

English Literary Fest

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NO	Activity / Session	Date
1	Inauguration Ceremony & Fancy Dress Competition	8/12/2025
2	Treasure Hunt	9/12/2025
3	Educational Tour	10/12/2025
4	IELTS Awareness Session	11/12/2025
5	Mental Health Awareness Session	12/12/2025
6	Closing Ceremony : Play & Mime	13/12/2025



8/12/2025: Literary Fest - 2025: Inauguration Ceremony - Lighting the Lamp - Speeches & Songs







8/12/2025: Fancy Dress Competition
Chief Guest: Dr. Harin Majithiya, Former HoD,
English Dept., GMC
Judges: Ms Nimisha Pandit & Ms. Tanvi Gurjar











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09/12/2025: Literary Fest: Treasure Hunt Competition





10/12/2025: Educational visit: Dr. Subhash Mahila College, Junagadh











**11/12/2025: Guidance Lecture on IELTS
(International English Language Testing System)
preparation**

**Expert Speaker: Dr. Aayushi Vithlani, Theme of
the Session: English Beyond the Textbook:
Express, Engage, Empower.**



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DR. AAYUSHI VITHLANI
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Date: 11 & 12/12/2025
Time: 09.00 am. onwards
Venue: GMC Sharda Mandir













12/12/2025: Special Session on Mental Health: Expert Guide & Neurotherapist - Dr. Aayushi Vithlani







**13/12/2025: Closing ceremony (Token of Gratitude & Prize Distribution Ceremony)-
Literary Fest -2025: Chief Guest - Dr. Harin
Majithiya Madam, Former HoD, English, G M
College**













Press-note

An Academic Weekly Programme was organised by the Department of English at Gurukul Mahila Arts and Commerce College, managed by the Rajratna Shreshthishri Nanjibhai Kalidas Mehta Arya Kanya Vidyalaya Trust, Porbandar. The Programme was conducted with the objective of nurturing students' interest in the English language and literature and enabling them to excel not only in Indian but also in Western literature. Under the guidance of the Principal, Dr Anupam Nagar, the Head of the Department of English, Dr Ketki Pandya, along with all faculty members of the English Department—Dr Nayan Tank, Dr Arfat Saiyad, Ms Aditi Dave and Ms Parul Shukla—organised this Literary Fest with the active participation of students.

The Literary Fest commenced with an Inauguration Ceremony. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp by the Principal, Dr Anupam Nagar, the Vice Principal, Prof Rohiniba Jadeja, and the Heads of various Departments. This was followed by a welcome address by Dr Ketki Pandya, Head of the English Department, in which she discussed the key features of the English language. She explained, with suitable examples, how English differs from Gujarati, Hindi and Sanskrit, and emphasised the importance of correct pronunciation in every language. Thereafter, students of B.A. Semester 6, led by Ms Bhagwati Sutreja, presented the song "We Shall Overcome". Ms Bhagwati Sutreja also gave a detailed introduction to the Indian English writer R. K. Narayan. Subsequently, students of B.A. Semester 2, led by Ms Shagun Parmar, presented the song "Come On, Come On". The Programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Nayan Tank, Associate Professor, Department of English. The entire session was anchored by Ms Aditi Dave.

Throughout the week, various competitions related to English language and literature were organised. On the first day, a Fancy Dress Competition was held, with Dr Harin Majithiya, former Head of the Department of English of the college, present as the Chief Guest. The competition began with a welcome speech by Dr Nayan Tank. Students portrayed a wide range of characters from English and Indian literature, including the Three Witches from Macbeth, Hamlet from Hamlet, King Lear, Goneril, Regan and Cordelia from King Lear, Queen Elizabeth, Tom and Huck from The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Dr Faustus, Mephistophilis, the Good Angel and the Bad Angel from Doctor Faustus, Mrs Malaprop from The Rivals, as well as Radha and Krishna. The judges for the competition were Ms Nimisha Pandit, Coordinator of English Medium Commerce, and Ms Tanvi Gurjar. A total of forty-two students participated. Addressing the students in his distinctive style, Dr Nagar explained the deeper meaning of the Literary Fest by beautifully illustrating the words "Lit", "Wit" and "Fit", while also

motivating both faculty members and students. The vote of thanks was offered by Dr Arfat Saiyad.

On the second day of the Literary Fest, students participated in a Treasure Hunt organised at Bharat Mandir. By solving riddles related to the various cultural and historical sculptures at Bharat Mandir, students enthusiastically completed the Treasure Hunt activity.

On the third day, an educational tour was organised to Dr Subhash Mahila College, Junagadh. Students and faculty members actively participated and engaged in a meaningful exchange of ideas with the students and faculty of the host institution.

On the fourth day, Dr Ayushi Vitthalani, an alumna of the English Department, an educational consultant and a Neurotherapist, delivered a guidance lecture on IELTS (International English Language Testing System). The theme of the session was “English Beyond the Textbook: Express, Engage, Empower”. Through a variety of fun activities, she highlighted the importance of IELTS and spoken English.

On the fifth day, Dr Ayushi Vitthalani also conducted a guidance session on mental health awareness. Through innovative activities such as colour therapy, the sporting web system, painting and games, she sensitised students to the question, “Why is mental health necessary?”

The concluding day featured the Closing Ceremony, with Dr Harin Majithiya as the Chief Guest. The Principal, Dr Anupam Nagar, Vice Principal Prof Rohiniba Jadeja, and other faculty members of the college were also present. The ceremony began with the Lord’s Prayer, followed by a verbal welcome by Dr Ketki Pandya. The cultural events opened with a Bharatanatyam performance on the Sanskrit Stuti “Ayi Girinandini” by Ms Megha Zala of B.A. Semester 4. This was followed by a rhythmic song presented by Ms Shagun Parmar and her group from B.A. Semester 2. Students of B.A. Semester 4 then presented a thought-provoking mime on the theme “Digital Fasting”. Thereafter, students of B.A. Semester 6 staged O. Henry’s short story The Gift of the Magi, showcasing their theatrical skills. This was followed by a poetry recitation by Ms Dhruvi Kukadiya of B.A. Semester 2. Students of B.A. Semester 6, led by Ms Bhagwati Sutreja, presented a motivational English song, after which the same semester students enacted Guy de Maupassant’s short story The Necklace on stage.

Following the performances, the results of the various competitions held during the week were announced. In the Fancy Dress Competition, the first prize was awarded to Ms Megha Zala, Ms Dhara Joshi and Ms Riddhisha Khudaiwala; the second prize to Ms Dhruva Purohit, Ms Geeta Kadchha, Ms Payal Godhaniya and Ms Nayana Sambad; and the third prize to Ms Bhagwati Sutreja, Ms Payal Goswami and Ms Divya Kodiyatar. In the Treasure Hunt Competition, students of B.A. Semester 4 secured the first position, while students of B.A. Semester 6 secured the second position. All the winning students were awarded encouraging prizes by the English Department.

