

A Journey through Gujarat's Language, Culture and Tradition: The Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp (BBSC) 2026

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In accordance with the initiative to promote the spirit of "Learn One More Bharatiya Bhasha," SB Patil Public School, Ravet, successfully organised a two-day Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp (BBSC) 2026 on 29th June and 30th June, 2026.

The camp was conducted with the objective of encouraging students to appreciate India's rich linguistic and cultural diversity. It provided a joyful and interactive platform for learners to explore the Indian language Gujarati, other than their mother tongue, while developing basic conversational skills. Through engaging activities, students experienced the beauty of Bharatiya Bhashas and gained a deeper understanding of the country's diverse cultural heritage.

The two-day camp included a variety of activities such as basic conversational practice, vocabulary-building games, storytelling, songs, cultural presentations, role plays, quizzes, and group discussions. These activities created an enjoyable learning environment and motivated students to communicate confidently in the Gujarati language.

Activity 1 Topic: Basic Greetings and Expressions, Alphabets, Numbers, Signatures, etc.



Faculty member, Ms. Payal Shah explained basic Gujarati language words and simple sentences to the students with the help of a projector. She introduced common greetings, everyday expressions, the Gujarati alphabet, numbers, and signatures. The visual presentation helped students understand the concepts more effectively and encouraged them to practice speaking and recognizing basic Gujarati words.



During the camp, students learned basic Gujarati greetings and everyday expressions such as "Kem Cho?" (How are you?), "Majama Chhu" (I am fine), "Aabhar" (Thank you), "Krupaya" (Please), and "Aavjo" (Goodbye). They also learned the names of colours, numbers, fruits, vegetables, family members, days of the week, and common classroom objects in Gujarati. Students practised introducing themselves, asking simple questions, and engaging in short everyday conversations through role plays and interactive activities. They sang Gujarati songs, listened to stories, and explored aspects of Gujarat's culture, traditions, festivals, food, and folk dances, making language learning enjoyable and meaningful.

Students participated enthusiastically throughout the camp and displayed keen interest in learning new words, greetings, and simple everyday conversations in Gujarati. The sessions fostered mutual respect for different languages and cultures, reinforcing the values of Unity in Diversity.

Activity 2 Topic: Virtual City Tour of Gujarat and Real-Life Conversation Practice



For the second activity of the Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp, the teachers conducted a virtual city tour of Gujarat with the help of a projector. Students explored major cities such as Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, and Gandhinagar, along with renowned landmarks and cultural attractions. The session introduced students to Gujarat's rich heritage, traditions, festivals, cuisine, and places of historical and cultural significance through engaging visual presentations.

To enhance practical language learning, students participated in real-life conversation activities based on everyday situations. They practised simple Gujarati dialogues related to introducing themselves, travelling, asking for and giving directions, shopping, greeting people, and seeking basic information. Role plays and interactive speaking exercises encouraged students to use Gujarati confidently in real-life contexts, strengthening their communication skills while fostering an appreciation for the language and culture of Gujarat.

Activity 3 Topic: Art Activity – Bandhani Dyeing and Garba Celebration

The third activity of the Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp was dedicated to experiencing the rich cultural heritage of Gujarat through art and dance. Students enthusiastically participated in a Bandhani dyeing activity using cloth and fabric dyes. They learned the traditional tie-and-dye technique by tying the fabric in different patterns before applying the colours. Through this hands-on activity, students gained an understanding of the cultural significance of Bandhani, one of Gujarat's renowned traditional art forms, while enhancing their creativity, fine motor skills, and artistic expression.

To further celebrate Gujarati culture, students and teachers participated in a lively Garba dance session. Students came dressed in colourful traditional Gujarati attire, adding vibrancy and authenticity to the celebration. They performed Garba along with their teachers, enjoying the rhythmic folk music and dance while learning about its cultural importance. The celebration created a joyful atmosphere, encouraged active participation, and strengthened students' appreciation of Gujarat's rich traditions and cultural heritage.



Activity 4 Topic: Local Cuisines – Names of Spices, Vegetables, Fruits, and Bhel Making Activity



The fourth activity of the Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp focused on introducing students to the rich culinary heritage of Gujarat. Students learned and explained the Gujarati names of commonly used foods, spices, vegetables, and fruits. They also introduced popular Gujarati dishes such as Dhokla, Thepla, Khandvi, Fafda, Jalebi, Handvo, and Khakhra, and practised using the newly learned vocabulary in simple Gujarati sentences and conversations. This activity helped improve their pronunciation, vocabulary, and confidence in using the Gujarati language in everyday contexts.

