

## **GUBS ACTIVITIES 2013-2014**

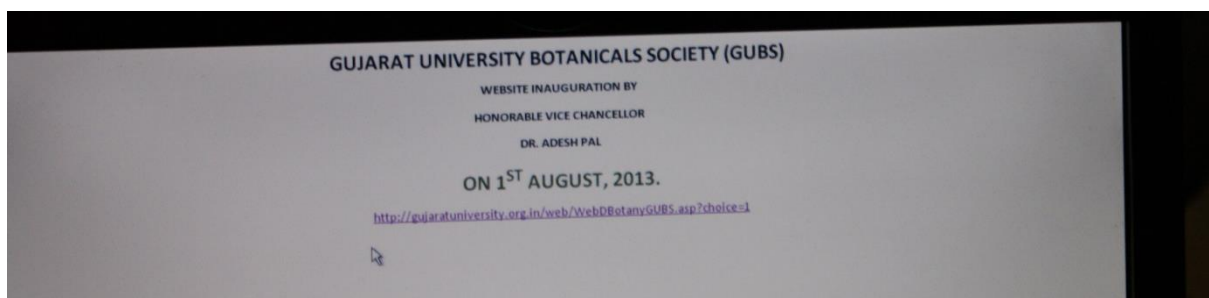
The year 2013-2014 started with the formal welcome of the new Head of the Department, Dr. Archana Mankad. **Gujarat University Botanical Society (GUBS)** was inaugurated by Dr. P. P. Prajapati, Director, Educational Multi-Media Research Centre (EMMRC) on 19<sup>th</sup> July-2013 amidst the usual excitement. The new **TEAM GUBS**, under the guidance and support of Dr. Hitesh A. Solanki, Staff-in-charge, GUBS for the year 2013-14, would coordinate various curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Dr. Archana Mankad, Head of the Department and Patron GUBS welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. Prajapati and provided a bird's eye view of the activities scheduled for the coming year. Dr. Prajapati inspired the students with his words of wisdom. The new Team was coroneted with Badges by Dr. Prajapati. The inaugural function was accompanied with icebreaking and a formal welcome of the new students in Botany, Bioinformatics and Climate Change Impacts Management courses.





Dr.P.P.Prajapati with New **TEAM GUBS** during the inauguration of GUBS.

**Gujarat University Botanical Society (GUBS) website** was Launched by Hon.Vice Chancellor, Dr. Adesh Pal amidst a lot of excitement and enthusiasm.







Hon. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Adesh Pal inaugurating the website of Gujarat University Botanicals Society (GUBS)



The Technical and Creative team of GUBS-website with Hon. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Adesh Pal after the Launching of the website.

The students from various science colleges and PG departments of Gujarat University took the most popular State Level **Minaxi Lalit Science Award Test-2014** on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The test is an initiative of Gujarat Science Academy, Ahmedabad to popularize science learning and develop scientific writing among the students. It is coordinated by the Department of Botany since many years. The first and second prize winners in various subjects at UG and PG levels were given cash prizes and certificates by GSA, Ahmedabad in a special ceremony during the Science Congress at HNGU, Patan.

**FOOD FESTIVAL:** The students of the department participated in a day long event called **Food Festival 2014**. The event was totally managed by the students under the leadership of Ms. Deepa Rai, M Sc Sem IV - Botany. There were counters for various traditional delicacies, sumptuous snacks, healthy bites and cool sips. The traditional treats on the counters were Litti Chokha, Vagharelo rotlo, Chokha no rotlo, Khichu, mawa Jalebi and Kopra na ladoo while Diet bhel and Idli sambhar were sumptuous snacks and all time favourites. The cash counter was seen abuzz with visitors from various departments of USSC during lunch time and everyone enjoyed their choice of food. Infact, the Judges had a tough time evaluating the participants on the basis of the presentation and the taste. This was also an opportunity for the students to realize their entrepreneurship abilities. Crispy dumplings and Fruit flavored Panipuris were the most sought after items during the day. The students teamed up to advertise, market and video shoot the event. The venue was musical and cool with a nice serene setup just outside the department. It was a novel experience for all and provided the much needed change from a routine and allowed the students to realize their abilities in a different way. One of the objectives of the event was to assess the profit and loss by all participants so as to realize their shortcomings, if any.



Judges tasting the delicacies



Dr.B.V.Patel inspiring the participants



Panoramic view of the Food Festival 2014

**Workshop on Financial planning for young investors:** The workshop on financial Planning for Young Investors was organized with the help of Ms.Palak Lotiya, certified trainer from SEBI. The session started with a video presentation of “One Idiot-an IDFC initiative” which conveyed the essence of the workshop very effectively. Ms.Palak explained the need for saving, appropriate investment and the risks to be taken care of to the participants.



