



Department of English

Report for Silver Jubilee Special Issue

Where Education is the Way of Life...

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As the institute has entered into its glorious 25th year of academics, the Department of English has also flourished as one of its prime units celebrating the silver jubilee this year. Established in 1996, the Department of English at Samarpan Arts and Commerce College offers B.A. Programme in English as a special subject. Offering General English and Commercial Communication Courses, the department serves each and every student who enters into the college with a dream of achieving big and better in life. At present, the department is run by four permanent faculty members, namely Dr. Rucha Brahmbhatt, Prof. Vaibhav Kothari, Prof. Shweta Panwar and Dr. Rajesh Mehta. Apart from undergraduate courses, the department also pursues research related activities and motivates young brain toward exploring untrodden paths in transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary manner. At present, four students have been pursuing their Ph.D. under the guidance of Dr. Rucha Brahmbhatt and four students have already been conferred degree by Gujarat University.

The department ensures to attain programme specific outcomes, well stated on college website, by thoroughly teaching all courses on various platforms like MS Teams, Google Meet, Google Classroom, Zoom etc and by various methods like flipped classroom, assignment, viva, quiz, group discussion, interactive classroom with audio-visual aids and any more. The special English students enthusiastically take part in poetry-recitation workshops or designing wall paper 'Athena' on various themes. Every year experts of national or international stature visit the department and address the students. In last twenty five years scholars from Spain, Japan, USA and stalwart from the parts of India have been hosted by the Department. Two UGC - National Seminars have been convened namely 'Higher Education : Global Issues and Challenges' inaugurated by former NCERT Director Dr. J. S. Rajput and 'Reality and Virtuality : Confluence of Indo-Sino-Japanese' inaugurated by Shree Amrit Gangar.

The department is always ready to accept new challenges and keeps pace with the changing trends in the field of education. A decade back the departmental working adopted to digitalization. A fully functional Digital English Language Lab was established in 2008 coordinate by Prof. Shweta Panwar till date. Students were introduced not only to the basic learning of computers, but also trained in online English language skills. In the year 2013, the department introduced Online Assignments. The techno-savvy generations of students have made it possible for us to be in contact with them even after so many years. Before joining the Police department, Sauram Joshiyara and while preparing for a job in court, Chaman Dulera offered their voluntary services in digitalizing data between 2013 and 2015. The Samarpan English Alumni is very active group and always ready to help the new comers. If Vipul Chauhan provides study material for a course in journalism, Arvindsinh Vaghela prepares students for entry level exams, Parth Patel is always ready for career counselling, Rejendrasinh Rathod offers teaching assistantship and many of such service from our dedicated alumni still continue. The department is extremely grateful to the English alumni for creating a strong tradition of 'giving back'.



UGC National Seminar : 2011-12



Dr. RIHO ISAKA, UGC National Seminar, 2013



State Level Webinar, 2020



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Prof. Kirit Trivedi, SDP 2018



Shree Amrut Gangar, UGC National Seminar 2012-13



WALL PAPER 'ATHENA' 2017-18



LIBRARY ORIENTATION 2018



At the department, student and teachers get opportunity to use computers and get access to online books and journals especially by INFLIBNET and NDL. students are offered special library orientations. Special training workshops have been arranged for poetry recitation. Training in spoken English is an unwritten commitment ! In order to inculcate Gandhian values, the students are often given a tour of Gandhi Ashram and Mahatma Mandir. Special exhibitions of Gandhian Literature and lectures have been arranged by Prof. Vaibhav Kothari. Realizing the need for value based education, in 2007, Prof. Vaibhav Kothari & Dr. Rucha Brahmbhatt prepared a booklet “Education and Values” in two languages under the guidance of Principal Dr. Kishorsinh Solanki.

Department of English relishes its pride in the notable alumni. A number of students have carried forward the tradition of teaching in higher education institutes like Dr. Jayesh Mananka, Prof. Govind Ninama, Prof. Hemant Kharadi, Prof. Vishal Patel and many more. A number of students are working successfully with mass media and communication, e.g., Gaurav Khara-Navgujarat Samay, Vipul Chauhan - Information Department - Gujarat State, Ajay Vasava - ABP Asmita and Parth Patel at CMO. English has also helped students in taking up higher positions in public services. e.g., Arvindsinh Vaghela serves as DySO, Legal Department of Gujarat State; Rajesh Kanmiya as PI and Pravin Vasava as PSI; and Vinod Muniya in BSF. Praful Parmar, Sauram Joshiyara, Khemji and Ashvin Gadadhara serve Gujarat Police. Gautam Vegda is steadily establishing himself at the international level as a young upcoming poet-dramtist-novelist writing in English. These are a few examples as the list is endless.

A good number of students are specially supported who participate in sports and extension activities. It is indeed a matter of pride for the department that students have performed well at international and national levels bringing laurels to the institute. For instance, Rizwan Ahmed won bronze at National Boxing Championship; bringing honour to Gujarat University after 32 Years ! Alok Akash and Shaileja Patel represented the institute at National Badminton and Shooting Championships respectively.

Sensitizing students towards literature and art, department is instrumental in promoting cultural competitions. To name a few, Jayesh Mandanka won Five such events securing first positions in Poetry Recitation and Elocution competitions. A team of talented students : Gaurav Khara, Kiran Hedau, Jayesh Gamit and others offered memorable winning performance at Gujarat University Youth Festival by staging John Milton’s The Paradise Lost as a musical mime. Under the direction of the then Prof. Harit Mehta, Jayesh Mandanka and Padmini performed one act play - Nejvani Chhany Tale - at reputed drama competition organized by Gujarat Samachar & INT. Other achievers were Khyati Mehta winning GU youth Festival Clay Modelling and Tejal Kandoriya winning elocution competitions.

Student are also encouraged to offer their service to the deprived sections of the society as part of extension activities. Many students, for years together, used to offer their voluntary service to primary schools of Indroda, Borij and Adiwada. Focussing on the holistic the concept of welfare of the society and nation through education. When it comes to the overall quality assurance of the institute, the Department plays a pivotal role. All faculty member have been navigating the IQAC since the day of it inception. Welcome to join the quest for quality !