

BEST PRACTICES

The college has successfully executed two best practices, for the all round development of the students. These are:

1. Humanist Youth Forum

1. Title of the Practice

Humanist Youth Forum-

2. Objectives of the Practice

To promote the spirit of inquiry and the joy of discovery.

To develop different ways of talking, listening, and reflecting on what they hear and speak.

3. The Context

The humanist youth forum is an initiative to inculcate a scientific approach in college students and teach them to look critically at various issues. The Forum is also entirely student-run.

4. The Practice

The forum organizes various programs on various subjects through which students are given opportunities to build leadership and strengthen their self-expression. Students themselves choose topics of their interest and discuss them in group discussions or by a speaker.

5. Evidence of Success

Mainly students got conceptual strength, understood various aspects of life, and started discussion with one another and become confident and aware about their weakness and strength. And most important they started to questioning and heading towards the humanistic approach.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

In spite of the leading endeavors made, some students were not opening up, need to develop more tool and activities for their active engagement.

2. *Swayam Shikshk Din* (Teaching by seniors to juniors)

1. Objectives of the Practice

The distance between the teacher and the students can be minimized if the seniors/advanced learners take the responsibility of training the juniors/slow learners simultaneously. Teaching –learning process becomes delightful and smooth.

2. The Context

The essence of teaching is to deliver to the last students of the class. In a class room, it is very often not possible for a teacher to pay equal attention to all the students despite best of efforts put in this direction. The slow learners are generally diffident, and overtime develop an inferiority complex if they are not taken proper care by the tutors. The teaching method adopted by the seniors helps to bridge this difference. It makes the learners more open, attentive and friendly in the process of acquiring knowledge. It also

helps them in overcoming inhibitions in asking questions as they belong to the comparable age.

3. The Practice

The college celebrates 5th September – Teacher's Day as *Swayam Shikshk Din*. This practice, we believe is unique to this institution. The advanced learners and seniors come forward to teach the subject and topic of their choice to their classmates. They are guided by all concerned professors. Dr Sohand Dave is the coordinator of this event. The poor, deserving students do not get an opportunity to realize these benefits as they lack resources for it. Coaching by private institutions are very costly and beyond the reach of most of the students. Qualitative inputs can be obtained from experienced teachers who are obviously in short supply. This gap is filled by the senior students who are constantly groomed by the teachers to develop their teaching ability.

4. Evidence of Success

The seniors, when they teach their juniors, feel more confident about the subject as teaching is the best method to gain more knowledge in the process. This helps them to come forward in various curricular and co-curricular activities which are reflected in tutorial/practical examinations, debates and discussions and developing leadership qualities. It also develops relationship and better interaction between the juniors and seniors.

5. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The tutoring by the seniors to the juniors is a notable achievement on the part of this institution. However in order to make the programme sustainable some kind of financial incentive must be given to the students. Due to lack of available resources the practice is limited in its application. Moreover collection of materials from the net, photo copy contingencies etc. required finance which needs to be provided.

Dr Mihir M Dave
IQAC Coordinator

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION AS SWAYAM SHIKSHAN DIN

On 4th September 2021, like every year, Teacher's Day was celebrated in the college with great pomp. All the students of the college participated in the Teacher's Day celebration. A total of 36 students of each subject and paper became teachers and taught their friends on the subject of their choice. Thus Teacher's Day was celebrated in a very different way, i.e. it was celebrated as Self-Education Day. In the entire College, the students worked in the role of Principal , Mr. Vice Principal , professors and peons. the entire college education work was done by the students. In this program, coordinator Dr. Sohanbhai Dave and Dr. Kalpanaben Ganvit of Gujarati Department and Dr. Bhartiben Ravat and Dr. Mihirbhai Dave worked hard to make this event a successful one.





GD Modi College of Arts, Palanpur



Best Practices **Humanist Youth Forum**



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Forward

G D Modi College of Arts feels this concern and decided to form Humanist Youth Forum (a Study Circle) in college. H Y F aims at providing platform to the students so that they may feel free to share their views and think scientifically and rationally. They can come together and offer their vision, energy, dream mission and different point of views about various **topics of the syllabus and off the syllabus**.

