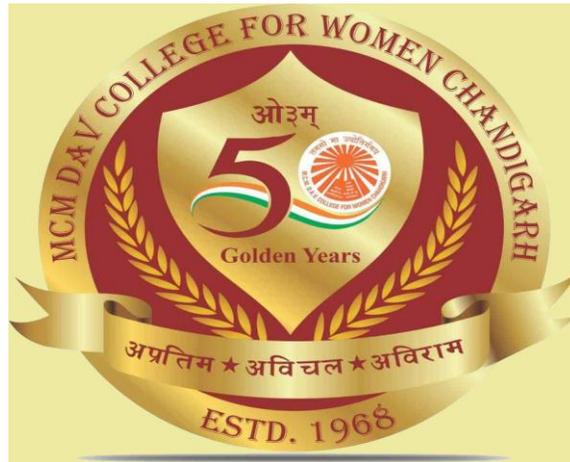


# Report of Department of English (2023-24)



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## Activities/Events

### An Intra-College Literary quiz “Invicta 2023” organized by the Literary Society Xpressions of the Post Graduate Department of English to mark the International Youth Day

The poster is framed in a dark red border. At the top, an orange banner reads "Celebrating Bicentennial Birth Anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati Ji". Below this, the college name "Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women" and its location "Sector 36-A, Chandigarh (U.T.)" are listed. To the right are logos for the college's 50th anniversary and the G20 India 2023 event. The central graphic features silhouettes of people celebrating, with the text "INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY" in large, bold letters. Below the graphic, the organizing body "Xpressions The English Literary Society" is mentioned, along with the "Department of English". The quiz title "Invicta 2023" is written in a large, stylized red font. The date, venue, and time are listed as "Date: 11 August 2023 | Venue: Multimedia Hall | Time: 11:00 am". A list of instructions follows, detailing the qualifying round, prizes, and registration process. At the bottom, the names and roles of the coordinators and student coordinators are provided.

Celebrating Bicentennial Birth Anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati Ji

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To mark the celebration of

INTERNATIONAL  
**YOUTH DAY**

**XPRESSIONS** The English Literary Society  
under the aegis of Department of English  
is organizing an Intra-College Literary Quiz

**Invicta 2023**

Date: 11 August 2023 | Venue: Multimedia Hall | Time: 11:00 am

Instructions: •Qualifying round on 10 August 2023 at 10:30 am in Multimedia Hall  
•Prizes and certificates for participating teams. •Attractive gifts for audience. •Prior registration of teams is mandatory. •Interested students may register themselves as team (two participants) on or before 9 August 2023 till 1:00 pm. •Click below to Register:

Mr Ashish Mudgal Activity Incharge-Creative  
Dr Aparna Sharma & Dr Sunaina Jain Coordinators  
Ms Neena Sharma Head, Deptt of English  
Dr Nisha Bhargava Convener & Principal

Ms Ruchi Srivastava, Ms Himanshi and Ms Ananya  
Student Coordinators

The Literary Society **Xpressions** of the Post Graduate Department of English organised an intra-college Literary quiz “Invicta 2023” to celebrate the International Youth Day on 10th and 11th August, 2023. 36 participants took part in Round I and 10 participants took part in Round II of the Quiz. The participation was open to all students of the college. They could register as teams (2 participants each). 18 teams registered in all. A qualifying round for the participating teams was held on 10th August 2023.



The final round for the shortlisted 5 teams (Aspen, Chestnut, Clover, Maple, and Sycamore) was held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The final quiz consisted of five rounds (2 questions for each team) which were as follows:

1. 'Judge the book by its cover' which entailed identifying books by the covers.
2. 'Sing your way to prizes' which required the participants to identify the figures of speech in songs.
3. 'Early bird catches the worm' in which participants had to identify the idioms through pictures that were displayed on the board.
4. 'All the World's a Stage and be ready to perform' which required the participants to identify the texts after listening to the last lines from famous literary texts.
5. 'Test your literary quotient' in which the participants had to identify the Literary figures shown on the board. They were given clues to arrive at the correct answers and marks were accordingly allotted.

