



57th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION

Innovations Beyond Boundaries



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Invitation

Dear Honorable Members,

Greetings from ISHA Gujarat Branch, Ahmedabad, India !!

As you are aware that the Indian Speech and Hearing Association, Gujarat Branch has been entrusted with the responsibility to host 57th National Convention of Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (57th ISHACON) after two decades.

I, on behalf of the Committee of the 57th ISHACON 2026 would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the 57th ISHACON scheduled to be held on **30th & 31st January & 1st February, 2026 at AUDA AUDITORIUM, KARNAVATI CLUB ROAD, SHELA, AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT, INDIA.**

The theme of this year's convention is **"Innovations Beyond Boundaries."** we are making all possible efforts to make your presence a memorable one.

Your presence is valuable for the success of this Scientific meet.

With regards,

Mr. Hemant J Patel
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Welcome Message



Dear Audiologists, Speech Language Pathologists, young scientists and all concerned

Gujarat Speech and Hearing Association (GISHA) extend heartiest warm welcome to all the delegates, students pursuing their degree course in the dynamic and highly specialized field of speech and hearing, company representatives supporting technical facility to professionals in their clinical practices, media persons for being part for creating awareness for persons with speech, language and hearing disorders and all the volunteers to 57th Annual convention of (Indian Speech -Language Association ISHA), being held in Ahmedabad, World heritage city of the Gujarat.

Gujarat is one of the most diverse states in the India, its endless journey from roots to wings is timeless with historical & cultural traditions glorifying the state. It is the birthplace of national leaders who fought for freedom such as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mahatma Gandhi to recent beloved Prime Minister Shree Narendra Damodardas Modi.

Ahmedabad is the first city in India to be listed as a World Heritage City by UNESCO in 2017, and it was also named the cleanest city in India in the 2024–25 Swachhata Sarvekshan. Gujarat is very rich and vast in culture from the sacred city of Dwarka, believed to be the ancient kingdom of Lord Krishna, to the majestic Somnath Temple, one of the twelve revered Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva, Step into the world of the Indus Valley Civilization at Lothal and Dholavira, where advanced urban planning thrived thousands of years ago, Marvel at the architectural brilliance of the Rani ki Vav stepwell in Patan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and explore the grand temples of Modhera, dedicated to the Sun God, and for those seeking connection with nature, the Gir Forest National Park—home to the majestic Asiatic lion—offers a glimpse into Gujarat's ecological legacy.

Modern Gujarat is fast developing in area of agriculture, education, and infrastructure. City of Ahmedabad is situated on the bank of river Sabarmati and will provide you the best of hospitality, sightseeing and shopping opportunities. 57th ISHACON will provide you an excellent opportunity to interact with leaders in the field of speech and hearing within the country as well as from abroad to sharpen technical knowledge and clinical expertise. Have a blessed stay in Ahmedabad, taste and enjoy the local cuisine like fafda-jalebi undhiyu, dhokla, handwa, gujrati thali..and many more for palate pleasing, and take back beautiful memories to your home.

Once again GISHA welcome you all for
57th ISHACON, Ahmedabad!



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ISHACON 2026

Gujarat : Ancient roots, Modern wings

Gujarat, on India's western coast, is a land where history stretches back millions of years. During the Jurassic period, it was home to mighty dinosaurs, and today Balasinor is recognised worldwide as one of the largest dinosaur fossil parks. Moving forward in time, Gujarat was a jewel of the Indus valley civilization, with advanced sites like Dholavira and Lothal (World's earliest known dock & India's first port city (Lothal)).

In history, Gujarat flourished under dynasties like Mauryas, Guptas and Solankis. The Solanki era, often called its golden age, gave the state architectural marvels such as the Modhera sun temple and rani ki vav. It also gave India leaders like Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (iron man of India), who guided the nation to freedom.

Geographically diverse, Gujarat has the white desert of the Rann of Kutch, the Gir forests (the only home of the Asiatic lion) and India's longest coastline which connects India to Africa and middle east, making it a hub of trade. Economically, it is one of India's engines of growth- contributing significantly in textiles, salt, petrochemicals, and diamond polishing, with Surat alone polishing about 80 % of the world's diamonds. The Amul dairy movement that began here transformed India into the world's largest milk producer.

Culturally, Gujarat is equally rich. The garba and dandiya dances of Navratri are celebrated globally; its embroidery and handicrafts are treasured, and its cuisine- dhokla, thepla, fafda and more-is loved across India. The state's handicrafts are a testament to its artistic prowess. From the intricate Patola silk sarees of Patan to the vibrant Bandhani tie-dye textiles, Gujarat's handcrafted creations are celebrated globally.

