

“The idea of a sustained and structured culture connect between people of different regions was mooted by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji during the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas held on 31st October, 2015”

Introduction

The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) initiative was announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi on 3rd October 2015 on the occasion of the 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The program is fundamentally designed to create awareness among people about the art, culture, history, tradition, education, language, etc. There will be an exchange of art, culture, history, tradition, education, language, etc. between different States/UTs. Pair of two States/UTs has been made at the central level. Under this initiative, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh states have been paired with each other. One of the fundamental aims of this scheme is to understand the art, culture, history, tradition of different states and country. It will enhance the attachment between people of different states and will strengthen unity and integrity of India. Hence, our Prime Minister has said, सरदार वल्लभ भाई पटेल ने हमें एक भारत दिया, अब यह १२५ करोड़ भारतीयों की जिम्मेदारी है कि भारत को श्रेष्ठ बनाये (Sardar Patel gave us Ek Bharat, now its solemn duty of 125 crore Indians to make it Shreshtha Bharat). In this way, all the states and its people will connect with one other in next few years. In the first stage, students are the focus of this initiative. The potential students will be selected for this initiative and they need to travel to the paired state to learn and understand the art, culture, history, tradition the bond among students at institution large. It will strengthen the unity and integrity of India.

Aims and Objective of the EBSB

Aim

The fundamental aim of EBSB is to expose students to the art, culture, history, tradition, education, language etc. of different States/UTs of the country.

Objectives

- To celebrate Unity in Diversity of our Nation and to maintain and strengthen the fabric of traditionally existing emotional bonds between the people of our Country;
- To promote spirit of national integration through a deep and structured engagement between all Indian States and Union Territories through a year-long planned engagement between States;
- To showcase the rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions of either State for enabling people to understand and appreciate the diversity that is India, thus fostering a sense of common identity;
- To establish long-term engagements and To create an environment which promotes learning between States by sharing best practices and experiences.

EK Bharat Shreshtha Bharat 2020-2021

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Scheme is an important scheme of the Government of India. Under the scheme, a pairing of Guru Ghasidas University and Central University of Gujarat has been made. Since March 2020, there has been a situation of lockdown all over the world due to Covid-19 pandemic. Due to general covid-19 protocols and many other administrative restrictions, the activities of the scheme are being not carried out. In the session 2020-21, the following on-line or digitalized programs were organized in Guru Ghasidas University under the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Scheme-

1. An on-line meeting of EBSB Club was organized on 26th July. In the meeting, the outline of various activities was prepared.
2. An on-line session of Gujarati language was attended by 25 students of various Departments from 20th April 2020 to 27th April 2020.
3. An on-line session of Chhattisgarhi language learning program had been organized by Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya on 21st August 2020 to 28th August 2020. This program was specially organized for the students of Central University of Gujarat.
4. On 10/02/2021, an on-line competition for making Gujarati food was organized. In this competition, the students had to make a 3-minute video of any one Gujarati dish made by themselves. 18 students created and submitted their videos in the competition.
5. The created video link was shared with students based on video multiple choice questions created and uploaded as Google form and the Google form link was shared with all students. Exam was conducted from 15th to 18th August 2021. More than 250 students participated in quiz competition. Total of 47 students out of 57 scored more than 50 marks, 73 students scored more than 40 marks. These selected students will be taken to Chhattisgarh for next event after lockdown situation by further scrutiny through one more quiz competition.
6. A quiz competition had been organized on culture, heritage, history and art of Chhattisgarh on 7/09/2021 through Google forms. Multiple choice questions created and uploaded as Google forms and the Google forms link was shared with all students of Gujarat and Chhattisgarh both.
7. In this competition, about 279 students participated from Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Shree Dhanvantary Pharmacy College, Kim, Surat

(Gujarat) and Gujarat Central University, Gujarat out of which 111 secured more than 50% marks and got certificates. The quiz competition was organized with the help of Mr. Agnivesh Pandey, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Technology, School of Studies in Engineering and Technology, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya.