H Y F desires to promote the culture of clear headedness, humanism, scientific temper and rational behavior. **It will help students conduct different programs so that they may have conversations, debate, and dialogue on the issues which are directly or indirectly affecting them. This will develop in them leadership quality and critical thinking skill. This is the process which will make them not only able to listen and speak up freely but also courage and respect to accept contrary point of views.** Consequently, the students will be able to create common understanding and respecting the otherness of others. Thus, H Y F will help students develop their critical thinking so that they may be able to tackle burning issues of our society

The Humanist Youth Forum is an initiative to inculcate a scientific approach in college students and teach them to look critically at various issues, **which is also entirely student-run**. The form organizes various programs on various subjects through which students are given opportunities to build leadership and strengthen their self-expression. Students themselves choose topics of their interest and discuss them in group discussions or by a speaker. Mainly students get conceptual strength, understand various aspects of life, and discuss them and finally..... Understand everything from a humanistic approach.

Objective of Humanist Youth Forum:

- ✓ To develop different way of talking, listening and reflecting on what they hear and speak.
- ✓ To enable them to understand various democratic practices.
- ✓ To understand and respect the contrary point of view and search for common understanding.
- ✓ To promote rationale and critical thinking.
- ✓ To increase book reading interest and to prepare them for the dialogue and debate.
- ✓ To understand different ideologies, -isms, social and political leaders.
- ✓ To build relationships and bonding among the diverse youth.
- ✓ To promote spirit of inquiry and joy of discovery.

Our mission

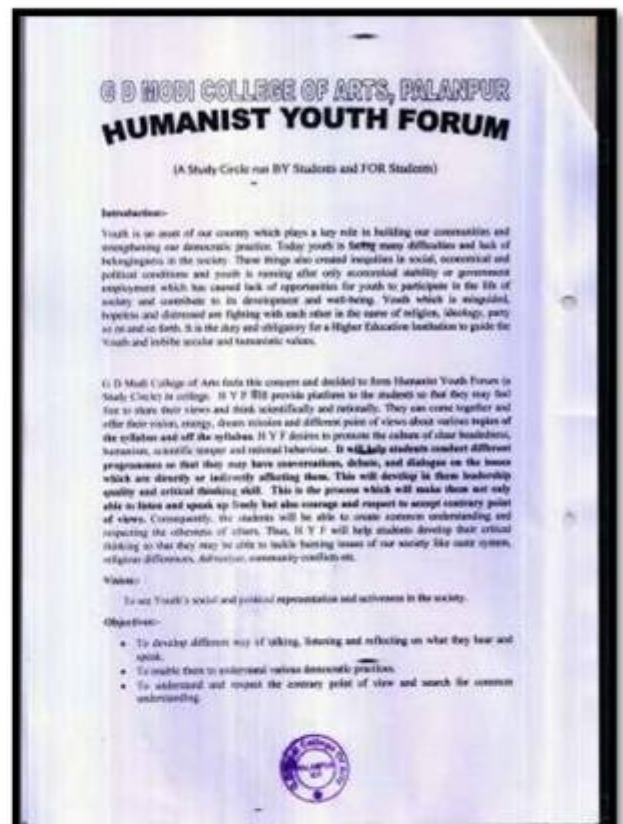
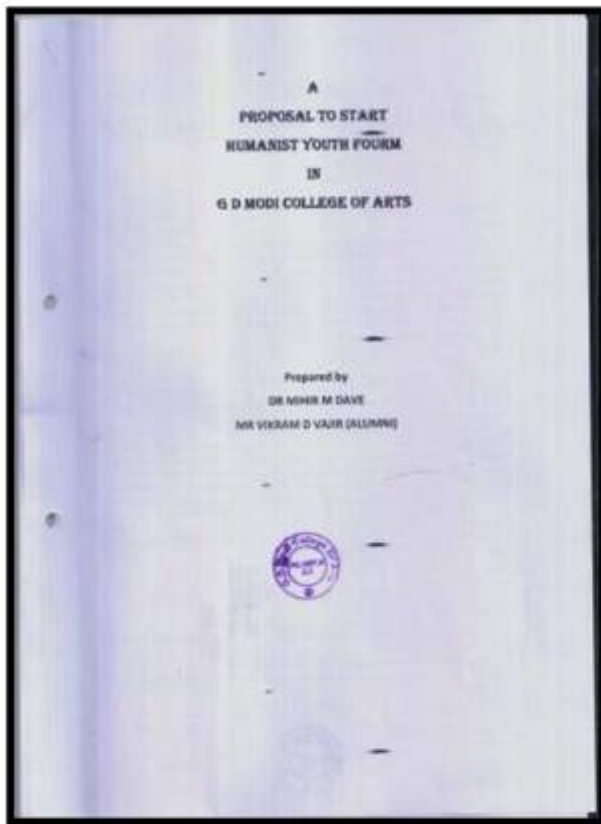
To facilitate **Students** to develop humanistic values, development of human potential, and acknowledgment of human dignity.