To make the learning experience more enjoyable and interactive, students enthusiastically participated in a Bhel Making Activity. They prepared bhel by mixing various ingredients while identifying and speaking the names of the ingredients in Gujarati. The hands-on activity encouraged teamwork, creativity, and practical language learning. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, making the session both educational and memorable while fostering an appreciation for Gujarat's food culture.

Activity 5 Topic: Culture Appreciation, Development of Listening Skills, and Awareness about Local Heroes, Freedom Fighters, Artists, and Eminent Personalities

The fifth activity of the Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp was dedicated to fostering cultural appreciation and enhancing students' listening and communication skills through engaging performances. Students presented a meaningful skit on Mahatma Gandhi, portraying important events from his life, his principles of truth and non-violence, and his invaluable contribution to India's freedom movement. The performance helped students develop a deeper understanding of Gandhiji's ideals while highlighting his strong connection with the state of Gujarat.



Students also enthusiastically sang Gujarati rhymes and folk songs, which helped improve their listening, pronunciation, and speaking skills in the Gujarati language. Through these activities, they became familiar with Gujarati vocabulary, rhythm, and expressions in an enjoyable and interactive manner. The day's activities encouraged active participation, teamwork, confidence, and creativity while strengthening students' appreciation of Gujarat's rich cultural heritage, inspiring personalities, and linguistic traditions.

Activity 6 Topic: Knowledge of History and Geography – Rivers, Mountains, and Historical Monuments



The sixth activity of the Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp focused on exploring the history and geography of Gujarat. Using a projector, the teachers presented a detailed map of the state, highlighting its major rivers, mountain ranges, districts, and important geographical features. Students identified significant rivers such as the Narmada, Tapi, Sabarmati, and Mahi, along with notable mountain ranges including the Gir Hills and Aravalli Range.

The session also introduced students to Gujarat's renowned historical monuments and heritage sites, including Rani ki Vav (Patan), the Statue of Unity, Somnath Temple, Dwarkadhish Temple, Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park, and Sabarmati Ashram. Through visual presentations and interactive discussions, students gained a deeper understanding of the state's geographical diversity, historical importance, and rich cultural heritage.

The activity enhanced students' map-reading skills, general knowledge, and appreciation of Gujarat's history and geography while strengthening their connection with the language and culture of the state.

Activity 7 Topic: Traditional Games, Motivation, and Closure

The seventh and concluding activity of the Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp celebrated the vibrant culture and traditions of Gujarat through a creative Uttarayan (Kite Festival) activity. Students enthusiastically prepared colourful kites using craft materials and learned about the significance of Uttarayan, one of Gujarat's most celebrated festivals. The activity introduced them to the customs, traditions, and festive spirit associated with kite flying, while encouraging creativity, teamwork, and artistic expression.





Students also participated in traditional games and interactive activities that promoted cooperation, sportsmanship, and joyful learning. A concluding discussion was held on Gujarat's rich cultural heritage, language, festivals, art, and traditions, motivating students to appreciate and preserve India's diverse cultural legacy.

The camp concluded with students sharing their learning experiences and reflecting on the importance of multilingualism and cultural harmony. The closing session inspired them to continue learning Gujarati and to uphold the spirit of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" by respecting and celebrating the linguistic and cultural diversity of the nation.

The Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp (BBSC) 2026 concluded successfully with enthusiastic participation from all students and teachers. Throughout the two-day camp, students developed basic communication skills in the Gujarati language while exploring the state's rich culture, traditions, history, geography, art, cuisine, festivals, music, and folk dance through a variety of engaging and experiential activities.



The camp provided a joyful learning environment where students confidently learned Gujarati greetings, everyday conversations, vocabulary, songs, rhymes, and cultural practices. Activities such as Bandhani dyeing, Garba dance, Bhel making, kite-making for Uttarayan, role plays, skits, virtual tours, and map-based learning made language acquisition meaningful, interactive, and enjoyable.

The initiative successfully promoted multilingualism, cultural awareness, respect for India's linguistic diversity, and the spirit of "Learn One More Bharatiya Bhasha". It also reinforced the vision of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat", inspiring students to appreciate, preserve, and celebrate the rich cultural and linguistic heritage of our nation beyond the classroom.