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# ELOQUENCE 2024

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24th - 26th May 2024

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# About Eloquence

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Get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey at the 9th edition of our Annual Conference - Eloquence, where passion, eloquence, and celebration converge! From May 24th to May 26th, 2024, join us at the picturesque Treat Resort in Silvassa for an immersive experience that transcends the ordinary.

## What Sets Eloquence 2024 Apart?

Eloquence isn't just an event; it's a celebration of the essence of Toastmasters - a convergence of voices, ideas, and stories. This year, we're thrilled to announce that Eloquence is exclusively in-person, forging friendships among Toastmasters from the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

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# Agenda

24th  
May

## Welcome Desk

**Check-in & Registration** (Resort Reception)

**Candidate Corner** - Pearl Ballroom

1.00 pm

## Opening Ceremony

Flag March

Lighting of the Ceremonial Lamp

Convenor's Address - Libby Abraham &  
Akshay Singh, DTM

District Director's Welcome Address -  
Hardik Shah

4.30 pm - 8.30pm  
(Pearl Ballroom)

## Melange: Keynote Address

Yukti Mehandiratta - Founder & CEO of  
SBY (Silhouette by Yukti)

## Kahaani 3.0 Finale

**Host:** Amit Sharma

**Chief Jurist:** Pravina Bharija

Candidate Showcase

## Karaoke & Open Mic

Dinner with District Directors

8.30 pm onwards  
(Pearl Ballroom)

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# Agenda

25th  
May

**BREAKFAST** (Zaika Restaurant)

**7.00 am to 9.00am**

Credentials Check

**7.30 am**

**District Council Meeting** (Pearl Ballroom)

**LUNCH** (Oasis Dining Hall)

**12.00 pm**

Celebrating 100 years of Toastmasters International

**1.00 pm to 5.00 pm**  
(Pearl Ballroom)

**Melange: Improv Workshop**

Neville Bharucha - Founder of Sandbox Creative Academy

**District Evaluation Contest**

**Contest Chair:** Venkateshwaran R

**Chief Judge:** Raunaq Raje

PQD Address - Sunita Vinod

Book Launch with Past District Directors  
Author Syam S & Author Manjula Iyer

**HI-TEA**

Tea, Snacks and Networking

**5.00 pm**  
(Pearl Ballroom)

**Awards Night & Fun Nite**

Awards, recognition, music and recreation  
Celebratory Dinner

**7.30 pm onwards**  
(Pearl Ballroom)

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# Agenda

26th  
May

**BREAKFAST** (Zaika Restaurant)

**7.00 am to 9.00am**

**District International Speech Contest**

**9.00 am to 1.00 pm**  
(Pearl Ballroom)

**Contest Chair:** Sunita Vinod

**Chief Judge:** Joydeep Bhowmick, DTM

Installation Ceremony – Sapna Ohri, DTM  
District Director Elect's first address

**Melange: Look Who's Talking**

Ms. Seema Golchha – Ventriloquist, Standup  
Comedian, Tedx Speaker and Toastmaster

CGD Address – Joydeep Bhowmick, DTM

**LUNCH**

**01.10 pm**  
(Oasis Dining Hall)

**Impromptu Premier League Finals**

**2.10 pm – 5.00 pm**  
(Pearl Ballroom)

The Marvelous Magicians Vs  
The Unstoppable Unicorns

**Host:** Hardik Shah

**Lead Umpire:** Sapna Ohri, DTM

**Closing Ceremony**

Recognition of Contest Role Players  
Recognition of Organising Committee  
Outgoing District Director's Address – Hardik Shah  
Vote of Thanks  
Announcement of Results

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## District Council Meeting (DCM) #2

### AGENDA

Date: 25-May-24 (Saturday)

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Credentials: 7:30 a.m

Particulars	Office Holder
Announcement and Assembly	Vaibhav Jadhav
Meeting call to order	Hardik Shah
Sharing of District Mission	Anirudha Basak
Welcome	Hardik Shah
Inspirational Opening	Col. Sumeet Arya
Certification of Quorum	Vaibhav Jadhav
Instructions and Procedure	Ranjini Rao, DTM and eBallator Team
Adoption of Agenda	Hardik Shah
Appointment of District Officers	Hardik Shah
Approval of DCM Minutes #1	Raunaq Raje
Administration Manager Office Report	Raunaq Raje
Finance Manager Office Report	Venkateshwaran Ramamurthy
Public Relations Manager Office Report	Sanjay R
Club Growth Director Office Report	Joydeep Bhowmick, DTM
Program Quality Director Office Report	Sunita Vinod
Realignment Report	Raunaq Raje
Any other business with permission of chair	Hardik Shah
District Leadership Committee Report	Sapna Ohri, DTM
Elections	Hardik Shah
Next District Council Meeting	Hardik Shah
Adjournment	Hardik Shah



# Convenor's Message



## Convenor, Libby Abraham

### Evolution and Awareness!

Taking on the Convenor role for Eloquence 2024 was daunting, but I knew it could be a transformative experience. And oh boy, what an experience it has been!