Our Vision

To develop the Humanistic approach, scientific temperament and rational behavior among the students.

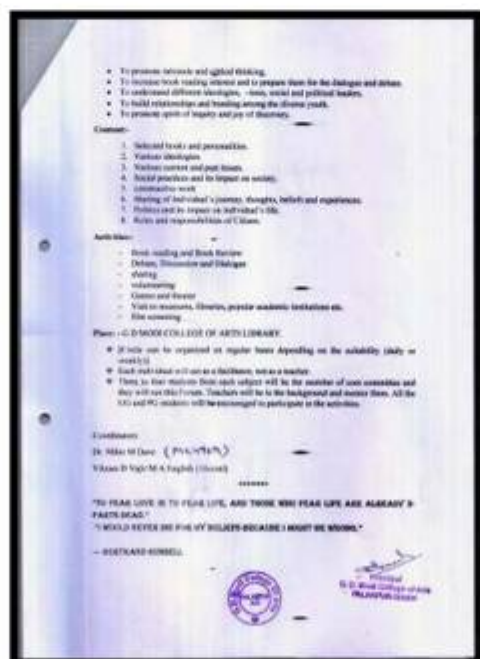
- Who can learn from self and be guided internally by own.
- Who can make his/her decisions
- Who can observe and evaluate.

Constitution of the Forum



Proposal of Humanist Youth Forum

Introduction-Vision and objective



Activities and Content

List of activities- 2021/ 22

No	Name of the activity	Date of the activity	Numbers of participator
1	Acquaintances of English writers	22 December 2021	85
2	Presentation of Volpone by Ben Jonson	05 January 2022	93
3	Webinar on Spirit of enquiry	21st January 2022	56
4	Seminar on The book that touched my heart	23rd March 2022	131
5	Visit of Exhibition	26th April 2022	122
6	Monthly meetings		

Reports of the activities.

1) Acquaintances of English writers

Speakers :

- (1) Jacob Gordin – Joshi Nidhi
- (2) Francis Bacon - Swati Patel
- (3) R. K. Narayan - Jagruti

Humanist Youth Forum, G D Modi College of Arts Palanpur organized Seminar on **Acquaintances of English writers** on 22nd December, 2021. Students were asked to come prepared on various authors. Each student gathered detailed information about an author and presented it eloquently to the other students. In this program, students presented English writers from India, America, Russia, and Britain. Principal Dr. S.G. Chauhan Sir, Prof. Mukeshbhai Raval and Prof. Mihir Bhai Dave guided and motivated the students. The objective of this program was to develop research and critical skills along with presentation skills in the students. The students developed confidence to speak in English and presented their points in front of the students and also tried to give answer asked by the students. They enjoyed the program and got an inspiration to organize such programs again and again. This program helped them overcome their stage fear.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-gpoOBmoSw> (YouTube video link)

Students speaking about English writers.



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(2)

Students speaking about English writers.



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(4)

Students speaking about English writers.



(5)



(6)

2) Presentation on Volpone by Ben Jonson

05 January, 2022

INTRODUCTION

Humanist Youth Forum organized a seminar on Volpone, a comedy of humour by English playwright Ben Jonson. The students of English and other subjects too participated in this seminar and they presented their understanding about the play. Being a student of English Literature, presenters had good understanding about the topic too. The students were very interested in this topic because they studied it and they loved to present their understanding in English.

The purpose of this seminar was that some students can understand and get information about the play. Simply, this is about helping students to acquire information that they can use in their academic as well as personal life to understand something or to perform a new task or improve their life. Moreover, this seminar helped them gain fluency and overcome stage fear.