Similar questions were posed to the audience too. They also won prizes after giving the correct answers. The participants participated with great enthusiasm and put their best foot forward. The audience also participated and enjoyed the fun way of learning literature and language. Following teams were the winners after the final quiz.

Position	Name of Teams and students	Class
First Position	Team (Maple)	
	Mansha	BA I
	Aarushi	BA I
Second Position	Team (Sycamore)	
	Aakriti	MA II
	Evershata	MA II
Third Position	Team (Clover)	
	Havisha (BA I)	BA I
	Raahat (BA I)	BA I

Dr. Nisha Bhagava, principal of the college, gave away the prizes and encouraged the students to keep learning since learning is a lifelong activity. Ms. Neena Sharma, Head, Department of English congratulated the winners and encouraged them to keep reading. The event ended with a vote of thanks.





## ग्रीम लिटरेरी सोसाइटी ने इनविकटा 2023 के आयोजन के साथ अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस मनाया और लिटरेरी क्लब ने 'टेल ए स्टोरी' का आयोजन किया गया

### दि संवाददाता

गढ़। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय युवा दिवस के में, मेहर चंद महाजन डीएवी महाविद्यालय, चंडीगढ़ की 5 सोसायटी 'एक्सप्रेसन' ने एक लेज साहित्यिक प्रश्नोत्तरी '2023' का आयोजन किया।

लिए 18 टीमों ने पंजीकरण कराया, क्वालीफाइंग राउंड पास करने के बाद का चयन किया गया। राउंड में 'जज दी इट्स कवरहू, सिंग योर वे टू प्राइजेज', म आइडें 'टि फिके शान राउंड हू, नाइंग फेमस लाइंस फ्रॉम टेक्स्टहू और फाइंग लिटरेरी फि गर्सहू शामिल थे। टीम भारुषि (बीए क) और मंशा (बीए क) हूँ, टीम सिकामोर में इवर्षता (एमए र आकृति (एमए कक), टीम क्लोवर (बीए क) और राहत (बीए क) शामिल



रहीं, जिन्होंने प्रतियोगिता में क्रमशः प्रथम, द्वितीय एवं तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। एक अन्य कार्यक्रम में, एक्सप्रेसन ने चल रहे दक्षिण एशियाई विरासत माह के उपलक्ष्य में 'टेल ए स्टोरी' का आयोजन किया। यह कार्यक्रम विशेष रूप से उन लेखकों के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए आयोजित किया गया था जिन्हें अक्सर दक्षिण एशियाई साहित्य की चर्चा में छोड़ दिया जाता है। दक्षिण एशियाई विरासत माह में दक्षिण एशियाई देशों भारत, पाकिस्तान, बांग्लादेश, श्रीलंका, अफगानिस्तान, नेपाल, भूटान और मालदीव के मूल निवासियों की

विरासत का जश्न मनाने के लिए दक्षिण एशियाई प्रवासी लोगों में महीने भर चलने वाला उत्सव को दिया गया नाम है इस वर्ष का विषय रस्तोरिज टू टेलर ने इस कार्यक्रम में विद्यार्थियों को दक्षिण एशियाई साहित्य के बारे में अपने ज्ञान को खोजने और उसे समृद्ध करने का अवसर दिया।

इस कार्यक्रम में विभिन्न धाराओं के विद्यार्थियों की उत्साही भागीदारी देखी गई, जो दक्षिण एशियाई लेखकों की अपनी पसंदीदा कहानियों पर चर्चा करने के लिए एकत्र हुए। कार्यक्रम के समापन पर, विद्यार्थियों को दक्षिण एशियाई साहित्य में दक्षिण एशियाई लेखकों के अविस्मरणीय योगदान को सम्मानित करने के लिए चिट चुनने को कहा गया।