Ahmedabad, Gujarat's largest city was declared UNESCO's first world heritage city, honouring its blend of tradition and urban development. The state also hosts the world famous-international kite festival in Ahmedabad, where participants from across the globe fill the skies with colour. Today, Gujarat leads in renewable energy with vast solar and wind projects, while modern icons like statue of unity make it a shining symbol of heritage and progress.





Pick Your Trail

In Ahmedabad (UNESCO World Heritage City)

- * Heritage walks (old city tour- pols)
- * Gandhi ashram (Sabarmati, kocharab)
- * Bhadra fort
- * Hazur palace
- * Hathising jain temple
- * Gujrat vidhyapeeth
- * Atal bridge
- * River front (cruise ride)
- * Indroda dinosaur & fossil park
- * Bai Harir ni Vav
- * Kankaria lake
- * Calico museum of textiles
- * Veechar cultural & heritage museum for utensils
- * Auto world vintage car museum
- * Kite museum
- * Tribal museum
- * Manek chowk (at night for food)



Near Ahmedabad (one day trip from Ahmedabad)



Adalaj ni vav (Gandhinagar)
(19 km from Ahmedabad)



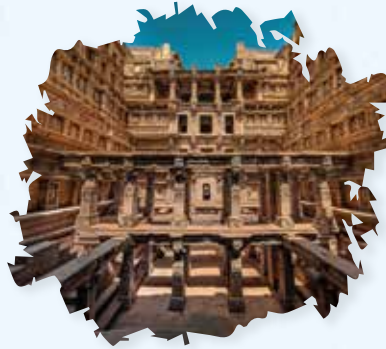
Thol lake
(29 km from Ahmedabad)



Nalsarovar bird sanctuary
(62 km from Ahmedabad)



**Modhera sun temple
(mehsana)**
(99 km from Ahmedabad)



Rani ki vav (patan)
(UNESCO site)
(128 km from Ahmedabad)



Statue of unity (narmada)
(197 km from Ahmedabad)



**Champaner & Pavagadh
Archeological park (UNESCO site)**
(46 km from Ahmedabad)

Indus Valley Civilization Sites: Gujarat is indeed a paradise for all the history lovers as it's is blessed with jaw-dropping feats accomplished by ancient civilizations. Gujarat has more than **200** Indus Valley Civilization sites.



Lothal
(197 km from Ahmedabad)



Dholavira
(197 km from Ahmedabad)



Surkotda indus valley
civilization
(197 km from Ahmedabad)

Heritage sites: landscapes of Gujarat are ruled by rulers of many dynasties, invaders and sellers; one can see the massive forts, charming havelis, stunning stepwells and many other historical sites that showcase some of the relics of the land.

Fort:



Uparkot fort,
Junagadh



Idar fort,
Sabarkantha



Bhujio dungar,
Jamnagar



Lakhpat fort,
Kutch

Palace:



Lakshmi Vilas Palace,
Baroda



Vijaya Vilas Palace,
Kutch



Sharad Bagh Palace,
Kutch



Prag mahal, Kutch



Dowlat Vilas Palace,
Sabarkantha



Riverside, Khirasara,
Orchard palace; Rajkot

Flora - Fauna: Gujarat wildlife sanctuaries are known for exotic collections of flora and fauna species. The topographical location gifted Gujarat with 4 National Parks and 21 Wildlife Sanctuaries.

National Parks



Gir Forest
National Park



Blackbuck National Park,
Velavadar



Vansda
National Park



Marine National Park,
Gulf of Kutch

Beaches: Boasting a 1600 km stretch, Gujarat's shoreline is the longest among India's nine seaside states' shores. If you have only been a witness to the intricate and historic landmarks of Gujarat, you are yet to explore the best through the expanse of Arabian Sea in the state.



Shivrajpur Beach,
Devbhoomi Dwarka
(Blue Flag beach)
(461 km from Ahmedabad)



Okha Madhi beach,
Devbhoomi Dwarka
(425 km from Ahmedabad)



Pirotan island,
Devbhoomi Dwarka and
Jamnagar



Madhavpur beach, Porbandar
(390 km from Ahmedabad)



Mandvi beach, Kutch
(384 km from Ahmedabad)



Dumas beach, Surat
(286 km from Ahmedabad)

Religious Sites: The whole state of Gujarat is highly opulent with godly places of pilgrimage and holy temples Ambaji, Somnath, Dwarka, Palitana, Girnar, and Dakor are the chief holy places of Gujarat. Out of 51 "Aady Shakti Pith" the foremost "Aady Shakti Pith" of Ambaji, out of the 12 jyotirlings, the foremost jyotirling of Somnath, out of the "Sat puri", the foremost "Dwarka Puri", one of the "char dham", "Dwarkadham", the world renown biggest hindu temple, "Palitana" as well as Dakor, Girnar, and other religious places are situated in the state of Gujarat.



