

## **GUBS ACTIVITIES 2014-2015**

The activities of **Gujarat University Botanical Society (GUBS)** for 2014-2015 were formally inaugurated by Prof. N. K. Shah, Dean - Faculty of Science and Chief Guest for the function, on 9<sup>th</sup> August-2014. The new **TEAM GUBS**, under the guidance and support of Dr. Himanshu Pandya, Staff- in- charge, GUBS for the year 2014-15, would coordinate various curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Dr. Archana Mankad, Head, Department and Patron-GUBS welcomed the Chief Guest, Prof. N. K. Shah and provided a bird's eye view of the activities scheduled for the coming year. Prof N. K. Shah inspired the students with her words of wisdom. The new Team was coroneted with Badges by Dr. N.K.Shah .The inaugural function was accompanied with icebreaking and a formal welcome of the new students in Botany, Bioinformatics and Climate Change Impacts Management courses.

The students and staff from the department visited GEER Foundation and BISAG. The students were accompanied by Dr. Megha Bhatt and Dr. Archana Mankad. The group was welcomed by Mr. Alap Pandit and then they visited the Dinosaur park Medicinal Garden, Cactus house, Botanical Garden and finally interacted with the officials of the GEER Foundation. The visit to BISAG was unique with a wonderful presentation on the diverse applications of remote sensing and the visit to the studios of SATCOM. Here the group got an opportunity to witness an educational programme being recorded and the technological advancements related to shooting and editing the programme.

The staff and students of the department actively participated in the garba celebration on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The enthusiastic kheliayas took part and competed for the best costume, best dance and best pair awards.



**Garba celebration- Aarti**



**Garba celebration**

A workshop on Gujarat University Placement Cell (GUPC) was held at the Botany Auditorium on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December-2014. The launching of the website link and orienting the students towards the activities of the placement cell were the thrust areas of the workshop. Dr.H.C. Sardar, Commerce Department coordinated the workshop effectively and welcomed the Chief Guest, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr.M.N.Patel and the resource persons Dr.Prateek Kanchan, Director, B.K. School of Business Management and Dr. Sonal R. Pandya, Head , Department of Communication, Journalism & Public Relations. Dr.Sardar explained the functioning of GUPC and appealed to all the students to visit the website and register. Dr.M.N.Patel, stressed the need of such a cell which would provide adequate interface between the industry and the students. Dr.Kanchan and

Dr.Pandya sensitized the participants towards skill upgradation and impressive communication for better placement. The workshop witnessed good participation from staff and students from various departments.



Dr.M.N.Patel – Presidential address



Dr.H.C.Sardar-About GUPC



Dr.Pratik Kanchan-Invited Lecture



Dr.Sonal Pandya-Invited Lecture



Participants of the workshop on GUPC



Memorable moment

The students of the department participated in **All India Essay Writing Event 2014** organized by the Shri Ram Chandra Mission [SRCM] in collaboration with the **United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan [UNIC]** and Ms. Urvi Gupta, Research Scholar and Mr. Rohan Thakkar of the department won the first

prize while Ms. Dipika Dalal , Sem II Botany won the second prize. Ms. Dipika Dalal won the second prize in the Poster making - painting competition on 30<sup>th</sup> January organized on the theme of **Cleanliness and Mahatma Gandhi** to mark the Gandhi Nirvana din. The participation of almost all the students on the lawns behind Physics department was appreciated and documented for its inclusion in the Limca Book of records. The research Scholars of department participated in a National Conference at Goa. Ms. Shirin Qureshi won the second prize during oral presentation during the conference. Her presentation on the Oil Palm cultivation and its threat to biodiversity was appreciated by all.

The Gujarat University Botanical Society celebrated its annual cultural festival called **WELCOME 2015** in the form of purposeful theme days. Each day witnessed participation of the members in various competitions coordinated by different student groups. The **each one teach one day, the food festival ,the visit to the river front , the annual flower show** was coordinated by the research scholars, while **the sports day and Plantation day** was coordinated by the semester IV students. The **FOOD FESTIVAL** on 7<sup>th</sup> January-2015 was a big hit with one and all as visitors enjoyed the mouthwatering delicacies prepared by the students. The students got a hands-on-experience of handling, managing and coordinating various aspects of the festival. The festival was inaugurated by Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. M. N. Patel and sir took keen interest in the various delicacies and encouraged the participants. The thrust was on entrepreneurship and teamwork. The whole event was managed by students.



**Dr. M.N.Patel, Hon.Vice-Chancellor at food festival**



**Students at food festival**



**Plantation Day**



**Flower Show**



**Flower Show**



**Group at Flower Show**

The Staff and Students of the department visited **the river front** on 8<sup>th</sup> January-2015. The before and after view of the Sabarmati River front was indeed an experience. The members of GUBS visited the **annual flower show** on 9<sup>th</sup> January-2015. They witnessed the various landscape designs using colours of the flowers and various models made with flowers. Outdoor landscaping using various seasonals, arbosculture of trees and innovative ways of displaying cut flowers was truly exciting. The exhibition of paintings by school children was also beautifully laid and very nice. The Staff and Students of the department visited the exhibition of **Vibrant Gujarat** on 13<sup>th</sup> January-2015. The various pandals were brimming with excited visitors. The overall arrangement and facilities were highly commendable. The students got an opportunity to see so many new projects being undertaken by the Government and industries. It was indeed a moment of great pride for all of us.

The annual function of Gujarat University Botanical Society was arranged on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Dr. Jagdish Joshi, Director-Academic Staff College now known as Human Resource Development Center was the Chief Guest. The function witnessed Prize distribution to winners at various events throughout the year. This year the prestigious **GOLDEN PETAL AWARDS** were awarded to meritorious students by Dr. Jagdish Joshi. The awardees were: GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CREATIVITY to Mr. CHIRAG PATEL, GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT to Ms. RUBY PATEL, GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP to Ms. SHAYONI SHETH, GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PHOTOGRAPHY to Mr. UMER FARUQ QURESHIMATVA, GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENTOONS to Ms. CHARVI PANDYA, GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT to Mr. MEHUL SONI, Mr. FULCHAND GAVIT

,Ms. CHARVI PANDYA ,Ms. NEHA JHA, Ms. CHETNA PATIL, Mr.PATHIK BHATT, Ms. TANUSHREE BANERJEE, Mr.DHARMESH JAISWAL,Mr.SAUMYA PATEL ,Ms.SHIRIN QURESHI, Mr. UMERFARUQQURESHIMATVA,Ms.NIRALI THAKKER, Mr. CHIRAG PATEL, Ms.SHILPA SHETTY , Mr.ZARNESH KANOJIA and Ms.BHOOMI PATEL ,GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT to Mr. S.PRASANTH KUMAR, Ms.URVI GUPTA, Mr.ROHAN THAKKER, Ms.DIPIKA DALAL and Ms.SHIRIN QURESHI, GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR STUDENT OF THE YEAR to Mr.FULESH KOKNI,GOLDEN PETAL AWARD FOR RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR to Mr.SAUMYA PATEL.The Chief Guest, Dr. Jagdish Joshi blessed the students with his words of wisdom. The annual function was concomitant with the farewell of the outgoing students. Everyone enjoyed yummy snacks and cold drinks at the end of the function.

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