प्राचार्या डॉ. निशा भार्गव ने विद्यार्थियों को अपने भीतर जिज्ञासा जीवित रखने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया और क्विज के आयोजन के लिए लिटरेरी क्लब की सराहना की। उन्होंने दक्षिण एशियाई साहित्य के ज्ञान को बढ़ावा देने में विद्यार्थियों के प्रयासों को भी सराहा।

## **Tell a Story: An Event to Commemorate the South Asian Heritage Month**

### **10 August 2023**

**Xpressions**, Literary Society, Department of English, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organised ‘Tell a Story’ on August 10, 2023 to commemorate and celebrate the ongoing South Asian Heritage Month. South Asian Heritage Month is the name given to the month-long celebration in the South Asian diaspora to celebrate the heritage of people with roots in the South Asian countries of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives. It runs from 18th July to 17th August each year. This year’s theme, “Stories to tell” inspired the following event, providing students an opportunity to explore and enrich their knowledge of South Asian literature.

The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of the students from different streams who gathered to discuss their favourite stories by the South Asian writers. Numerous students shared their personal experiences of reading South Asian literature. The event was specifically designed to raise awareness about the writers who are often omitted in the discourse of South Asian literature. At the conclusion of the event, the students were asked to pick out chits with different South Asian writers to facilitate their dive into the realm of South Asian literature. Principal, Dr. Nisha Bhargava, acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of students in promoting the knowledge of South Asian literature. Head of English Department, Ms. Neena Sharma encouraged the students in their journey of discovering South Asian Literature.

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The English Literary Society  
under the aegis of  
Department of English



organizes

*Tell a Story*

to celebrate the  
**South Asian Heritage Month**  
and to motivate the students to read  
**the South Asian Writers**

Date: 10 August | Time: 11:00 am  
Venue: Multimedia Hall



**Dr Nisha Bhargava**  
Convener & Principal

**Ms Neena Sharma**  
Head, Dept. of English

**Dr Urvi Sharma**  
**Ms Avnoor Makhu**  
**Ms Manika Arora**  
Coordinators

**Mr Ashish Mudgal**  
Activity Incharge-Creative

Prior Registration is Mandatory.

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### **Talent Hunt 2023-24 organised by the Creative Writing Club**

The Creative Writing Club organized the event to help students give words to their creativity on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Number of participants: Total registrations (158) : Essay Writing (66), Poetry Writing (50), Short Story Writing (42) and 8 teachers. The event aimed to help participants give words to their thoughts, feelings and experiences, harness their energies in productive pursuits, and identify and explore their creative potential.

The Creative Writing Club organized Talent Hunt 2023-24 in which three categories of competitions were arranged for students; Essay writing, Poetry writing and Short Story Writing. Students could participate in any of the three languages i.e. English, Hindi or Punjabi. 158 students enrolled for the Talent Hunt. 66 students enrolled for essay writing, 50 students enrolled for poetry writing and 42 students enrolled for short story writing. The following topics were given for the three creative writing tasks.

## **ENGLISH**

### **Essay Writing:**

National Education Policy: Access, Equity, Quality, and Accountability

How do we protect youth in the digital age?

Concept of Happiness in Today's Time

Degradation of Moral And Ethical Values Among Indian Youths: An Emerging Issue

### **Poetry:**

Memory and Partition of 1947

Love, loss, and longing

Nature's Fury

The Flight of Rainbow

### **Short Story:**

Rebellious Avantika

The Road to Moon

An Introduction

Chat GPT Love story

Students came forward enthusiastically and participated in the various categories. The topics in the respective genres were carefully selected to bring out the best in the participants by keeping them engaged with the important issues and experiences of the times. They penned down their thoughts on papers and gave expressions to their ideas, thoughts, feelings and perspectives. The judges for various categories were as follows:

**RESULTS OF CREATIVE WRITING TALENT HUNT COMPETITION 2023**  
**(ENGLISH)**

**ESSAY WRITING**

POSITION	NAME	CLASS	ROLL NO.
FIRST	ISHAA CHOPRA	MA2	7546
SECOND	JASMINE	BA3	2096
THIRD	DIPASHA	BA3	2142

**POETRY WRITING**

POSITION	NAME	CLASS	ROLL NO.
FIRST	SNIGDHA	BA1	3432
SECOND	KARIKA THAKUR	BA1	3530
THIRD	VINYA SINGH	BA3	1914

**SHORT-STORY WRITING**

POSITION	NAME	CLASS	ROLL NO.
SECOND	KIRTI SHARMA	B.Sc. 2 MED.	1119
THIRD	YASMIN MANN	B.Com. 3	11112

The winners were felicitated by the principal of the College, Dr. Nisha Bhargava.




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**Youth Festival Talent Hunt  
 2023-2024**



**28th August    Multimedia Hall 10-00 AM**

**ESSAY WRITING · POETRY WRITING · SHORT STORY**

Note: Please bring your clip/hard boards along for writing.  
 One student can participate in one genre and one language only.  
**Languages: English, Hindi, Punjabi**

**Dr. Jasmine Anand  
 (Coordinator)**

**Dr. Nisha Bhargava  
 (Convener)**



## **Creative Writing Workshop Organised at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh in collaboration with Chandigarh Literary Society**

**Xpressions**, the Literary Society of the Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the Chandigarh Literary Society, hosted an illuminating Creative Writing Workshop on 22nd September 2023 that provided an opportunity to budding writers in honing their skill-set. The workshop was graced by the presence of the college's esteemed Principal, Dr. Nisha Bhargava who steered this initiative to its fruition. Dr. Sumita Misra IAS, Chairperson, Chandigarh Literary Society was the Chief Guest for the occasion. She addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of creative expression in today's world. She applauded the college's Literary Society for taking the initiative to organise such a workshop and expressed her delight in being a part of this literary endeavour. Mr. Affan Yesvi, Founding Director of Rhyvers of Rhyvers Publishing Group also graced the occasion and encouraged students to pursue various avenues of digital publishing.

The Creative Writing Workshop aimed to nurture and encourage the creative talents of the students. The workshop featured two distinguished Resource Persons, Dr. Deviyani Singh and Ms. Shubhangi Singh. They shared their invaluable insights and expertise with the students. The workshop had insightful discussions, writing exercises, and various interactive exercises that left a lasting impact on all in attendance. Dr. Nisha Bhargava, the Principal of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, emphasised the significance of such creative initiatives in nurturing the young minds of students and fostering a deep appreciation for writing. She applauded the efforts of Chandigarh Literary Society for their collaboration and in making the workshop a resounding success. The Creative Writing Workshop demonstrated the institution's commitment in promoting literary and creative pursuits among its students.



**Soft Skills Workshop organised at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women**

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Department of English  
*Organizes*  
Workshop on  
**Soft Skills**

Date: 6 February 2024  
Time: 11:00 AM  
Venue: Multimedia Hall

Prior Registration is Mandatory.  
[Click Here](#) to Register.

Resource Person

**Mrs Navneet Grewal**  
Soft Skills Trainer  
Affiliate Partner ICBI  
Member IMPA, Published Author  
Certified Language Instructor  
Poet and Translator



**Ms Neena Sharma**  
Co-convenor & Head, Department of English

**Dr Nisha Bhargava**  
Convener & Principal

**Dr Urvi Sharma & Ms Ruchika**  
Organising Secretaries

**Dr Aparna Sharma**  
Co-coordinator

**Dr Sunaina Jain**  
Coordinator

**Mr Ashish Mudgal**, Activity Incharge (Creative)



Soft Skills

The Post Graduate Department of English of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh conducted a session on Soft Skills. The resource person for the session was Ms. Navneet Grewal, an alumna, who is a Soft Skills Trainer, Affiliate Partner of ICBI, Member of IMPA, Published Author, Certified Language Instructor, Poet, and Translator. Ms. Navneet Grewal conducted an interactive session on Soft Skills for the students. Her survey-based observations, tips for grooming and anecdotal style of disseminating knowledge were appreciated by the participants. She quoted real-life examples to help participants understand soft skills better. She also elucidated how our hard skills must be complemented with soft skills to be successful in today's world. The session was attended by over 150 students. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava congratulated the department for making consistent endeavours towards holistic development of the students. She lauded this as a skill-centred initiative in accordance with the New Education Policy 2020.