8. Dr. Vivekananda Mandal delivered a lecture through online mode on “Hands on Training on Indian Patent Filing and Document Handling” under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme on 09.09.2021. More than 70 participants joined the programme through Google Meet. Students and faculty from GGV and from the pairing institute Dhanvantraai College of Pharmacy and Gujarat Central University, Gujarat joined the programme. In the one and a half hour lecture, Dr. Mandal vividly explained the different steps involved in Indian Patent filing and preparation of documents regarding the same. Dr. Mandal also highlighted the legal aspects with sufficient clarity on the technical aspects involved in online filing of patent and fees. At the end of the lecture, Dr. Mandal handled the queries of the participants and also discussed certain case studies. The programme ended with vote of thanks from the Dr. R. Mehta, Nodal Officer of the said event.

Ekta Diwas

9. On the occasion of “International Non-Violence Day” and *Ekta Diwas*, a rally had been organized on 2nd October, 2021. The faculty members and non teaching staff along with NCC and NSS cadets of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya participated in this rally. The rally started from the statue of Shri Lal Bahadu Shastri and ended at Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar, where Honourable Vice-Chancellor of the University blessed the audience with his speech.
10. Every year on 31st October, birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, is celebrated as Unity day. To celebrate the occasion, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat team of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (GGV), Bilaspur organized an Inter-Institutional debate competition on the topic “**The geographical extent and state progress of the nation are complementary to each other**”. Other participating institutes were from partner state, Gujarat, namely “Central

University of Gujarat (CUG)", Gandhinagar and "Shree Dhanvantari Pharmacy College (SDPC)", KIM Surat.

After preliminary selection at the institutional level, 11 participants were selected for the final competition (5 from CUG, 4 from GGV and 2 from SDPC).

Due to Covid-19 pandemic situation, final competition was held in online mode on 27th October, 2021 from 4:00 PM. All the participants presented their thoughts, either in favour or against the motion, in a very effective manner. Competition was judged by Prof. Diwakar Singh Rajput from Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.); Dr. Anand Deshmukh from Shree Dhanvantari Pharmacy College, KIM Surat (Guj.); Dr. Manish Shrivastava from Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur (C. G.) and Dr. Shrish Kumar Tiwari from Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar (Guj.). Judges listened to the participant's deliberations and gave their verdict. They also shared their thought about the topic and participant's presentation. They also gave valuable suggestions for participants for further improvements. On the basis of the judges' verdict, winners of the competition were "Sambhavi Tiwari and Shubham Pathak" from Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (in favour) and "Anushka Singh and Hitesh Kumar Meena" from Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya and Central University of Gujarat respectively (in oppose). Competition was organized by a team comprising of faculty members namely Dr. Bhaskar Chaurasia, Dr. Vibhay Nath Tripathi and Dr. Vikas Chandra.