Ms.Palak Lotiya addressing the participants of the workshop on Financial planning by SEBI

The members of GUBS participated in the seminar on **Women Empowerment** on the occasion of Women's Day at the Senate Hall on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014. The programme jointly organized by the Women Development Cell (WDC) and GUBS witnessed enthusiastic involvement by the students from various departments of the university. The distinguished panel on the dais included Dr.M.N.Patel, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University, Mrs.Nita Shah, Gujarat Informatics Limited, Ms. Ruzan Khambhatta, Founder Police Heart, Dr.Rajshri Bhatt, President Lions Club and Head, Department of Statistics, Dr.B.V.Patel, Registrar, Gujarat University, Dr.Savita Gandhi, Chairperson WDC and Head, Computer Science Department, And Dr.Archana Mankad, Member Secretary-WDC and Head, Department of Botany. The speakers highlighted the need for empowerment of women in different sectors. A videoshow highlighting the powerful women from India and Gujarat alongwith the appropriate musical backdrop to the event was apropos the theme and was well appreciated by all. The event was followed by lunch and all enjoyed hot puris with tasty mix vegetable, dhokla and cold matho.

The Members of GUBS got a unique opportunity to get expert tips on Personality development during a **Seminar on Personality development for success 2014** (PDS 2014) in a lecture by Mr. Lalit Shroff from the Lion's Club. Infact, the event also witnessed a prize distribution ceremony for the competitors of **Trees for Life** by the Chief Guest Mr. Rakesh Patel from Lions Club. Mr. Shroff generated a lot of passion in the students to recognize their strengths and identify their weaknesses, an aspect which is fundamental to the development of Personality. An **Interactive Forum called Safety and Security for All-2014 (SASA-2014)** was organized for the members of GUBS and Ms.Ruzan Khambhatta was invited to be the resource person for the same. She gave a very explanatory account of Police HEART and urged one and all to register not

only themselves but also their near and dear ones online. She also motivated the students in her own special way. Nostalgia filled the air when she recollected her experiences as a student of USSC, Gujarat University.

The **Annual function of Gujarat University Botanical Society (GUBS)** was organized on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April-2014. It was that time of the year when, like every year, we acknowledge and appreciate the achievements of the students during the year. The programme was special because our Hon. Vice Chancellor, Dr. M. N. Patel was the Chief Guest. Dr. B. V. Patel, Registrar, Gujarat University was the Guest of Honour. A very creative presentation showcased the various activities of GUBS. A quick welcome was followed by the main attraction of the function which was the distribution of certificates and prizes to the winners during several events conducted during the year for the members of GUBS. Dr. B. V. Patel gave away the prizes and encouraged the members in his special way.

This year also witnessed the launching of **GUBS AWARDS called as GOLDEN PETAL AWARDS**, a novel endeavour to acknowledge, appreciate and bring to limelight the best during the academic year among the students of the department. It is an initiative to generate interest and highlight the significance of wholehearted participation and commitment towards both curricular and co-curricular activities. A very creative memento and a very impressive certificate was specially designed by the creative team of the department and was appreciated by all. There were different categories of GOLDEN PETAL AWARDS like GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE- for the students who proactively and wholeheartedly displayed excellence during various events of the department, GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT- for the toppers and all those who were awarded fellowships by UGC/DST etc, GOLDEN



PETAL AWARD FOR STUDENT OF THE YEAR- for the overall best not necessarily a topper, GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR THE RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR-for the excellent publications and overall support to the juniors, and the best was GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT-for all those who won prizes during oral/poster presentations at seminars/ conferences outside Gujarat University and made us proud and all those who were conferred special fellowships. The Golden Petal awards were given away by Hon.Vice Chancellor, Dr.M. N. Patel and this was followed by his blessings and his words of wisdom.

#### Glimpses of the ANNUAL FUNCTION – GUBS-2013-2014



Welcome of Hon.Vice Chancellor, Dr.M.N.Patel and Registrar, Dr.B.V.Patel



VVIP Cluster: Hon.Vice Chancellor, Dr.M.N.Patel and Registrar, Dr.B.V.Patel





Welcoming Hon.Vice Chancellor, Dr.M.N.Patel and Registrar, Dr.B.V.Patel



Prize distribution



Mementoes to Judges



Prize distribution



Golden Petal Award ceremony



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Blessings Registrar, Dr.B.V.Patel



Blessings- Vice Chancellor, Dr.M.N.Patel



Farewell speech



Thanksgiving

### Participation in **GURUVANI 90.8 FM - Gujarat University Radio Unbound 90.8.F.M:**

Dr. Archana Mankad organized a talk cum interview programme of the Researchers of the department. The research scholars gave a very informative talk in the form of an interview on GURUVANI 90.8 FM - Gujarat University Radio Unbound 90.8.F.M., wherein they described in very simple manner the kind of researches they are pursuing. The experience of being inside the studio was indeed very thrilling and all the same they appreciated the amount of hard work that is expected to be put in by those in this career. The exercise was also to identify the hidden potentials in the students in expression and speaking out fearlessly or explaining in a very simple manner thus promoting the subject, Botany. Two of the capsules have already been broadcast and were well appreciated by all.

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