## Soft Skills session conducted at MCM

February 09, 2024 12:23 PM



**CHANDIGARH, 09.02.24-The Postgraduate Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, conducted a session on Soft Skills.**

**The resource person for the session was Ms. Navneet Grewal, an alumna, who is a Soft Skills Trainer, Affiliate Partner of ICBI, Member of IMPA, Published Author, Certified Language Instructor, Poet and Translator. Her survey-based observations, tips**

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एमसीएम कॉलेज चंडीगढ़ में साफ्ट रिकल पर सत्र में प्रमुख वक्ता नवनीत ग्रेवाल संबोधित करते हुए। (छाया : गुरिन्द्र सिंह)

## एमसीएम में सॉफ्ट रिकल पर सत्र आयोजित

चंडीगढ़, 9 फरवरी (विशेष संवाददाता): मेहर चंद महाजन डीएवी महिला महाविद्यालय, चंडीगढ़ में अंग्रेजी के स्नातकोत्तर विभाग ने सॉफ्ट स्किल्स पर एक सत्र आयोजित किया। सत्र के लिए प्रमुख वक्ता कॉलेज की पूर्व छात्रा नवनीत ग्रेवाल थी। बहुमुखी प्रतिभा की धनी नवनीत ग्रेवाल एक सॉफ्ट स्किल ट्रेनर, आईसीबीआई की संबद्ध पार्टनर, आईएमपीए की सदस्य, लेखिका, प्रमाणित भाषा प्रशिक्षक, कवि और अनुवादक हैं। उनके सर्वेक्षण-आधारित अवलोकन, ग्रूमिंग टिप्स और ज्ञान के प्रसार की प्रतिभागियों द्वारा सराहना की गई। उन्होंने प्रतिभागियों को सॉफ्ट स्किल्स को बेहतर ढंग से समझने में मदद करने के लिए वास्तविक जीवन के उदाहरण दिए। उन्होंने यह भी बताया कि आज की दुनिया में सफल होने के लिए किस प्रकार सॉफ्ट कौशल को कठिन कौशल के पूरक के रूप में प्रयोग किया जाना चाहिए। सत्र में 150 से अधिक विद्यार्थियों ने भाग लिया। प्राचार्या डॉ. निशा भार्गव ने विद्यार्थियों के समग्र विकास की दिशा में लगातार प्रयास करने के लिए विभाग को बधाई दी। उन्होंने नई शिक्षा नीति 2020 के अनुरूप इसे कौशल-केंद्रित पहल बताते हुए इसकी सराहना की।



## Summer Bridge Courses

**Mehr Chand Mahajan**  
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Department of English  
 Organizes A 10-Day Online Bridge Course

**Pathway to Academic Brilliance:**  
 Conquering NTA NET (English), CUET PG (English),  
 Civil Services, and Other Competitive Exams

**Dates:** 28 May 2024 to 6 June 2024 **Timings:** 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

**Introduction:** → The National Testing Agency (NTA) oversees the National Eligibility Test (NET) for English, which holds immense importance in evaluating candidates for Assistant Professor positions and Junior Research Fellowships (JRF) in Indian universities and colleges. Additionally, the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for postgraduate English programs, Civil Services examinations, and other entrance exams are crucial milestones for aspiring scholars. However, many candidates encounter challenges in these exams due to insufficient guidance and preparation.