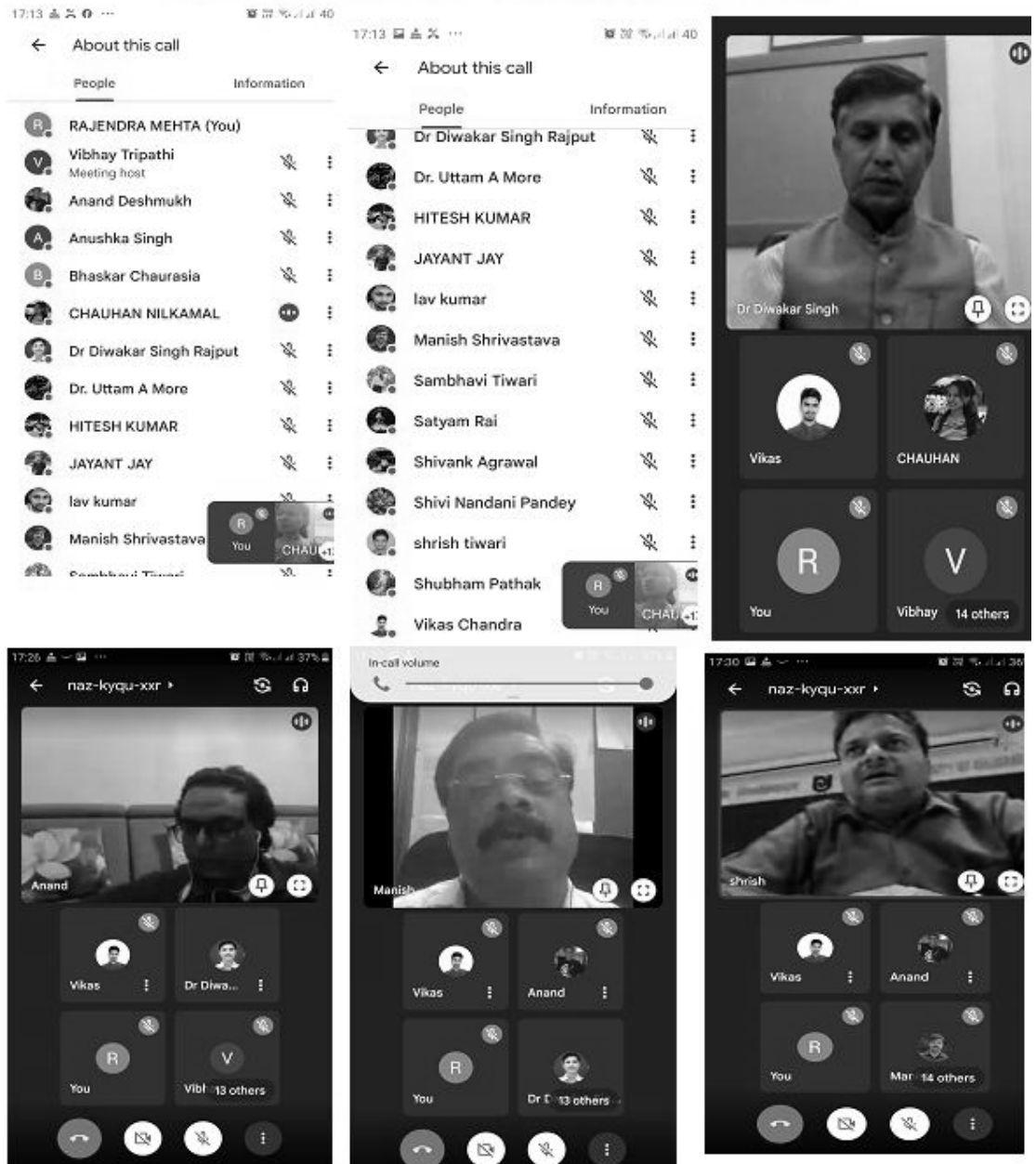
11. National Unity Day is popularly known as *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas*. The 31st October is the 146th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He was a famous personality for uniting the entire nation. National Unity Day is observed on the 31st October every year all over India. It is celebrated to memorize the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who united the nation. For celebration of this occasion, Committee of EK BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARAT, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur (CG) organized an ONLINE Quiz competition on 28/10/2021 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in which total 537 students have participated from the pairing institute Shree Dhanvantary Pharmacy College, Kim, Surat (Gujarat) and Gujarat Central University, Gujarat. The average score was 78.43. Students who have successfully completed this quiz received a certificate. Competition was organized by Dr. Agnivesh Pandey, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Technology,

School of Studies in Engineering and Technology, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya.

12. On 07th February, 2022, **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed between Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur and Sourashtra University, Rajkot (Gujarat) in the presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal of GGV and Acting Vice chancellor of Sourashtra University Prof. G.C. Bhimani, Registrar and other university officials.



Online Debate Competition 2021



Online Faculty Exchange Program 2021