Planning this event, the longest Toastmasters undertaking I had faced, began with one meeting and a few notes. It snowballed into over 6 months of work. My team kept growing and branching out. Ideas brought in, mulled over, again and again. As Convenor, I found myself repeatedly mediating, calming nerves, and motivating a growing team to complete crucial tasks on time and with precision. I discovered reservoirs of patience I never knew I had. Anger faded, replaced by empathy, understanding, and acceptance.

But the most rewarding aspect wasn't personal growth; it was the friendships forged in the fires of Eloquence. They say in the Army, the strongest friendships are made in the trenches. And there's a truth to that here too. We faced our own battles - tight deadlines, pressure to deliver, and moments of heated debate over ideas. Just like soldiers, we relied on each other for support, encouragement, and even a shared laugh in the midst of the chaos.

The most eye-opening realization, was that all this foundation kept getting built without my attention to it. I kept working for Eloquence and Eloquence started working on me, I was contributing to the event and the event was sculpting me. This rich journey that I have lived, experienced and evolved through is far more elaborate and deep than this succinct expression of my experience.

**If you want to meet yourself, become the Convenor of Eloquence!**

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## Convenor, Akshay Singh

### Spark of Eloquence

It is an honor to welcome you to Eloquence 2024, a landmark celebration marking 100 years of Toastmasters, themed "Ignite, Elevate, Celebrate." Hosted at the picturesque Silvassa Treat Resort, this event brings together friends, Toastmasters, members, and guests from across the country for three days of camaraderie, learning, and unforgettable experiences.

As a passionate Toastmaster who thrives on organizing events within the community, it brings me immense joy to see us all gathered here. This milestone event is a testament to many individuals' relentless dedication and hard work. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every chair, co-chair, and volunteer who poured their ideas and effort into making this conference an event that truly reflects the spirit of Toastmasters. I also want to express my sincere thanks to all the attendees who have registered to celebrate with us and make this conference vibrant.

Organizing events like these is not just about planning but about bringing people together and creating opportunities for growth and connection. From each event, we learn and adapt, using our experiences to ensure we deliver our best with the available resources. This continuous learning and adaptability as a leader are what make me take up such opportunities to volunteer in the organizing committee of Eloquence, District 98 Annual Conference.

As we gather to commemorate this significant milestone, I encourage each of you to immerse yourselves fully in the conference activities, forge new connections, and create cherished memories. This conference is not just an event but a celebration of our collective journey and achievements. Let us unite to ignite our passions, elevate our skills, and celebrate this historic occasion with enthusiasm and joy.

Welcome to this momentous celebration. Let's make Eloquence 2024 an experience that will be remembered and enjoyed by all of us.

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# TRIO's Message



## Hardik Shah, District Director

As the District 98 Director during Toastmasters' centennial year, it is an honor and a privilege to serve. We are the torchbearers of this organization in its 100th year, and I am delighted that we are celebrating this milestone with our annual conference "Eloquence" at Silvassa.

It has taken us a few years to return to in-person events, but the community has remained strong, hence the theme for the conference, "Ignite, Elevate, Celebrate." I am well aware of the hard work put in by the Eloquence Organizing Committee led by Libby and Akshay, and I am excited for all of us to experience the masterpiece straight off the sets of Sanjay Leela Bhansali.

I want to express my gratitude to all the members who have been the cornerstone of District 98's success stories this program year and have wholeheartedly embraced the theme for the year - #BeyondTheDashboard. This year was an effort to bring more depth to your communication, leadership, and networking journey, and I thank my #FamJam [that's what I call the District Officers] for going above and beyond to ensure the best at all District events, whether online or offline; and for delivering happiness at your doorstep.

The District Leadership Team aimed to celebrate the 100th year District 98 Hall of Fame with grandeur and fanfare, and we have spared no effort to create magical moments for you. I look forward to meeting all of you and celebrating each one of you at Eloquence 24. Let's make sure we take at least one selfie for the Gram and keep the District PR team busy.

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## Sunita Vinod, Program Quality Director

**“Someone will open your heart, others will open your eyes.” - Anonymous**

For over six years, I've been part of Toastmasters, but it took one guest to unveil the profound essence of our regular meetings. During a feedback session, the guest eloquently articulated how each role player in the room contributes to the success of every speaker. It dawned on us that while we often take up roles to enhance ourselves, every Toastmaster meeting is a symbiotic exchange. The timer, grammarian, ah counter, evaluator, general evaluator, and Toastmaster of the day collectively create an environment where speakers are nurtured and encouraged to excel. This realization draped us in an invisible cape, symbolizing our shared commitment to each other's growth. Toastmasters isn't just about personal development; it's about reciprocal learning and growth. It's about embodying the ethos of IRSE until it becomes second nature, enriching us all.