**Objective:** → The primary goal of our proposed bridge course is to offer aspiring candidates an opportunity to enhance their proficiency in English language & literature. This enhancement will significantly aid them in successfully clearing the NTA NET-English, CUET PG-English, and various entrance exams. Additionally, the course will cater to the needs of aspirants of competitive examinations such as Civil Services and other UPSC and state-level examinations. The course intends to bridge the gap between aspirants' current knowledge and the rigorous demands of these competitive examinations.

**Methodology:** → The course will be conducted online, leveraging video conferencing for interactive sessions. Participants will receive study materials digitally, facilitating easy access and review. Regular attendance, assignment submissions, and assessments will ensure continuous evaluation and progress tracking.

**Facilities:** → Participants will benefit from: ● Access to a wealth of online study materials and resources ● Personalized feedback and guidance from seasoned educators ● Mock tests and assessments to gauge readiness ● Certificate of completion for successful participants.



## **Pathway to Academic Brilliance: 10-day Bridge Course for NTA-NET, CUET (PG) English, and Pre-PhD Entrance Exams and various Service Commission Exams in English Literature**

In an effort to empower aspiring candidates for NTA-NET, CUET (PG) English, and Pre-PhD Entrance Exams and various Service Commission Exams in English Literature, the Department of English of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the esteemed guidance of Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava, organised a 10-day intensive online bridge course titled "Pathway to Academic Brilliance" from May 28, 2024, to June 6, 2024. The course, designed specifically for the preparation of UGC NET, CUET (PG), and pre-PhD entrance exams in English literature, witnessed the active participation of 45 aspiring scholars from diverse backgrounds.

The comprehensive course, spanning over 30 hours, was conducted entirely in the online mode, providing the participants with the flexibility to access the content from the comfort of their homes. The meticulously crafted curriculum covered various essential topics, ranging from literary theory and criticism to research methodologies and contemporary trends in English literature.

