

- Mr. Ankit Mehta and Ms. Hiral Ranpura stood first and third respectively in the Swarnim Gujarat Elocution contest.
- Mr. Ankit Mehta and Ms. Ishita Shah stood first and second respectively in the Swarnim Gujarat essay writing competition.
- The Skit – “Life of Krantiguru Shyami Krishna Verma” played by the Department students won the Second Prize in Swarnim Gujarat.
- Students of the department participated and represented the University in the “Kutch Carnival”.
- Students took an initiative of voluntary donations for the poor people of the city during the winter season.
- Students of the department participated in various events, such as, IT Quiz, Cyber Crime, Programming , Logo designing etc. at the district level computing seminar AAYAN- 2010 organized by Sanskar Institute of Management and IT.
- Students of the department participated in various events, such as IT Quiz and Programming at H.L. College of Computer Applications, Ahmedabad.
- Students won second prize in Kabaddi (Boys) and third prize in Kabaddi (Girls) in the Swarnim Gujarat Khel Mahakumbh sports event.
- SY M.Sc. students visited Mount Abu as a part of a study tour.
- As many as 40 students participated in the Minaxi Lalit Science Quiz organized at the Department of Earth and Environment Sciences.
- Students stood third rank in the Swarnim Gujarat Pustak Anushilan contest.

11] Department of English

The Department of English has consistently endeavored to bring in academic excellence in the department and the university. The Department has tried to bring in a healthy academic environment since 2008 and this is evident today in 2011.

MENTORS AND SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE

The Department has constantly been interacting with leading academicians in India and the singular contributions by Dr. Nilufer Barucha Professor, University of Mumbai must be acknowledged. She has been a guiding force in the department and has come to the university to teach our students and to undertake the viva voce examinations also. She is one of the leading authorities in the world on Post colonial studies, Gender studies and Ethnic studies. She has a long and distinguished service in universities all over the world. The Department is deeply indebted to her for her guidance.

DR. SRIDHAR RAJESWARAN, PROFESSOR AND HEAD

Dr. Rajeswaran has eminently mentored the department and is one of the few Professors in India who has been recognized both for his critical scholarship and his contributions in creative writing. He is recognized for his scholarship in Gender studies, Yeats studies and Cultural Materialism studies. He is a recognized poet and he has been invited both as a scholar in residence abroad as well as in his capacity as

a poet. He has been invited by leading journals like Wasafiri to read his poetry at the India International center, London.

Currently he is a DAAD Professor in Germany and teaches at German Universities of Bonn, Cologne and Magdeburg which is a unique honor as the selection procedures are the most stringent in the world. Only eminent scholars are invited to occupy such chairs.

Dr. Sridhars's singular achievement has been the MOU's signed with the universities of Bonn, Magdeburg and Cologne which has resulted in research cooperation and inter student transfers. A large number of German students have visited the department and currently 4 students of our department are in Germany on an exchange programme. Within his care the department has flourished and 3 batches of students have passed out of the department.

INSTITUTION OF THE PhD PROGRAMME

The department has initiated the PhD programme in the Department and has conducted the entrance test in accordance with the new UGC guidelines. The emphasis is on higher research with quality controls and contemporary relevance.

DR. BALAJI RANGANATHAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPT. OF ENGLISH

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

1. Coordinated the Panel Discussion entitled 'Inter disciplinary panel discussion on Constructs of Home' organized by the KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj and WW University of Muenster Germany, 24-26th November, 2009.
2. Caste to Caste Consciousness: The Self and the Materiality of History and the Historicity of Texts, organized by Samyukta-The Journal of Women Studies, The centre of Women Studies, FCT Baroda and the University of Kerala, 14-17th December, 2009
3. The Lincoln Assassination: Journalistic Responses: 1865-1870 CE at the International conference organized by IIT Chennai and the Lincoln Bicentennial Committee and FCT Baroda titled : Lincoln without Borders", 19th -20th December, 2010, IIT Madras.
4. Participated in the International Seminar of Buddhist Heritage, Gujarat organized by the M.S. University Baroda and the Government of Gujarat, 15-17th January, 2010.
5. "*The Mask and the Symbolic: Searching for the self in Girish Karnad's Hayavadana and Tughlaq*, UGC SAP/DRS (Phase II) organized by the Sardar Patel University, Vallabhvidhyanager, 26th-28th February, 2010
6. "Shramanism in Early India", International Conference organized by the Comparative Literature Association of India (CLAI), Sahitya Academy New Delhi and the Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies, Saurashtra University, March 29th-31st, 2010.
7. "History of Migrations and its Consequences", organized by the Sourashtra Heritage Chair, Saurashtra University, 6th-7th March, 2010.

8. Participated in a one day Seminar on the “ State Of The Environment And Climate Change in Gujarat”, held by the Kachchh University, 24th September, 2010.
9. “Orientalism and the Gita Govinda Tradition”, the Tenth Biennial International Conference of the Comparative Literature Association of India hosted _____ by _____ the Central University, Gandhinagar, 3rd -6th March.