Ambaji Temple



Somnath Temple



Dwarka Temple



Palitana

Buddhist Circuit: There are many caves in Gujarat that are a beautiful combination of history, spirituality, mystery, meditation, and adventure. Starting from Kutch to Saurashtra up to Bharuch, the coastal region of Gujarat is dotted with many Buddhist caves. These caves were dug out between 2nd century B.C. and 6th century A.D during the Kshatrapa rule. Once upon a time, Junagadh in Gujarat was governed by Emperor Ashoka who adopted Buddhism in his personal life. During the reign of Ashoka, engraving of his famous edicts on the rock was ordered. The ornate excavations and carvings on pillars, stupas, viharas and range of rock cut caves is evidence of the presence of Buddhism in Gujarat.



Uparkot Caves
(Junagadh)



Khambhalida Caves
(near Gondal, Rajkot district)

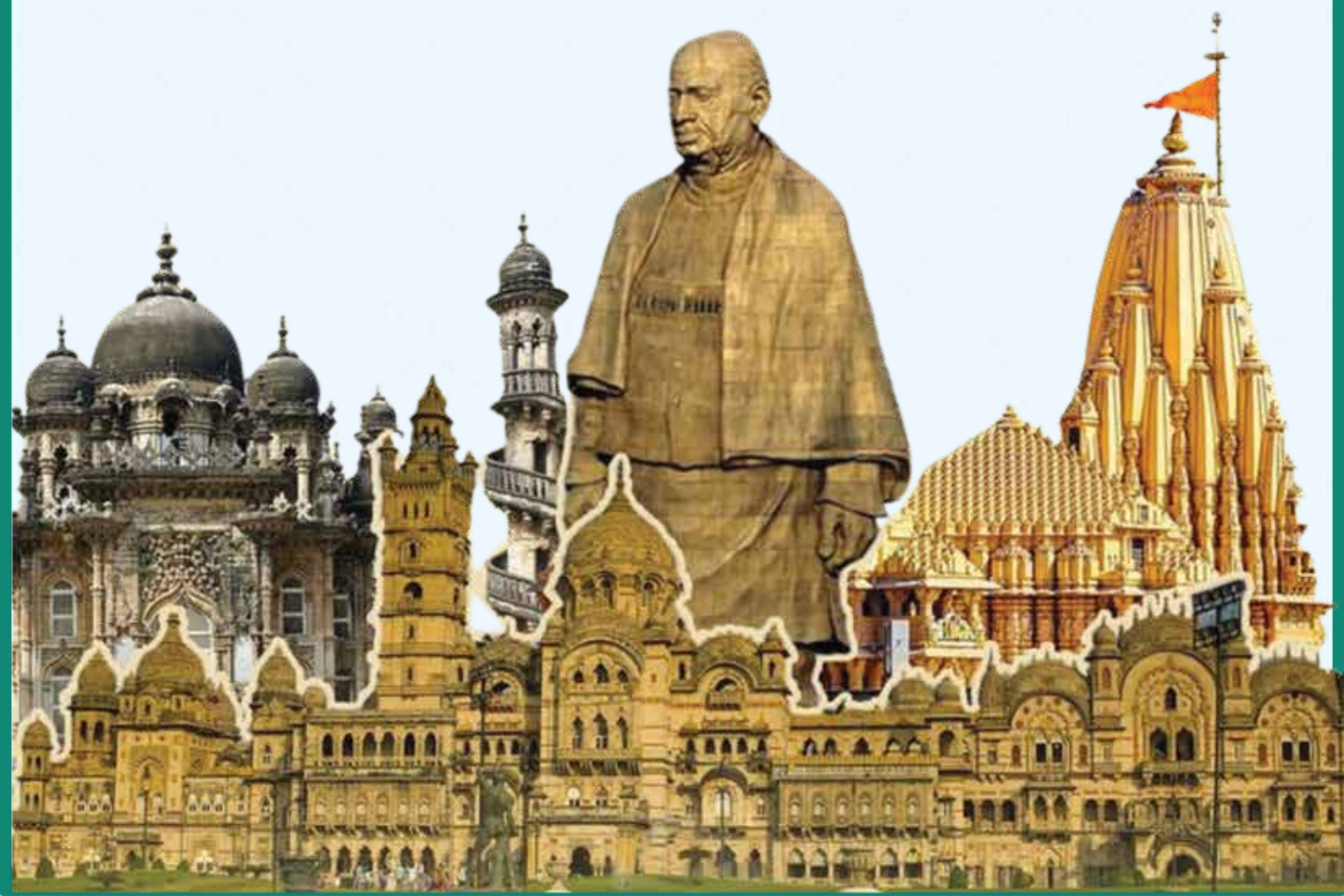


Siyot Caves
(Kutch)



Talaja Caves
(Bhavnagar district)

Gujarat's culture is steeped in values like hospitality and community bonding. The concept of "Atithi Devo Bhava" (Guest is God) is deeply ingrained, and visitors are welcomed with warmth and respect.



