



**GUJARAT
TECHNOLOGICAL
UNIVERSITY**
AN INTERNATIONAL INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY
(Accredited with A+ Grade by NAAC)



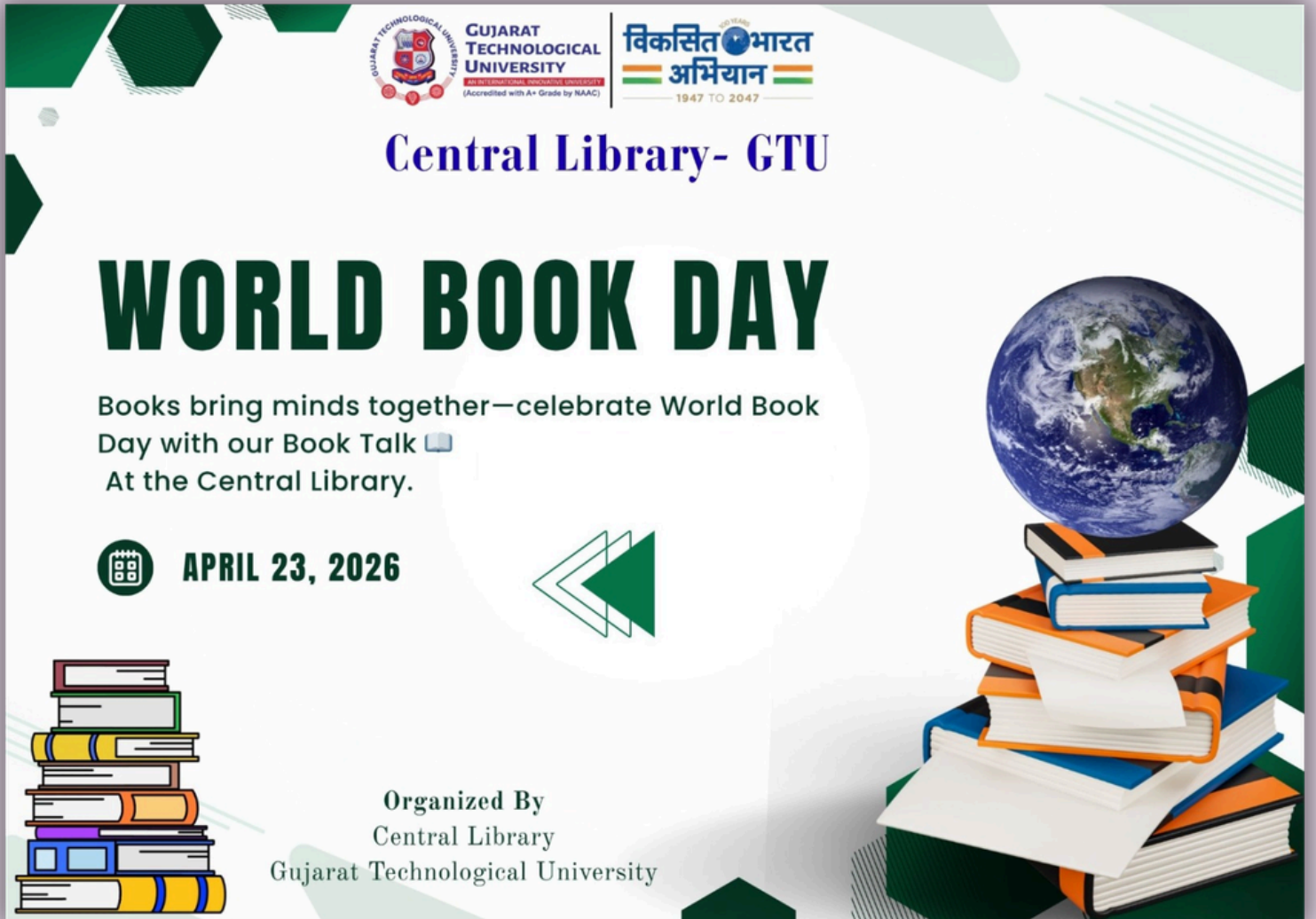
Central Library, GTU

Report on 'World Book Day Celebration' - 2026


Date of Session: 23rd April 2026

Time of Session: 4:00 P.M. to 05:00 P.M

• Flyer of the event




The flyer features a light green and white background with geometric patterns. At the top left is the Gujarat Technological University logo and name, including accreditation details. To its right is the 'Viksit Bharat Abhiyan' logo with the text '1947 TO 2047'. The main title 'Central Library- GTU' is in blue. Below it, 'WORLD BOOK DAY' is written in large, bold, dark green letters. A central text block reads: 'Books bring minds together—celebrate World Book Day with our Book Talk At the Central Library.' To the left of this text is a calendar icon and the date 'APRIL 23, 2026'. A large green arrow points left. At the bottom, it says 'Organized By Central Library Gujarat Technological University'. On the right, there is a 3D illustration of a stack of books with a globe of the Earth on top. On the left, there is a 2D illustration of a stack of books.


 **GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**
AN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
(Accredited with A+ Grade by NAAC)

विकसित भारत अभियान
1947 TO 2047



Central Library- GTU

WORLD BOOK DAY

Books bring minds together—celebrate World Book Day with our Book Talk 
At the Central Library.

 **APRIL 23, 2026**

Organized By
Central Library
Gujarat Technological University



• Description of the Event

The Central Library of Gujarat Technological University enthusiastically celebrated World Book Day on 23rd April 2026 with great zeal and participation from students, faculty members, and library users across various departments of the university. The event was organized with the objective of promoting reading habits, encouraging intellectual growth, and creating awareness about the importance of books and knowledge in personal and societal development.

The celebration commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki, Librarian, Central Library, GTU. During his inaugural speech, Dr. Solanki highlighted the significance of World Book Day and explained why the day is celebrated globally. He emphasized the role of books as powerful tools of education, imagination, creativity, and human development. He mentioned that books are not merely sources of information but lifelong companions that help individuals expand their understanding, develop perspectives, and strengthen their character.





Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki further addressed the students and users by elaborating on how the habit of reading contributes to the intellectual and emotional growth of an individual. He explained that regular reading makes a person wiser, smarter, more thoughtful, and capable of making informed decisions in life. He motivated students to cultivate reading as a lifelong habit and encouraged them to spend quality time with books beyond their academic curriculum. He also shared how reading nourishes knowledge, improves communication skills, enhances creativity, and develops confidence among learners.

One of the major attractions of the celebration was the “Selfie with Your Favourite Book” initiative, which was initiated by Mr. Rahul Patel from the GTU ITR Library. The initiative aimed to engage students and users in a creative and interactive manner while encouraging them to connect emotionally with books that have inspired or influenced them. The participants enthusiastically clicked selfies with their favourite books and shared their experiences and interests in reading.



Inspired by the same initiative, the Central Library, GTU also organized the “Selfie with Favourite Book” activity within the library premises. Students and users from different departments actively participated in the activity with great excitement and energy. The library witnessed a vibrant atmosphere filled with enthusiasm, discussions about books, and meaningful interactions among participants. Many users selected books from literature, motivation, fiction, technology, biographies, philosophy, and self-development categories, showcasing the diversity of reading interests among the university community.

During the interaction session, Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki invited students and users to share their personal reading experiences. Participants openly discussed how long they had been reading, the impact reading had created in their lives, and how books had helped them improve their thinking, personality, communication, and overall outlook towards life. Several participants also shared how reading inspired them to contribute positively to society and motivated them to become responsible and knowledgeable citizens.