From Individual commitment let's embark into group commitment. As we celebrate the 9th year of Eloquence, the team's dedication shines through in creating an event that each member can truly enjoy. It's a testament to the power of teamwork; where each organizing committee member strengthens the team, and the team in turn strengthens each member. After all, it's the synergy of the collective effort that propels us to achieve uncommon results.

The realization that every Toastmaster meeting is a two-way street of support and growth underscores the essence of our community. As we continue our journey of self-improvement and collective empowerment, let's cherish the camaraderie and shared dedication that make Toastmasters a unique and enriching experience, both within our regular meetings and in special events like the Eloquence conference.

Let's continue to journey together, opening hearts, enlightening minds, and reaching new heights of personal and professional development, one Toastmasters meeting and conference at a time.

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## Joydeep Bhowmwick, Club Growth Director

A transformational journey from being an introvert to extrovert. A journey of a member who joined Toastmasters in 2019 to becoming Club Growth Director for District 98 is no less than a dream come true.

Challenges are part of the leadership journey but to learn from the hurdles and overcome them is the essence of life!

There has been tremendous personal growth and professional development in this learning arena of Toastmasters. Transitioning from a member to the Club Growth Director has been possible due to the right guidance, dedication to the role with a pinch of right intent and willingness to step out of my comfort zone.

Being a district officer I had to reach out to various corporates, institutions in order to charter a club hence I had to turn into a Talkative Bong coming out of my comfort zone of being reserved.

For me breaking the shackles of self-doubt and judgment was a challenging journey, but it turned out to be incredibly rewarding. By embracing newer opportunities, taking on challenging leadership roles, and continuously pushing myself to grow, have helped me reach where I am today.

As a Club Growth Director in the centennial year of Toastmasters, I am fortunate enough to have contributed to the success of our District 98 with 16 new clubs been chartered and 10 clubs are in the pipeline with support from fellow district and club officers.

Achieve your dreams with the right intent and never have even an inch of self-doubt. Success comes to those who dare to dream



# Masters of Ceremonies



**TM Rati P**



**TM Venkat S**



**TM Sangeethasruthi S**



**TM Aditya S**



**TM Akarshak T**



**TM Binny A**



**TM Sakshi S**



**TM Priscilla C**

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# Keynote & Workshops



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## Yukti Mehandiratta

Founder & CEO of SBY  
(Silhouette by Yukti)

## Improv Workshop with Neville Bharucha

Learn improv Fundamentals



## Look Who's Talking

by

Seema Golchha

Self-taught Ventriloquist, Standup comedian,  
TEDx speaker and Toastmaster



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# International Speech Contest



**Pinky Bahroos**  
Division A



**Shivi Tandon**  
Division B



**Aarthi R**  
Division C



**Sudhir Kumar**  
Division D



**Manjeesh**  
Division J



**Ramanathan NS**  
Division M



**Sankalp Singh**  
Division S



**Tushar Tawde**  
Division U

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# Evaluation Speech Contest



**Jyoti Meena**  
Division A



**Shivi Tandon**  
Division B



**Harshit Kumawat**  
Division C



**Nikhil Halawalkar**  
Division D



**Aditya Balya**  
Division J



**Joane Joseph**  
Division M



**Khushbu Modi**  
Division S



**Avinash Singh**  
Division U

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# rahaani 3.0



**Akshay Singh**



**Harshil Mehta**



**Krishna  
Subramaniam**



**Saurabh Bajaj**



**Sumeet Arya**



**Tarun Sharma**

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# Impromptu Premier League





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# Our Team



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**Madhuri Vadari**



**Program Chair**  
**Jyoti Bhat, DTM**



**Finance Chair**  
**Venkateshwaran  
Ramamurthy**



**Entertainment  
Chair**  
**Vidya Kurup**



**Awards Chair**  
**Saishri Sastri**



**PR Chair**  
**Ron Billimoria**



**Stage Chair**  
**Sapna Ohri**



**Stage Co-Chair**  
**Vishal Garg**



# Our Team



**Awards Co-Chair**  
**Kalyani Gaikwad**



**Program Co-Chair**  
**Roma Tripathi**



**Logistics Chair**  
**Gaurav Karnik**



**Registrations Co-chair**  
**Pravin Medinikar**

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**ELOQUENCE 2024**  
**3 AMAZING DAYS**



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