Call for Scientific Papers for the 57th ISHACON, 2026

Greetings!

The scientific committee of ISHA invites scientific papers for the 57th ISHACON, 2026 to be held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat from 30th January to 1st February, 2026. The abstracts of papers may be submitted under Speech, Language, and Audiology Categories, either in the platform or poster modes. The platform presentations are open to PG/PhD/Research Fellows/Practising Professionals only.

KEY DATES

September 30, 2025 : Last date for submission of abstracts (Max. words -1200)

October 31, 2025 : Notification of selected/rejected abstracts.

November 30, 2025 : Last date for submission of full-length papers (Follow submission guidelines of JISHA: <https://journals.lww.com/INSH/Pages/informationforauthors.aspx>)

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS:

Preparation:

1. The abstract must be on original clinical/research work carried out by the authors themselves. No review of literature or compiling of work done by others will be accepted.
2. The abstracts must include clearly defined sections as follows: Introduction, Need for the study, Aim & Objectives, Method, Results & Discussion, and Summary & conclusions (bibliography optional).
3. Please check your abstract for similarity with previously published works (i.e., plagiarism). Only those papers having $\leq 25\%$ of similarity will be considered for review and possible acceptance.

Submission:

4. The last date for submission of abstracts is 30th September 2025 till 11 PM. Abstracts submission portal will be deactivated after 11 PM on 30th September, 2025. All abstracts should be submitted through online "article submission" module in members only pages of www.ishaindia.org.in
5. The presenting author should be a life/ordinary/student member of ISHA. ISHA membership is mandatory for ALL co-authors. Membership number and email ID need to be submitted while submitting the abstract online.
6. Please note that new membership registration will not be provided from 25th September to 30th September. Additionally, conversion of the 3-digit life membership number to the current 8-digit number will also not be done during this period.

7. The author who submits the abstract will be the PRESENTING and CORRESPONDING author. No changes will be accepted after submission.
8. The 8-digit ISHA membership number should be entered during submission. Wait for your details to be updated on the ISHA website. To avoid problems during submission of abstracts, it is advised to submit the abstract(s) well in time.
9. All abstracts submitted by the due date will first be scrutinized for adherence of format and plagiarism guidelines. Only those abstracts that meet the guidelines will be considered for the subsequent review process.

Intimation of decision:

10. The corresponding author will be intimated by email about the selection of the abstract. Alternatively, the information will also be posted in the website of ISHA. If abstract is selected for presentation at the 57th ISHACON, link will appear to submit full length article in the 'Article submission' section. Full length papers, prepared in adherence to the JISHA guidelines, must be submitted before 30th November, 2025. Submissions must be made online.

GUIDELINES FOR FULL-LENGTH PAPERS

The authors of the selected abstracts, who wish to compete for awards, **MUST** submit the full length paper on the online submission portal of ISHA (Please visit: www.ishaindia.org.in).

Preparation:

1. The Full-length papers must be prepared in accordance with the manuscript preparation guidelines of the Association's official journal (JISHA). These guidelines are available at: <https://journals.lww.com/INSH/Pages/informationforauthors.aspx>.
2. Only the article files comprising of the title of the study, and full-length paper with bibliography should be submitted. **DO NOT MENTION THE AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHORS NAME, INSTITUTE NAME AND ADDRESS IN THE ARTICLE FILE.**
3. Avoid the use of bullets in your article file.
4. Ensure that the combined file size does not exceed 1 MB.

Submission:

5. The article files must be submitted to the submission portal of ISHA.
6. **DO NOT SUBMIT** your article files to JISHA Portal.

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Abstracts:

All abstracts will be reviewed by more than one reviewer. The outcome of this review process would be recommendations for 'accept' or 'reject'.

Full-length papers:

Prior to the commencement of the review process, a similarity (plagiarism) check would be performed on all full-length papers. Only those papers with a similarity index $\leq 25\%$ would be reviewed by more than one reviewer (and thus be eligible for possible awards) on the following aspects:

- a. The adherence to the preparation guidelines
- b. The logical organization of the content and substrates on which the outcome(s) is/are derived (e.g., study design, sample size, methods of data collection, analysis, and interpretation)
- c. The research/clinical impact of the study and
- d. The onsite evaluation

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Student Members PG	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 5500/-	Rs. 6000/-	Rs. 6500/-
International Delegates	USD 350	USD 350	USD 400	USD 400
International Students	USD 200	USD 200	USD 250	USD 300
Accompany Person	Rs. 7000/-	Rs. 8000/-	Rs. 8500/-	Rs. 9000/-

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