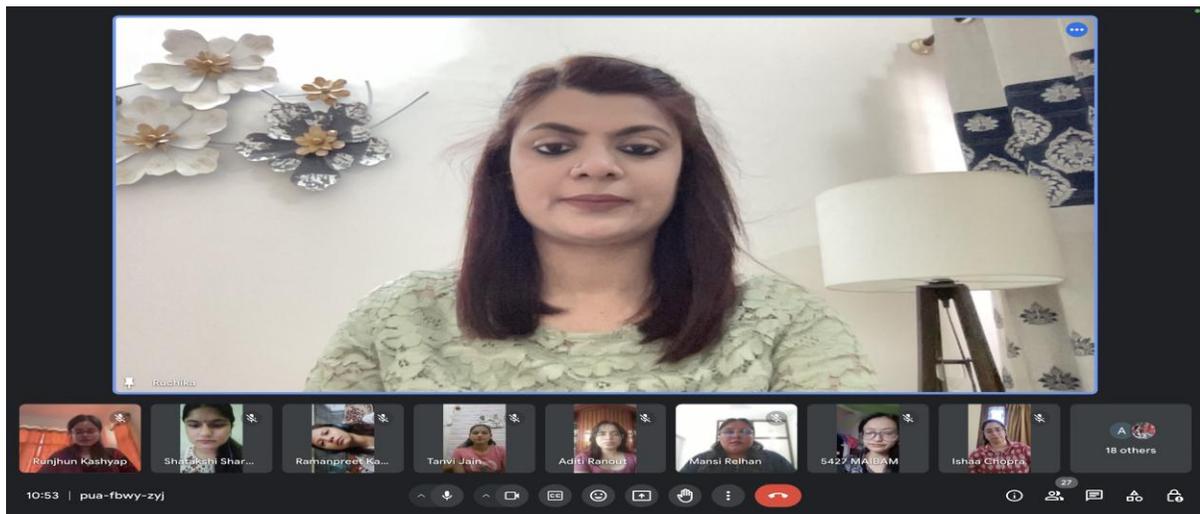
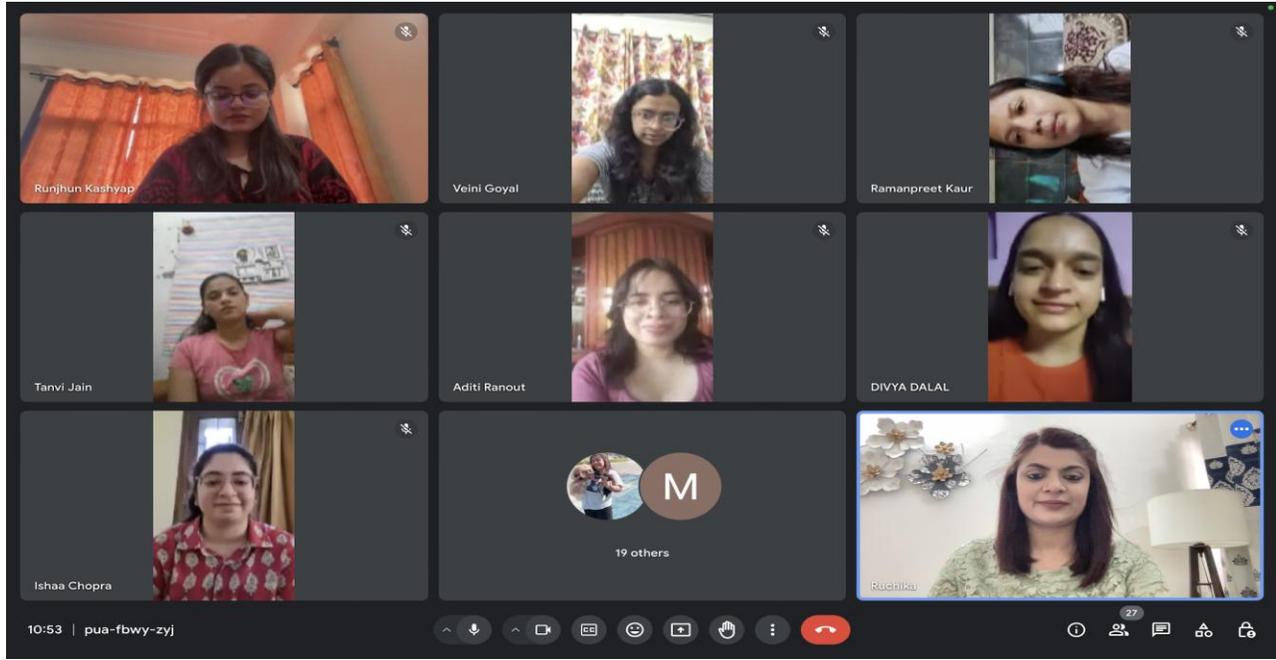
Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava expressed her utmost satisfaction with the efforts put forth by the participants throughout the course. She commended their dedication, perseverance, and eagerness to enhance their academic knowledge and skills. Dr. Bhargava emphasised the importance of such bridge courses in equipping students with the necessary tools and confidence to excel in their respective examinations.

The "Pathway to Academic Brilliance" bridge course served as a platform for participants to engage in rigorous academic discussions, receive personalised guidance, and benefit from expert insights shared by renowned faculty members in the field of English literature. Ms. Ruchika Singh, the resource person for the course, played a pivotal role in delivering the content and providing valuable insights that enriched the participants' learning experience. The interactive sessions, group activities, and mock tests provided a conducive learning environment that fostered intellectual growth and boosted the participants' confidence.

Participants expressed their gratitude for the well-structured course that not only expanded their subject knowledge but also enhanced their critical thinking abilities. They applauded the convenience of the online mode, which allowed them to strike a balance between their personal commitments and academic aspirations.

The success of the "Pathway to Academic Brilliance" bridge course stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment of Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava under whose able guidance the Resource Person Ms. Ruchika Singh worked tirelessly to deliver an enriching learning experience.

