

Report of Creative Writing Society (2021-22)



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The Club organized a 4-day Workshop from 7th to 10th June, 2021. It consisted of 5 sessions in which the experts took the participants on a journey of creativity and imagination. The resource persons for the sessions included Dr. Usha Bande (a renowned critic and writer), Ms. Sakoon Singh (author of the novel *In the Land of the Lovers*), Shri Ankit Narwal (Hindi writer), Dr. Basudhara Roy (an acclaimed poet and author of *Stitching a Home*) and Dr. Baljinder Nasrali (Punjabi novelist and short story writer). The resource persons not only discussed the nuances of creative expression but also delved deep into the finer aspects of writing and how day to day life events can be inspirations for great stories. With over 500 participants registering for the Workshop, many participants joined via YouTube live streaming and enthusiasts from all over the country joined in making the workshop a success.

The Creative Writing Club of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, in its endeavour to kindle the creative writing instincts among students, organized a Creative Writing Contest on 18th October, 2021. The event witnessed an overwhelming participation of students from different streams, with students competing for different categories including essay writing, story writing and poetry. Students exhibited their writing prowess in three different languages – English, Hindi and Punjabi.

In Poetry writing (English), Shreya Prashar of BA III bagged the top position, followed by Jahnvi Sayal of BA I and Athena of BA III securing the second position jointly, and the third position was grabbed by Vinya Singh of BA I. In the Category of English Essay Writing, Kavya of BBA I won the first position; Misa of BA II and Saumyaa Suri of BA II bagged the second and third position respectively. In the genre of Short Story Writing (English), Lavanya of BA III bagged first position and second position was secured jointly by Raavi of BA III and Yasmin of BCom I. The third position was jointly won by Kirpass Kaur of BA I and Yashasvi of BA III.

In Punjabi writing contest, a combined result was prepared for all categories. The first place was secured by Dapinder Kaur of BA I, followed by Harsimran kaur of BA I and Nancy of BA II, who won second and third position respectively.

In Hindi Short Story Writing contest, Ojaswini of BA I was declared the first position winner and Yashvi Gupta of BCA I was adjudged second. In Poetry writing contest, Palvi of BSc III secured first position; Nancy Sharma of BA III was adjudged second; and the third place was jointly bagged by Shrutika of BA III and Ojaswini of BA I

Many students of our college participated in various local as well as national creative writing activities and competitions. Ojaswini Sachdeva of BA I made us proud by participating in the Zonal Youth Fest Story writing Competition and won the first position. Vinya Singh bagged second position at "Write your own twist to the Ending" intercollege competition organised by Guru Gobing Singh College for Women, Sector 26, Chandigarh on the occasion of World Book Day. Himika Sood won third prize in an International Poem-writing competition organised by Department of English, Khalsa College for Women, Civil Lines, Ludhiana to mark the World Poetry Day.

A number of our students also published their writings in international publications of repute. Kajal of MA I published her poetry in two anthologies titled *If Possible Love* and *Soch te Kalam*. Her poem was selected in top 15 entries for performing in an event Sham-e-Hind by Rashtriya Kala Manch and was conferred a token of honour for the same. Somya Mathur from BA III published her poem, "I am a Woman" in a poetry anthology published by *The Stroke Stories Publishing*. Vandini Sharma of BA I published an article in *Forbes Africa* on the topic "Life Lessons from India's Timeless Literary Genius, Rabindra Nath Tagore".