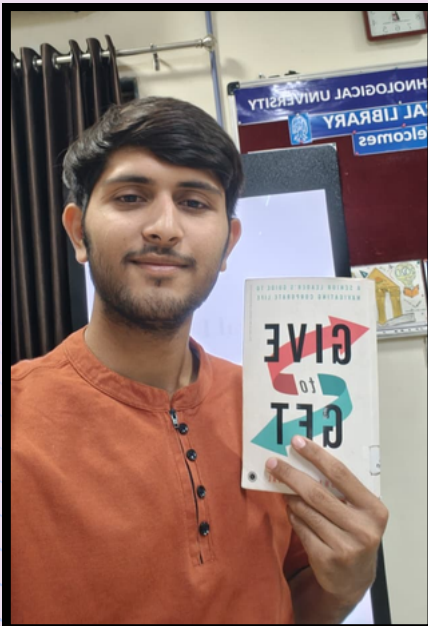
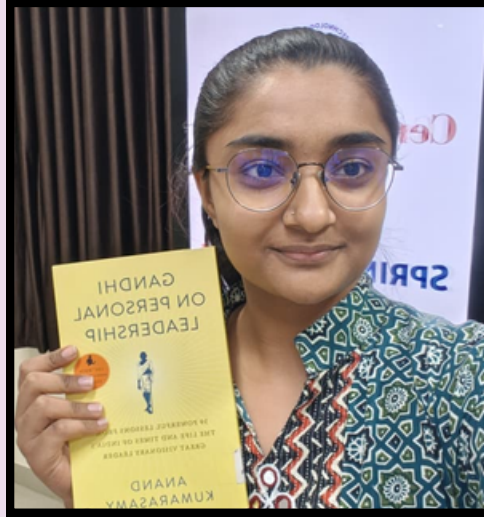
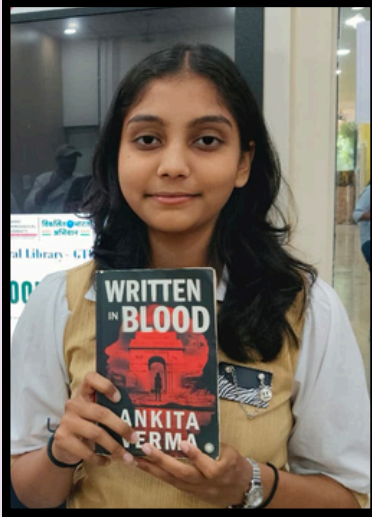
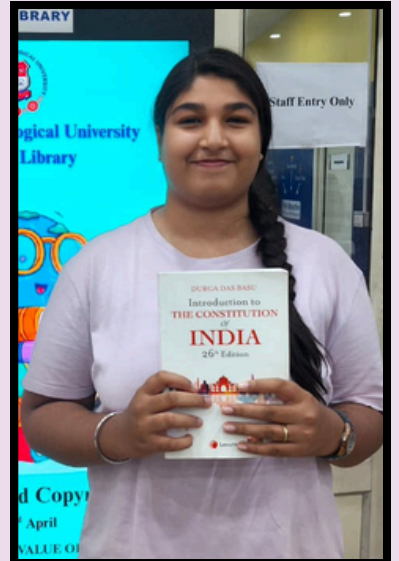
The interaction created a meaningful platform for users to express their thoughts and connect through the shared culture of reading. The event successfully encouraged participants to appreciate the importance of books in shaping ideas, values, and aspirations. The celebration also strengthened the library's mission of fostering a knowledge-driven and reading-oriented academic environment within the university.

The World Book Day 2026 celebration concluded with a vote of thanks extended to all participants, staff members, and contributors who made the event successful. The event ended on a joyful and memorable note with numerous selfies, group photographs, and moments captured with books, reflecting the enthusiasm and active involvement of the students and users.

The entire celebration served as an inspiring reminder of the timeless value of books and reading in the growth and development of individuals and society. Central Library, GTU once again reaffirmed its commitment towards promoting reading culture, knowledge sharing, and lifelong learning among its users.



• Glimpse of the Event



Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki
Librarian
Central Library
Gujarat Technological university
Email- librarian@gtu.edu.in