WORKSHOPS:

1. Participated in the 2 day workshop for M.A. Comparative literature syllabus framing held by the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University on the 25th , 26th April, 2009.
2. Participated in the workshop for B.A. and M.A. English literature syllabus framing held by the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University on the 27th April, 2009.
3. “Cosmopolitan Self: From the Local to South Asian Dialectics”, a workshop entitled “Reinterpreting the State”, organized by the Centre for Comparative European Union Studies, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, 28th June-3rd July, 2010
4. Participated in a one day workshop on “Research Orientation and Preparation of Research Proposals”, organized by the NME ICT and the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat.

BOOKS PUBLISHED

- 1) Ranganathan, Balaji. *Orientalism and India* .Creative: New Delhi, 2009

PUBLISHED PAPERS

1. Ranganathan, Balaji. Francisco Louis Gomes Os Brahmanes and Anglo Indian society. Routledge: New Delhi, 2011.
2. Ranganathan, Balaji. The Lincoln Assination: Journalistic Responses from Around the World. Abraham Lincoln Without Borders: Lincoln’s Legacy outside the United States. New Delhi: Pencraft International, 2011.

RESOURCE PERSON INVITATIONS

- 1) Was invited as a resource person at the UGC SAP/DRS (Phase II) Seminar organized by the the Sardar Patel University, Vallabhvidhyanager, 26th-28th February, 2010.
- 2) Was invited as a resource person for the National Conference titled “Understanding Indian Culture through British Eyes” organized by the N.S. Patel Arts College, Anand, 11th- 12th March, 2011.
- 3) Was invited as a resource person for the National conference titled “ Theory and Post Theory” organized by the Sardar Patel University, Department of English, 17th- 18th March, 2011.

CHAIR IN CONFERENCES

1. Chaired at the International Conference organized by the Comparative Literature Association of India (CLAI), Sahitya Academy New Delhi and the

Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies, Saurashtra University, March 29th-31st, 2010

2. Chaired at the resource person for the National Conference titled “Understanding Indian Culture through British Eyes” organized by the N.S. Patel Arts College, Anand, 11th- 12th March, 2011.
3. Chaired at the National conference titled “ Theory and Post Theory” organized by the Sardar Patel University, Department of English, 17th- 18th March, 2011.

Dr. Hitesh Raviya , Associate Professor

Research Papers Published :

1. “*English For Specific Purposes (ESP) : A Developing Branch of English Language Teaching*” UNIVERSITY NEWS, (ISSN: 0566- 2257), Vol.47 No. 12, March 23-29, 2009 Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi.
2. “*Teachers and their Roles*” UNIVERSITY NEWS, (ISSN: 0566-2257), Vol.47 No. 20, May 18-24, 2009 Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi.
3. “A Denunciation of Utilitarianism and Laissez Faire Theory in Charles Dickens’ *Hard Times*” THE ATLANTIC LITERARY REVIEW, (ISSN: 0972-3269) Vol.10, No.3, July-September 2009, Atlantic Publishers and Distributors (P) Ltd, New Delhi.
4. “Colonial and Postcolonial Perspectives in Joseph Conrad’s *Heart of Darkness*”, Sp@rk, International Online eJournal (ISSN: 0975-7929), Vol-II, Issue-3, February, 2010, Gujarat, India.
5. “Manifestation of Upper Class in Oscar Wilde’s *The Importance of Being Earnest*” NOTIONS, *A Peer Reviewed International Quarterly of English Literature and Language*, (ISSN: 0976-5247), Vol: 1, No: 2, 2010, Anu Books, Meerut, India.
6. “*English For Specific Purposes (ESP) : A Developing Branch of EFL*” in “*English Language Teaching: Recent Approaches*” edited by Mohit Ray, published by Atlantic Publishers and Distributors Ltd, New Delhi. 2010.
7. “Manners and Morals of Aristocrat Society in Wilde’s *A Woman of No Importance*” NOTIONS, *A Peer Reviewed International Quarterly of English Literature and Language*, (ISSN: 0976-5247), Vol: II, No: 1, March 2011, Anu Books, Meerut, India.

Published Books :

1. Advanced English for College Students (ISBN: 023-063-967-4) published in 2009 by Macmillan Publishers India Limited, New Delhi.
2. Advanced Prose for College Students (ISBN: 023-032-789-3) published in 2009 by Macmillan Publishers India Limited, New Delhi.

