



## A Report on Orientation Program-2024 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024

**Level: - University**

**Category: - Orientation Program**

**Date: - 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024**

**No. of Participants: First Year Students of various streams (Engineering, Science, Pharmacy, Liberal Study, Law, Arts, Commerce, Management)**

**Mode: -Offline**

### **Objectives:**

The Orientation Programme aims to foster the holistic development of students by nurturing well-rounded personalities committed to academic excellence and dedicated to serving society and the nation. It encourages the application of modern technology and innovative methods to address socioeconomic challenges, while also promoting an understanding of the relationship between technology and society. A key objective is to instill human values in students to help them grow into responsible, ethical, and compassionate individuals. The programme also addresses common student concerns such as peer pressure, hostel and settlement issues by creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment. It helps students discover their interests and inner potential, build meaningful connections with peers and faculty, and develop a broader perspective on life. Through interactive activities and engagement, the Orientation Programme motivates students to pursue academic excellence, strengthens their character, and prepares them to meet personal and professional challenges with confidence and integrity.

### **About the Programme:**

The Orientation Programme for the new batch of students at Gandhinagar University was a thoughtfully organized and engaging event aimed at welcoming students and helping them transition smoothly into university life. The programme began with registration, where students were warmly greeted and provided with essential materials and schedules.

The inaugural session commenced with the lamp lighting ceremony and a prayer, followed by a soulful Ganesha Vandana, setting a spiritual and positive tone for the day. This was followed by an introduction to Gandhinagar University, acquainting the students with the institution's vision, mission, and academic culture.

Esteemed dignitaries addressed the gathering, including the Hon'ble President-Shri Haresh Rohera, Vice President-Ms. Vinita Rohera, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor- Dr Kamlesh V N, and the Deputy Registrar, who shared inspiring insights and encouraged students to aim for excellence. A brief introduction of the Registrar, Deans, Principals, and Heads of Institutions (HoIs) helped students become familiar with the academic leadership of the university.

The day also included a rejuvenating session conducted by the Art of Living as well as promoting mental well-being and emotional balance among students by Dr. Parth Vaishnav- Co-Director, Samvedna Minds LLP. An informative session was held on Artificial Intelligence (AI) modules, introducing students to future-oriented learning opportunities integrated into their curriculum.

A special moment of honor was the felicitation of the guest of the day, Mr. Manan Desai, a well-known comedian and alumnus. The cultural segment featured a lively dance performance titled "Dil Me Base Gandhinagar University", celebrating student enthusiasm and university pride. This was followed by an entertaining stand-up comedy act by Mr. Desai, adding humor and vibrancy to the day.

To recognize academic and co-curricular excellence, the Student of the Year Award was presented, inspiring new students to strive for distinction. The event continued with an interactive session with senior students, providing the newcomers valuable insights and experiences. A short note on the Students Handbook was shared to familiarize students with institutional guidelines and resources.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks to all contributors and participants, followed by the National Anthem, fostering a sense of unity and patriotism.

Overall, the Orientation Programme was a blend of information, inspiration, and entertainment, effectively setting the stage for a fulfilling academic journey at Gandhinagar University. The entire program of orientation was designed by Ms. Vinita Rohera, Vice President. and successfully conducted by Dr. Sneha Patel, Chairperson of the Programme.

In parallel with the student sessions, a dedicated segment was organized for parents, recognizing their vital role in a student's academic journey. The day began with the arrival of parents at the Seminar Hall, followed by an introduction to Gandhinagar University, giving them a comprehensive overview of the institution's values, infrastructure, and educational vision. A brief but insightful session on Artificial Intelligence (AI) modules was also presented, offering parents a glimpse into the cutting-edge academic tools their children will engage with. The Art of Living session provided techniques for managing stress and enhancing mental well-being, valuable for both students and parents. After a short refreshment break, parents attended an engaging talk on "Happy Parenting Hacks" by Dr. Ratna Bhatt, which offered practical advice and emotional support for navigating the challenges of parenting young adults. This was followed by an interactive session

with departmental faculties, allowing parents to meet the educators responsible for their children's academic growth.

The evening concluded with an informal gathering at the Open Air Theatre, offering a relaxed atmosphere for families, faculty, and students to interact, fostering a sense of community and belonging within the university.

### Photo Gallery:



Lamp Lightening Ceremony at the Orientation



Performance of Ganesha Vandana



GU Dance performance on the stage



Introduction of GU Handbook





Stand Up Comedy by Mr. Manan Desai



Parents' Orientation



Invited talk by Dr. Parth Vaishnav- Co-Director, Samvedna Minds LLP



Felicitations for Best Student of the year