Speakers

- Himalee Parmar
- Ritik Singh
- Rucha Vyas
- Nidhip Parmar
- Gautam Dave

Each student presented their opinion very delightfully and tried to put the crux of the play in front of the other students. They shared very interesting incidents and insights of the play and also connected dots with the present situation. They could connote the important aspects of the whole play confidently.

DISCUSSION

Students have asked question to each other and tried to get nuance of the play and they shared their understanding with each other. They had healthy discussion about the doubts and Dr.Mihir Dave also helped them to understand the notions of the play.

CONCLUSIONS

This seminar gave an opportunities to the students to perform their part. Seminar encouraged their confidence and made them to discuss and debate various points.



Himalee Parmar on Volpone



**Ritik Singh speaking
about Volpone**



Rucha Vyas talking about Volpone



Gautam Dave



Nidhip Parmar



Questioning to the speaker



**Dr. Mihir Dave,
Addressing the students**



Group photo after the seminar with speaker (students).

<https://youtu.be/A1nO-CQSaGc>



Kindly click on the above link to watch the video of the entire seminar.

Reports of the activities.

3) Webinar on Spirit of enquiry

Speakers :

(1) ધાર્મિકતા અને તેમાં વૈજ્ઞાનિક અભિગમ નું સ્થાન (Religiosity and The Role of Scientific Temper)

Ritik singh Kushwaha

(2) ચાલો યુવાનો, અભિગમ બદલીએ. (O Youth Let's change our attitude!!!)

Rucha Vyas

(3) વિવેકબુદ્ધિવાદ અને ઇશ્વરનું અસ્તિત્વ (Existence of God and Rationalism)

Gaurav Dave

(4) અંધશ્રદ્ધા: બાળકો અને સ્ત્રીઓ. (Superstitions : Children and Women)

Himalee Parmar

(5) James Clear's Atomic Habits

Sachin Chaudhary

Humanist Youth Forum, G D Modi College of Arts Palanpur organized webinar on Spirit of Enquiry on 21st January,2022. All the five speakers of the webinar were the students of G D Modi College of Arts, Humanist Youth Forum. Ritik Singh delivered his talk on "Religion and Scientific Temper", Rucha Vyas talked about "Youth, let's change our Attitude!!!", Gautam Dave delivered a very logical and thought provoking talk on " Rationalism and the Existence of God, Himalee Parmar in her persuasive speech spoke on " Superstition, Children and Women, Sachin Chaudhary eloquently presented his views on "Atomic Habits". Jhilmil Patel was an anchor of the webinar. Dr Mihir M Dave, Associate Professor, Dept of English is a mentor of Humanist Youth Forum. He gave vote of thanks. Mr Bipin Shroff, a renowned humanist of Gujarat congratulated the students and talked about the need of humanistic vision in current scenario. More than 100 students and all the professors remained present and appreciated the efforts of the students. The motto of the Forum is "Humanism, Scientific Temper and Spirit of Enquiry. This forum is run by the students and for the students only the teachers and alumni guide them if need be.

