teacher and student delegates, after introductory remarks by the Chair, made their presentations on as many as fifteen themes. Hand-in-hand two Skype sessions of Dr. Beverly Swan (Portugal) and Dr. Abhimanyu Kaul (Toronto) were arranged from 1.30-2.30 pm and 2.30 to 3.30 pm respectively.

## Annual Programme held in the Venerable presence of Dhirendrabhai Mehta and Smt. Medhavini Mehta

The Annual Programme of the College was held on 24.02.2018 from 11.00-2.00 in the afternoon. The occasion was singularly marked by the revival of gold medals in the name of the founder Sheth Shri Nanjibhai Kalidas Mehta Gold Medal (Arts Faculty); Shri Dhirendrabhai Mehta Gold medal (Commerce Faculty) and Pujya Savitadidi

Gold Medal (Home-Science). In addition Saptadhara Awards were instituted in the name of all the seven societies (Geet-sangeet dhara; Natyadhara; Sarjanatmak Abhivyakti dhara; Rang-kala kaushalya dhara; Samudayik seva dhara; Khed-kood-yog-vyayam dhara and Gyan dhara) and those who excelled were awarded shields and certificates.



The months of January and February were devoted to having an Interface meet between the four pillars of education—the Parents, the Alumna, the Teachers & the Students. Accordingly, from the 29th Jan. to the 21st of Feb., departmental meetings of Commerce, Hindi, Home-Science, English and Gujarati were arranged in the Prarthana Mandir and the Saraswati Mandir. The highlight of the occasion was to share the growth & progress of the department and also request the parents to felicitate the chosen TY students with the 'Most Regular Student of the Year Award' and Outstanding student of the Year Award' (Academics & Co-curricular) -2017-18

## PARENTS-ALUMNA MEET: HINDI AND GUJARATI



## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND HOME-SCIENCE



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



## 14 short-term courses in three and a half-months

The Gurukul College has initiated as many as 14 short-term programmes to add and supplemented the B.A. and B.Com. degree programmes run by Saurashtra University, Rajkot and Bhakt Kavi Narsinh Mehta University, Junagadh. The courses among others include Practical Banking, Vedic Mathematics, Certificate Course in Computers (CCC), Tally Accounting programme, English Proficiency Programme, Spoken English, Preparatory for Competitive Examinations, GK for Competitive Examinations,

Training in Sports & Games, Fashion Designing, Course in Nursing and Beautician (Pradhan Mantri Kaushalya Vikas Yojna), Gujarati Grammar & Theatre Training. In addition, departmental study circles have been constituted to academically address the innovative teaching methodologies like Group Discussion, Skype Session, ppt presentation etc. every fortnight. Accordingly all the departments viz., English, Hindi, Gujarati, Home-Science, Accountancy and Computer-Science meet on a



pre-planned subject of discussion, debate or competition.

## English Proficiency Programme and Spoken English

The second term also saw the revival of the language laboratory. Now referred to as ELL—Education and Learning Laboratory. In keeping with the desire of the state government to encourage students to learn and become proficient in English, the department of English initiated two customized programmes. For the beginners the course

was named as EPP while for the advanced learners Spoken English was offered. As many as 206 students enrolled for both these courses. The following year (2018-19) the department proposes to initiate the mandatory SCOPE programme. SCOPE (Society for Creation of Opportunity through Proficiency in English) was established in 2007

by the Government of Gujarat to build English language fluency in the youth of Gujarat and thereby create employment opportunities for them. The SCOPE programme is centered on the three challenges of education—Access, Equity and Quality. Cambridge English Language Assessment iTEP, US and Pearson are the Certification partners.

## Summer Camp Dhamaka: 02.04.2018 to 31.05.2018

The College proposes to arrange for the first time in the history of the College a Summer Camp for the 12th+ standard students. Since long the parents and students' fraternity have been wanting institutes and schools to run Summer camps. Yes, there have been a few Summer camps arranged by Schools in the past. But this one promises

to be one with a difference. Accordingly as many fifteen areas have been identified and the institute wishes to offer these courses to only those girl-students who have appeared for the 12th Board exams and above. The courses among others preclude: BCC (Basic course in computers), CCC (Certificate Course in Computers), Tally Accounting

programme, Rangoli (Maharashtra), Personality Development, Karate Training, Aerobics, Dance, Theatre Training and performance, Sports and Games Training, Drawing and Painting and Music. The objective of the Summer Camp is to not merely offer a platform to the girl child but also to introduce one and all to the spiritual ambience of AKG.

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*This institute of higher education, which was established in 1966, is a non-profit establishment offering undergraduate courses in the faculties of Arts (B.A.), Commerce (B.Com. with Accounting & Computer-Science). It is*

**located in Jubilee, Bokhira, Porbandar, in Gujarat & caters specifically to the students coming from the remote and rural sections of the society.**



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**Arya Kanya Vidyalaya  
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*Education is for life, not for living*

**Our Mission:** The Mission of the Institute is to achieve excellence in academic and co-curricular education. Its emphasis is on sound teaching & learning through value-based education. The college believes in national integration and has an open admission policy, encouraging enrollments of girls irrespective of income, class, caste, region, religion or creed. At present the college has strength of about 584 students coming from all the sections of the society. As such, we have a teaching staff of 12 full-time experts and as many as 06 Visiting Lecturers, who are imparting instructions in various disciplines. The overall result maintained by the college is in between 90% to 100% in the University exams. Among the Administrative Staff we have 05 personnel who take care of maintaining the entire College apart from executing official duties assigned to them.



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