

GUJARATI LITERARY CIRCLE



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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.

1. Natak Jo Ne Natwarlal:

Dated: 30th July, 2022.

Our first event, Natak Jo Ne Natwarlal, was organized on 30th July 2022. The objective of this event was to familiarize the GLC members and all other college students who attended our event with the ancient yet popular art form of Gujarati Dramas. We showed the famous Gujarati drama "Baa Ae Maari Boundary", starring well-known Gujarati actress Padma Rani.

All participants were required to write a one-page report about their learnings from the drama.

The event enlightened the participants about Gujarati language, drama, and literature. Both the Gujarati and non-Gujarati students enjoyed and understood what was going on, thus improving their language skills.

All the students learned the value of family, especially our elders, thanks to the drama. It conveyed the idea that in order for us to have better, more comfortable lives, we should always respect our elders and be grateful of all the sacrifices they have made.

2. Amari Bhasha, Amaru Gaurav: Gujarati Divas

Date: 24th August, 2022.

Gujarati Language Day is celebrated on 24th August every year in the memory of legendary poet and social reformer 'Narmada Shankar Labhshankar Dave.' The main objective to celebrate this day by GLC was to inculcate a sense of pride for Gujarati Language amongst its members as well as prospective members.

The Event was conducted by the GLC members. Many of the students participated and showcased their skills by speaking about the rich Gujarati culture, heritage and its cuisine. The same was also recited in the form of Gujarati poems. A drama was performed by the students showing the importance of speaking Gujarati among the youth. A few members also displayed their musical talents by singing Gujarati songs. A fun game round was also organised at the end of the event.

The event enlightened the participants and the audience on the importance of Gujarati Language and its usage in day-to-day life.

GLC members emphasised on the importance of celebrating this day and highlighted contributions of Kavi Narmad to Gujarati literary world. 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.

3. Teacher's Day Celebration

Dated: 5th September, 2022

The members of GLC portrayed their love, respect and gratitude towards all the teachers of R. A. Podar College through a video. Members spoke about the importance of Teacher's Day, why it is celebrated on 5th September and also about the importance of teachers in a student's life.

Further, members of GLC presented a Guru Vandana and other dances to express their heartfelt gratitude to all our teachers.

This event taught us how necessary it is to respect our teachers. Students realized the role that teachers play in building the foundation of their lives.

4. Garba Workshop 2.0

Dated: 17th September, 2022.

"Garba Workshop 2.0" was organised by GLC on 17th September, 2022.

It was an online workshop, conducted by Ms. Manushi Desai, a talented dancer and ex-student of Podar College.

The event started off with an Aarti to Maa Durga. Participants were taught basic steps of Garba followed by advanced dance moves like Popat, Jumping Popat and the Chogada Step.

This event was mainly organised with the intent to acquaint students with the Garba dance form. There are many students, especially nonGujaratis, who wish to learn this dance form. This event was simply a platform for such students.

5. Rang Taali 2022: Navratri Celebration

Dated: 28th September, 2022.

Navratri is one of the flagship events of our Gujarati Literary Circle. The objective was not only to play Garba but to also worship Goddess Durga as Navratri is celebration of victory of Goddess Durga over Mahishasur. Students along with teachers sang Aarti to revere Maa Durga. Later, students and teachers enjoyed playing Garba, relishing our culture.

Students got to learn about the importance of each day of Navratri as GLC's official Instagram page used to put up a story about the same.

6. Baalpan No Khajano

Date: 13th and 14th November, 2022.

'Baalpan No Khajano' is our Digital Event which we celebrated on the occasion of Children's Day. The purpose for organising this Event was to help the students rekindle their golden days of childhood with GLC.

In this event, participants dug up their childhood photos and shared their childhood memories and what childhood meant to them. The participants had to create an Instagram Story where they had to post their Childhood photo and write "What childhood means to you?" in 2-3 sentences, preferably in Gujarati. Similarly, they had to share their special childhood memory; use the hashtag #MastiNaDivaso and tag the official Instagram page of GLC. Best 5 stories with meaningful and catchy captions were selected and declared winners for the event.

The participants were asked to share their memories preferably in Gujarati and this helped them to express themselves in Gujarati language. Both Gujarati and Non-Gujarati members participated in the Event.

7. Hastakala Spardha

Date: 7th January, 2023

The Gujarati Literary circle starts off 2023 with a blast. On January 7th, we organised “Hastakala Spardha”. The intention behind this event was to unite and showcase the talents of fellow Podarites.

As the title suggests, it was a friendly competition which consisted of skills like Poster Making, Mehendi Designing and Cooking without Fire. Students all over the college participated in this indigenous event. Prizes were distributed among the winners by the Jury. The event was concluded with an appearance by our respected Principal and faculty members who also relished these talents.

All the participants got an opportunity to exhibit their talents which was the major intention behind this event. Along with that, encouraging their skills was also on top of our list.

The kinetic spirit of the fellow team members made these events pretty notable. These events helped the students to improve their management and entrepreneurial skills as well as how to work as a team. Gujarati Literary Circle will continue to spread the importance of Gujarati Language, culture and its grandeur by organising such interesting and promising events