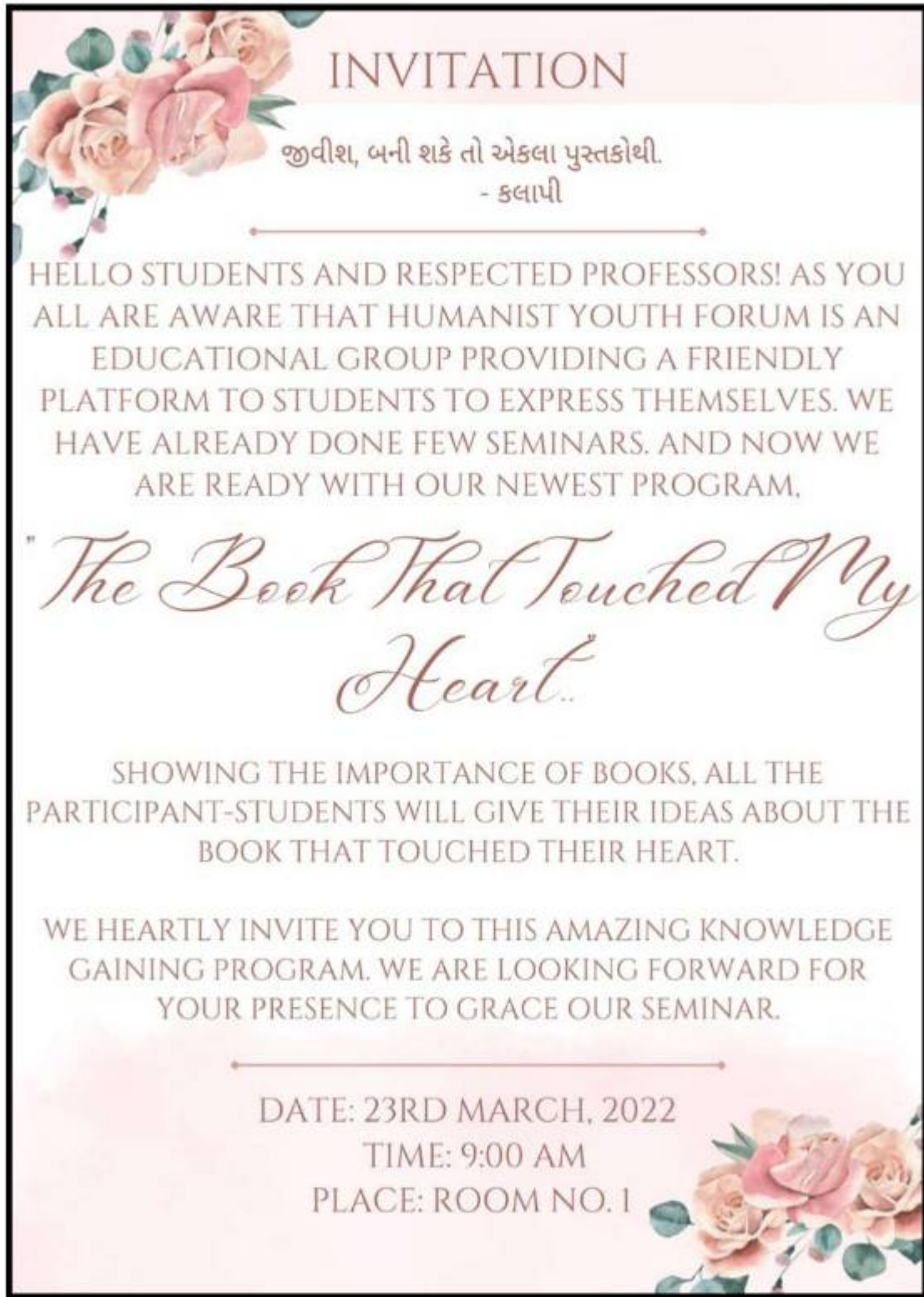


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lx1OaBmOUOA&t=2516s> (YouTube video link)



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4) Seminar on The book that touched my heart
23rd March, 2022



(Invitation card prepaid by Student)



Speaking on her favorite book



Sachin Chaudhary





Principal S.G. Chauhan -addressing the students



Mentor of the forum Pro.Mihir Dave-Addressing the students



Mentor of the forum Pro.Mihir Dave and students of the college.



