

Literary Associations

Gujarati Literary Circle



“Promoting The Culture, Lifestyle And Language Of Gujarat”



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Gujarati Literary Circle is a cultural forum that aims at promoting the values, lifestyle, and language of Gujarat through various events. It establishes unity amongst the students of the college and is open to everyone be it a Gujarati or non-Gujarati.

Gujarati Literary Circle helps students to develop their personas and become more socially and culturally aware by organising a variety of events. The following is an account of the year's events and learnings in the academic year 2021-22.

Event 1. AAPDI GARVI SANSKRITI-

Dated: 24th August 2021

Gujarati Literary Circle kick-started the academic year 2021-22 by celebrating Gujarati Language Day. Every year on August 24th, Gujarati Language Day is commemorated in honour of great poet and social reformer Narmada Shankar Dave. The main objective to celebrate this day was to inculcate a sense of pride for Gujarati Language amongst its members as well as prospective members.

Many students participated and demonstrated their knowledge by speaking about the richness of Gujarati culture, heritage, and its cuisine. The same was also recited in the form of Gujarati Poems. The event enlightened the participants and the audience on the importance of Gujarati Language and its usage in day-to-day life.

Student speakers stressed on how the current generation is more ready to accept the western languages and culture at the cost of neglecting their mother tongue / first language. It also served to shed light on the life of Poet Narmad, who popularised and promoted Gujarati as a language of importance. Overall, the event was a means to make the students learn Gujarati literature in an easy and effective way so that they nurture this beautiful language.

Event 2. VAATO NA VADA-

Dated: 1st October 2021

“Vaato Na Vada” is a creative event which aims at spreading the language and literature of Gujarat along with the concepts of story-making and creative thinking amongst the students, in a way that makes the language more enjoyable with a learning experience to it.

In this event, participants had to participate in pairs. Participants' imaginations were judged based on how quickly they could construct a story by using a starting line given to them and unrelated pictures. Mrs. Eesha Jhaveri ma'am was invited to grace the event and assess the discussions. The importance of using Gujarati words over Hindi and English words was emphasised. Participants also discovered their hidden creative abilities as they had to construct a story spontaneously in Gujarati. The event was attended by both Gujarati and non-Gujarati members; they learned how to construct sentences in Gujarati and the value of coordination, on-the-spot thinking, and teamwork.

Event 3: RAAS RANG GLC SUNG-

Dated- 7th October - 15th October, 2021

Gujarati Literary Circle's signature event is Navratri. This year, a Garba Competition was held for college students in order to promote Gujarat's Native Dance Culture.

In this duration of 9 days, the participants were provided a platform to showcase their Garba skills and were required to film a video of themselves performing Garba with basic, unique, and authentic steps while dressed in traditional attire. Mr. Preet

Selani, a proficient teaching assistant of Garba and other dance forms, judged the entries. On each day of Navratri, snippets of the videos were posted on GLC's Instagram Story. This event not only helped in promoting the 'Traditional Gujarati Culture' but also boosted the self-confidence of the students who participated.

In addition to this, unlike other years, our social media page had spread the importance and significance of each of the nine days of Navratri celebration, as well as the reasons for the respective colours associated with these days.

Event 4: SHABDO NI RAMAT GAMAT-

Dated: 22nd January, 2022

This event was the forum's attempt to share details of Gujarati culture in a fun way. Three groups of participants were formed. During the event, the organisers posed questions, which were answered only when the respective group had responded. Their Gujarati vocabulary was assessed using a range of exercises, including solving Gujarati riddles and translating various Hindi sentences and phrases into Gujarati and many more. This aided the participants' sentence formation.

The objective of the forum to conduct such an event was "learn with fun". While the variety of games kept everyone focused, the Q&A in the games imparted knowledge, and the tasks kept the gaming spirits and fun quotient high throughout the event. Despite being virtual, the event made each attendee's experience useful and unforgettable.

Event 5: CHAAL KARIYE CHARCHA-

Dated- 19th February, 2022

Chaal Kariye Charcha is a Group Discussion Event in Gujarati Language. The main aim to organise this event for this year was to improve the language, fluency, and communication skills of the participants in Gujarati.

The participants were divided into a group of six and were given debatable and trendy topics to discuss on by our Judge Mr. Neel Shah.

The different topics were:

- *'Should it be compulsory to stand during the National Anthem ?'*
- *'Has Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan really been a success?'* and many more.

GD was in the format of 1-10-1 and all the standard rules were followed. The participants had a healthy and meaningful discussion and came up with solutions for various problems discussed in the event. As the members had to use minimal English words and discuss in Gujarati as much as possible, they were able to learn and come up with Gujarati words and form sentences. Through this GD, participants also improved their communication and interpersonal skills.

This online event was held to help improve the native language. Overall, the event was a huge success, and all of the attendees had a beautiful and educational experience.