Conferences/ Workshop/ Symposium Attended :

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS:

1. Participated in the UGC Sponsored International Seminar on “Impact of Indian Diaspora” organized by Centre for Indian Diaspora, P. G. Department of Sociology, Sardar Patel University, (Gujarat) on 18 February, 2009 and presented a paper on “*Love For Motherland in Sujata Bhatt’s Poetry*”.
2. Participated in the International Workshop on “English for Progress: Third Policy Dialogue form policy to Practice” organized by British Council, a division of British High commission, New Delhi, from 18 to 19 December, 2009 held at Hotel Hyatt Regency, New Delhi.
3. Participated in the International Conference on “Constructs of Home” jointly organized by KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj, India and WW University of Muenster, Germany from 24 to 26 November, 2009 and actively participated in the Panel Discussion.
4. Participated in the UGC-Sponsored International National Seminar on “*Gujarati Diaspora on Global Platform : Perceptions, Contribution and Experiences*” organized by Centre for Indian Diaspora, P. G. Department of Sociology, Sardar Patel University, (Gujarat) on 9 January, 2010 and presented a research paper on “*Love for Motherland in Adam Tankarvi’s Gujlish Gazals*”.
5. Participated in the International National Conference on “*International Media in Pedagogy: Learning English In and Beyond Classrooms*” organized by H M Patel Institute English Training and Research, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat from 8 to 10 January, 2010 and presented a research paper on “*M-Learning: Teaching and Learning in the Wireless Classrooms*”.
6. Participated in the 9th AsiaCALL International National Conference on “CALL, WEB, 2.0 and Beyond” organized by H M Patel Institute English Training and Research, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat and the Asia Association of Computer Assisted Language Learning from 29th November to 01 December, 2010 and presented a research paper on “The Virtual University : Borderless Higher Education in India”.

7. Participated in the International Conference on “*Celebrating 50th Year of Swarnim Gujarat: The Role of Gujarati Diaspora*” organized by The UGC Area Study Centre for Indian Diaspora and Cultural Studies”, Hemchandraya North Gujarat University, Patan and The NRG Foundation, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar between 02 January and 02 January 2011 and presented a research paper on “Socio-economic, Educational , and Religious Contribution of NRG in making Kachchh Global”
8. Participated in the Tenth Biennial International Conference of Comparative Literature Association of India” organized by Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar and co-sponsored UGC, New Delhi, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, between 03 March and 06 March 2011 and presented a research paper on “The Discourse of the ‘self’ and ‘other’ in Joseph Conrad’s *The Heart of Darkness* and E M Forster’s *A Passage of India*”

NATIONAL CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS:

9. Participated in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Social Transformation Through Indian Diaspora” organized by Centre for Indian Diaspora, P. G. Department of Sociology, Sardar Patel University, (Gujarat) on 29 March, 2009 and presented a paper on “*Social Transformation of Karamsad Through Diaspora*”.
10. *Participated in A Two-day UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Representation Community, Culture and Ideology in Gujarati, Hindi, and Indian English Literatures 1990s Onward”* under UGC-SAP DRS (Phase -I) organized by Department of English, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar from 30 to 31 March, 2009.
11. Participated in “*A Short Term Course on Research Paper Writing in Languages*” organized by UGC Academic Staff College, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, from 22 to 24 January, 2010.
12. *Participated in A Three-day National Seminar on “Literary Representation of Social Change in the Novels and Plays Published in Gujarati, Hindi, and Indian English Literatures between 1971 and 1981”* under UGC-SAP DRS (Phase: II) organized by Department of English, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar from 26 to 28 February, 2010 and presented a research paper on “The Expatriate Sensibility in Bharati Mukherjee’s *The Tiger’s Daughter* and *Wife*”.
13. Participated in A NAAC Sponsored National Seminar on “*Quality Management and Global Challenges in Higher Education*” organized by

- Uma Arts and Nathiba Commerce Mahila College, Gandhinagar from 06 to 07 August, 2010 and presented a research paper on “ A Virtual University : A Changing Face of Higher Education in India”.
14. Participated in “*A Short Term Course in Translation*” organized by UGC Academic Staff College, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, from 20 to 25 September, 2010.
 15. *Participated in A National Seminar on “Contribution of Dr. Ambedkar in Indian Society”* organized by Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Adhyayan Ekam Prakalp (Chair), Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar on 11 October, 2010 and presented a research paper on “Linguistic Discourse in Writings of Dr. Ambedkar”.
 16. *Participated in A Three-day National Seminar on “Literary Representation of Social Change in the Novels and Plays Published in Gujarati, Hindi, and Indian English Literatures between 1982 and 1992”* under UGC-SAP DRS (Phase: II) organized by Department of English, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar from 28 to 30 January, 2011 and presented a research paper on “The Discourse of ‘Love’ and ‘Marriage’ in Shashi Deshpande’s *Roots and Shadows* and Namita Gokhle’s *Paro: Dreams of Passion.*”.

STATE LEVEL CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS:

17. Participated as a subject expert in “Three Days Workshop for Writing Modules for the Secondary Teachers of English in Gujarat” organized by Gujarat State School Textbook Board, Gandhinagar from 04 to 06 January, 2010.
18. Participated as a Key Resource Person and subject expert in “Three Days Training Programme for the School Teachers of English in Gujarat” organized by the office of the Commissioner of Schools and District Education Office, Anand from 28 to 30 April, 2010.
19. Participated in “One Day Workshop on Choice Based Credit System” organized by Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, on 5th May 2010, at KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj.
20. Participated in “One Day Workshop on Research Orientation and Preparation of Research Proposal under NME-ICT” jointly organized KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj, and Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, on 9th July, 2010.