Giving book to the students



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5) Visit of Exhibition

26th April, 2022

Exhibit visit at M.A.Parikh finearts and arts college, Palanpur Report

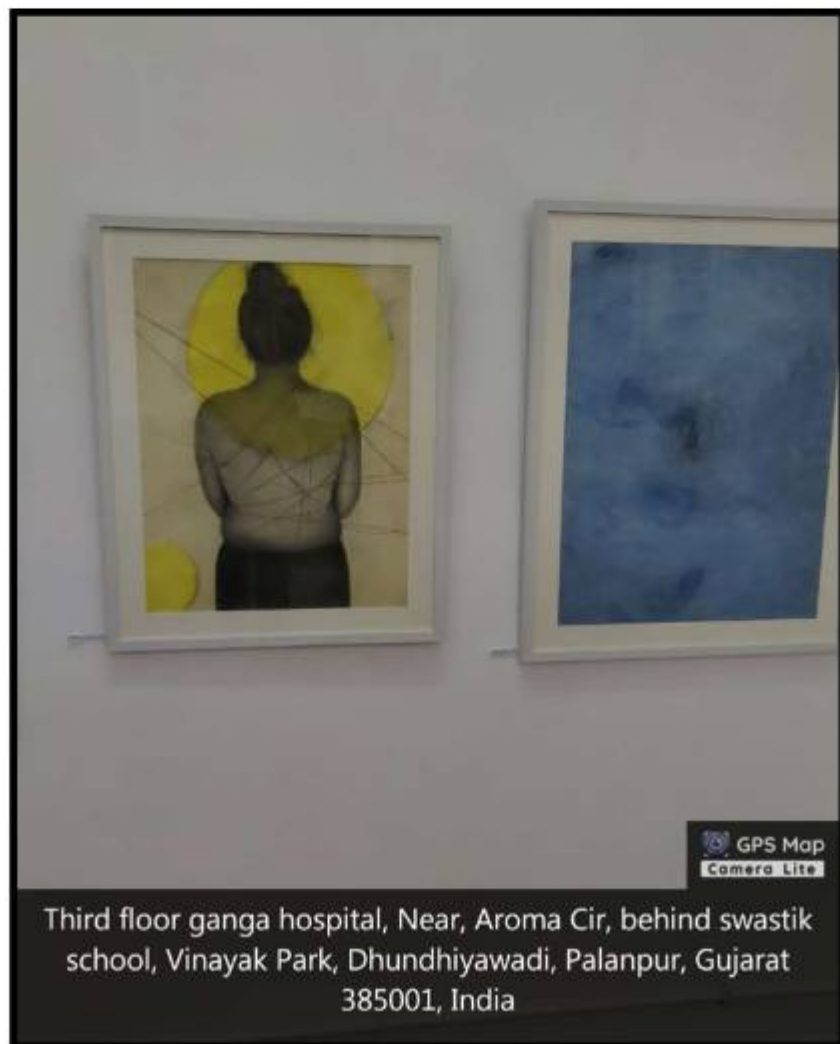
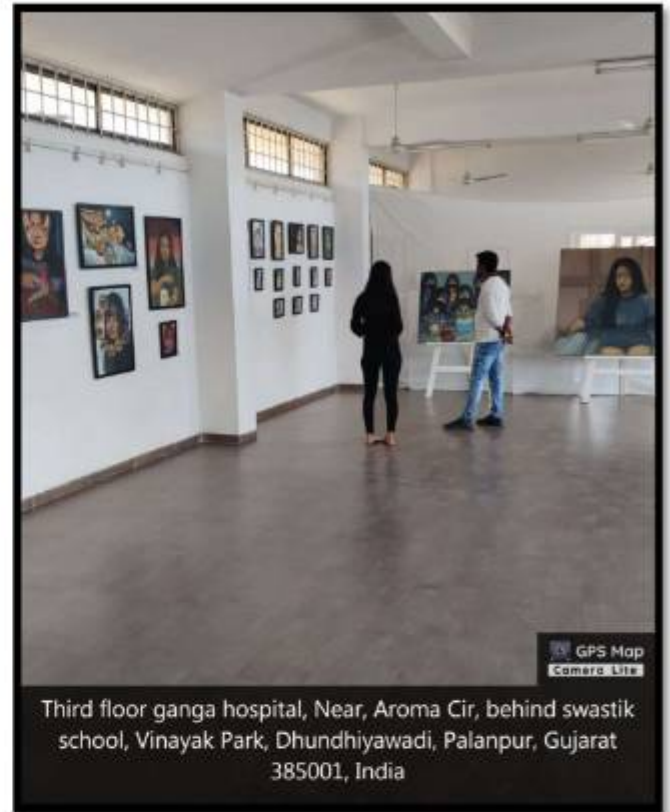
Curated by Humanist Youth Forum, April 26, 2022

On 26 April 2022, Humanist Youth Forum of G.D.Modi college of arts organized a picture exhibition program on campus college 'M.A.Parikh fine arts and arts college's premises. Pricipal Dr. S.G.Chauhan sir gave guidance to the students about the exhibition on this day. This exhibition was held by the fine arts department of M A Parikh Fine Arts and Arts College. The program started at 9:00 am. The principal, Vice-Principal and all faculty members were present at the exhibition. Students from every departments participated in the event and the exhibition was open to students from other colleges as well. Students presented different types of paintings which was also a major attraction. The paintings were about fashion, Sports, Still Life, Architectural, Wildlife, macro etc. These paintings looked very beautiful. The students were delighted to see these paintings. Dr.Mihir Dave along with the students surveyed the entire exhibition and also took details from the Respective Students about each of their paintings. Simultaneously, the people at the exhibition also thoroughly enjoyed the event. Every students enjoyed the visit and they understood the importance of painting and history and in present type and they could sense the strength of the paintings that how it can move us. Thus, this program was very happily ended.



