

Report of Creative Writing Society (2023-24)



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Creative writing is not merely an artistic endeavour but a crucial catalyst for personal and collective expression. The Creative Writing Club of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women (led by Dr. Jasmine Anand), understanding the profound impact of skill of creative writing, organized a Creative Writing Contest on 28th August 2023 to foster a thriving creative community. This event was a testament to the college's commitment to cultivating a vibrant literary atmosphere.

The contest, held in English, Hindi, and Punjabi, attracted an impressive array of submissions, reflecting the rich diversity of thought and imagination among the participants. In English poetry, Snigdha from BA I emerged as the winner, with Karika from BA I and Vinya from BA III securing the subsequent top spots. In the English essay category, Ishaan of MA II claimed first place, followed by Jasmine of BA III and Bipasha of BA III in second and third places, respectively. Kirti from BSc II further distinguished herself by winning second place in English short story writing, with Yasmin from BCom III achieving third place.

In the Punjabi poetry writing competition, Gurpreet and Dapinder from BA III achieved the highest honour, securing the first and second place respectively. Navneet from BA I, Rajdeep from BA II, and Mehakpreet from BA I were adjudged as first, second, and third in essay writing competition. In short story writing Diya of BA III won the third prize.

For Hindi short story writing, Ojaswini from BA III was awarded first place, with Jaya from BA I taking the second. In Hindi poetry, Jannat from BA II earned the top position, followed by Gunjan from BA III in second place.

The contest was a significant success, fulfilling its mission to nurture creativity and offer a platform for diverse literary voices. It celebrated the limitless possibilities of aesthetic and ethical reflection and left a lasting imprint on the literary scene of the college.

The students of the Creative Writing Club further showcased their talent by participating in various inter-college competitions. Notably, Isha Chopra (MA II) won first place in an English essay writing contest at the PU Youth and Heritage Festival held on 8th Oct. 2023, while Jaya from BA I secured second place in Hindi short story writing competition, and Dapinder won third prize in Punjabi poetry writing competition. Further, 64th Panjab University Inter Zonal Youth and Heritage Festival was held between 3rd-6th November 2023 at Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozpur City in which first prize in essay writing in English was won by Isha Chopra of MA-II.

Additionally, several students achieved remarkable milestones in publishing their work. Amrita Sarna of BA III released her debut poetry collection, *Lost Rose*, a meet the author was organised at Guru Nanak Khalsa College for Women, Model Town, Ludhiana to introduce and discuss her book of English poetry, titled '*Lost Rose*', with the members of their literary club, on 6th September 2023. Sukhmani Brar from BA I published *Facade*, another poetry book in English and her book launch cum discussion on poetry was held at Gujranwala Guru Nanak Khalsa college, Ludhiana, on 11th September 2023 showcasing her creative prowess, further highlighting the success and dedication of the club's members.

These accomplishments underscore the Creative Writing Club's pivotal role in fostering literary talent and creating an enriching environment for aspiring writers.