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Department of Gujarati

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Introduction

Brief History

Gujarati Department is an Integral Section of The Gujarat University. It was started-established in the year 1954. This department – section was known as ‘Gujarati Language and Literature’ in the beginning when it was started. Then after gradually other languages were included and introduced. Hence it was named and known as The School of Languages.

Shree Umashankar Joshi was the first pioneer and head of Gujarati section-department. He was a celebrated well known

poet and a critic. He was also awarded 'Gyanpith Award' for his Gujarati Poems. He was also honoured by 'Ranjitram Gold Medal'. He was also the vice-chancellor of The Gujarat University.

Dr. Prabodh Pandit was a famous-known scholar of linguistic science. He was honoured in the year 1967 by Sahitya Academy Award of Delhi and he had also received Ranjitram Chandrak- award in the year 1973. Pro. Anantrai Raval was a celebrated critic, professor and editor. He was given Ranjitram medal. He was also honoured by Sahitya Academy Award, Delhi in the year 1974.

Dr. Ramanlal Joshi was the critic and editor of Gujarati literature. He was once the president/chairman of The Gujarat Sahitya Academy. He was honoured by Sahitya Academy Award Delhi in the year 1984.

He was the Director of College Development Council in Gujarat University and was appointed-selected as an Emeritus Professor of/by U.G.C. in the year 1988. He had achieved the status/degree of Emeritus Professor.

Dr. Dhirubhai Parikh is a poet, critic and short story writer. He had received 'Kumar Chandrak (medal)' in the year 1971

Dr. Aniruddha Brahmbhatt was a critic and essayist – essay writer.

Dr. Mafat Oza was a critic and editor.

Dr. Shuman Shah then was a critic and editor. He has received the status of emeritus professor.

Dr. Chinu Modi is a poet and critic.

Dr. Kumarpal Desai then was honoured by 'Padmshree'. His research work is mainly in 'Madhyakalin'(Medival Age Period) of literature.

Dr. Satish Vyas is a dramatist and critic.

Dr. Prasad Brahmbhatt is a critic and also is an editor. Since 2005 he is rendering/offering his services as the Chief Director of Academic Staff College, Gujarat University.

Prof. Keshavram K. Shashtri, Dr. R.U. Jani, Shree Yashvant Shukla, Nagindas Parekh, Dr. Ramprashad Bakhi – all these brilliant professors have rendered/offered their services to this department.

All these distinguished personalities with their unique vision have helped to shape the department, help it grow and prosper and have enabled the present faculty to further develop the department according to present day needs.

Seminars

(1) Modernism and Comparative Literature	1980
(2) A seminar based on Sahitya Works of Rabindranath Tagore	1985
(3) A Seminar on Munshi Centenary	1989
(4) A Seminar on the literature/Sahitya creation on Pannalal Patel	1990
(5) A Seminar on the literature of the midival ages	2003

(6) Workshop on new syllabus 2006

(7) seminar on Bhashabhigamo and literature 2008

(8) seminar on medieval poetry 2009

(9) workshop on CBCS 2011 2012

Infrastructure & Facilities

The department uses the common facilities available to the other departments – such as class-rooms, departmental library, reading room, toilets etc. The department has one computer each for every faculty plus two printers. It also has an O.H.P. for presentation purpose.

Highlights

- The course/syllabus relating to M.Phil. is taught and is in process since 1978.
- About 100 students have obtained/gained Ph.D. degree up till 2011.
- About 270 students have got success in M.Phil. Course.

Courses Offered

COURSE 1

Course Name	: M.A. Gujarati
Course Type	: Grant – in Aid
Intake	: 100 Students
Eligibility	: Minimum 55%
Subject Offered	: 24 papers spread over 4 semesters.
Duration	: 2 Years
Course Commencement	: June-July
Admission Process	: By merit
Fees	: As per university guidelines. Scholarship facilities available to the students.
Course Offered at	: In the University School of Languages building.

Future Career

Opportunities : Teaching job at school & college level job as a translator and proof reader.

COURSE 2

Course Name : M.Phil

Course Type : (1) Grant-in Aid (2) Higher Payment

Intake : 12 students in each category.

Eligibility : Minimum 55%

Subject Offered : Paper-1 Research Methodology

Paper-2 Litroaroy Problems

Paper-3 Litroaroy Approaches

Paper-4 Dissertation

Specialization : Nil

Duration : 1 Year (For Theory) A Total of 2½ years for submitting dissertation
from the date of registration

Course Commencement : June (After M.A.- 2 results)

Admission Process : By Merit

Fees : As per university guidelines. Scholarship facilities available to the students.

Courses Offered At : In the University School of Languages building

Future Career

Opportunities : Teaching job at School, College & University level

Faculty

Name : Dr. (Mrs.) Kirtida S. Shah

Qualification : M.A., Ph.D.

Designation : Professor & HOD

Areas of Specialization : Gujarati, Linguistics, Manuscript Editing

Contact No. : 26302382 (O) 26305116 (R)

Books Authored : Eleven

Projects Undertaken : (1) Digitalisation of Bhagvadgomandal a gujarati encylopedia.
(2) Indian Languages Corpora Initiatives (ILCI) by Department of Information & Technology, Govt. of India.

Name : Mr. C. B. Koli
Qualification : M.A.
Designation : Lecturer
Areas of Specialization : Gujarati
Contact No. : 26302382 (O)
Books Authored : Two

Name : Mr. A. J. Vasava
Qualification : M.A., M.Phil.
Designation : Lecturer
Areas of Specialization : Gujarati
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Achievement : An Editor of Adilok a monthly magazine.