Some memories of the visit.





Minutes of the meeting

Meeting - 1

A meeting of Humanist Youth Forum was held on 7th February, 2022. The agendas of the meeting are as below:

AGENDAS

- The very first purpose of the meeting is to bring a constant movement in the forum.
- To expand the idea of forum, the Committee will convey the ideas and activities of the forum to the students.
- To encourage more and more students from every department to join and participate.
- The first seminar will be on the idea "The Book That Touched My Heart", a kind of sharing views on the favourite book.
- To develop various skills such as listening, speaking, leadership skill, critical thinking and so on.
- To prepare the students to overcome their fears and step forward.

MINUTES

- By endorsing students to lead in the forum and keeping them active for constant movement and to come with new ideas and suggestions.

- The committee members made a contact with other department students and encouraged them to participate.

- The Committee announced a seminar and introduced the ideas of forum to the students and encouraged them to be a part of it.

- The Committee organized a seminar on the idea "The Book That Touched My Heart" and went successfully and proved worthy to bring students together.

- To develop various skills, several activities such as debates, dialogues, book reviews, speech competitions etc. will take place.

∴ Mintax

- Dr. Mihir Dave

∴ Committee Members

- Himalee Paurmay
- Rucha Vyas
- Ritik Singh
- Nidhip Paurmay
- Gautam Dave

Meeting - 2

A meeting of Humanist Youth Forum will be held on 15th March, 2022. The agendas of the meeting are as below:

AGENDAS

- The primary agenda of the meeting is to discuss the ways in which the ideas of the forum to be promoted broadly and conveyed on a large scale.
- The forum will look for the tactics and techniques to encourage the students for enthusiastic participation.
- The main agenda of the meeting is to take ideas from all the participants and discuss about the upcoming faculty activities to develop the students' personal, professional and intellectual abilities.

MINUTES

- The forum will establish subject wise 'Heads' in every department so that the ideas of the forum can be conveyed to the students easily and encourage them for participation.
- There will be President, who will command the secretary, under whom there will be heads from every department who will support all the activities and decide the upcoming events easily.

→ In the upcoming year,

- The forum will make an MOU with an NGO, so the students can have "Book Review" once in a month.
- There will be guest lectures on soft skills, social awareness as well as eco-friendly nature camps.
- The forum will also focus on writing and reading sessions and the outdoor activities to make the learning fun and interesting.
- The use of technology, environmental awareness, social awareness etc. will be main concern of the forum.

∴ Mentor

- Dr. Mihir Dave

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∴ Committee Members

- Himalee Parmar
- Rucha Vyas
- Ritik Singh
- Nidhip Parmar
- Govind Dave

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∴ Co-ordinators

- Vikrambhai Vajin

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Meeting - 3

A meeting of Humanist Youth Forum was held on date 19th July, 2022. The agendas of the meeting are as below:

AGENDAS

- The Forum will organize a conversational kind of program among the forum members to develop a better understanding and team work skills.
- The Forum will organize a trek, a kind of eco-friendly journey, where the members will trek, eat together, admire the nature and will learn the beauty of nature.

MINUTES

- The forum has decided to organize that conversational program, named 'Samvad Setu', in two parts, on date 2nd and 3rd August, 2022, from 8:30 to 10:00.
- The forum will organize and make all the arrangement of trekking on date 27 August, 2022, at a place near palampur, called Chhopra Village, in which students will see the natural beauty and learn to be careful with natural resources.

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Rucha Vyas	- Vice-President	10
Akhilendra Kumar	- General Secretary	10
Arjun Kumar		10
Muli Alpesh		10
Joshi Nidhi	- Joint Secretary	10
Muli Shilpa	- Organizing Secretary	10
Mukunda Anil		10
Saloni Arunika		10
Arbhi Jagrutika		10
Pawana Pooja		10
Gurpreet Nidhi		10
Ruchika Srushti		10
Shruti Himanshi		10
Shruti Sachin	- Chief Secretary	10
Kushwah Ritik Singh	- Vice-President	10

Thank you



**Humanist Youth Forum
Of
GD Modi College of Arts, Palanpur**