### Poster and Pictures of 'Pathway to Academic Brilliance', a Ten-Day Online Bridge Course



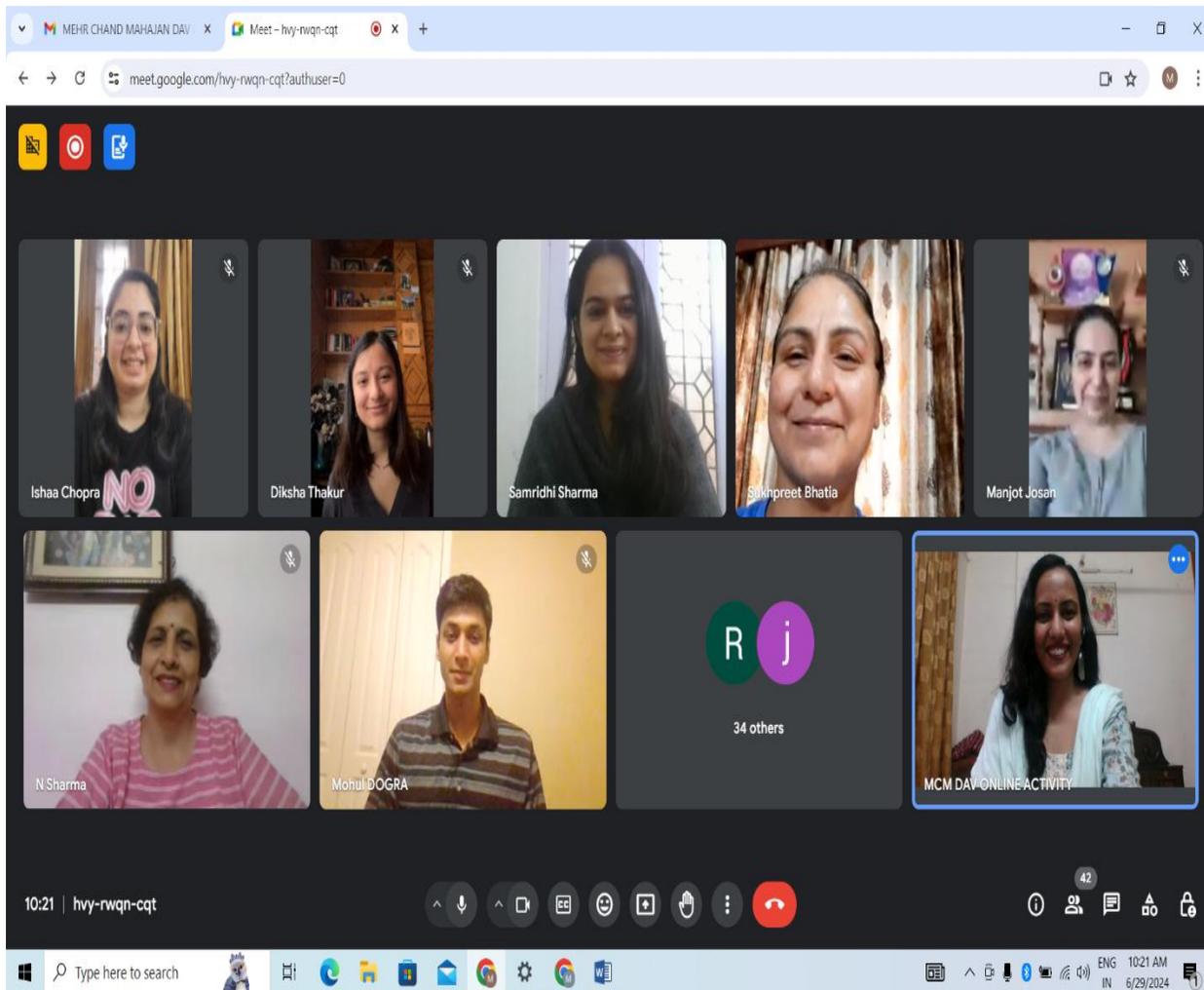
## **30 Hour Certificate Course in English Literature**

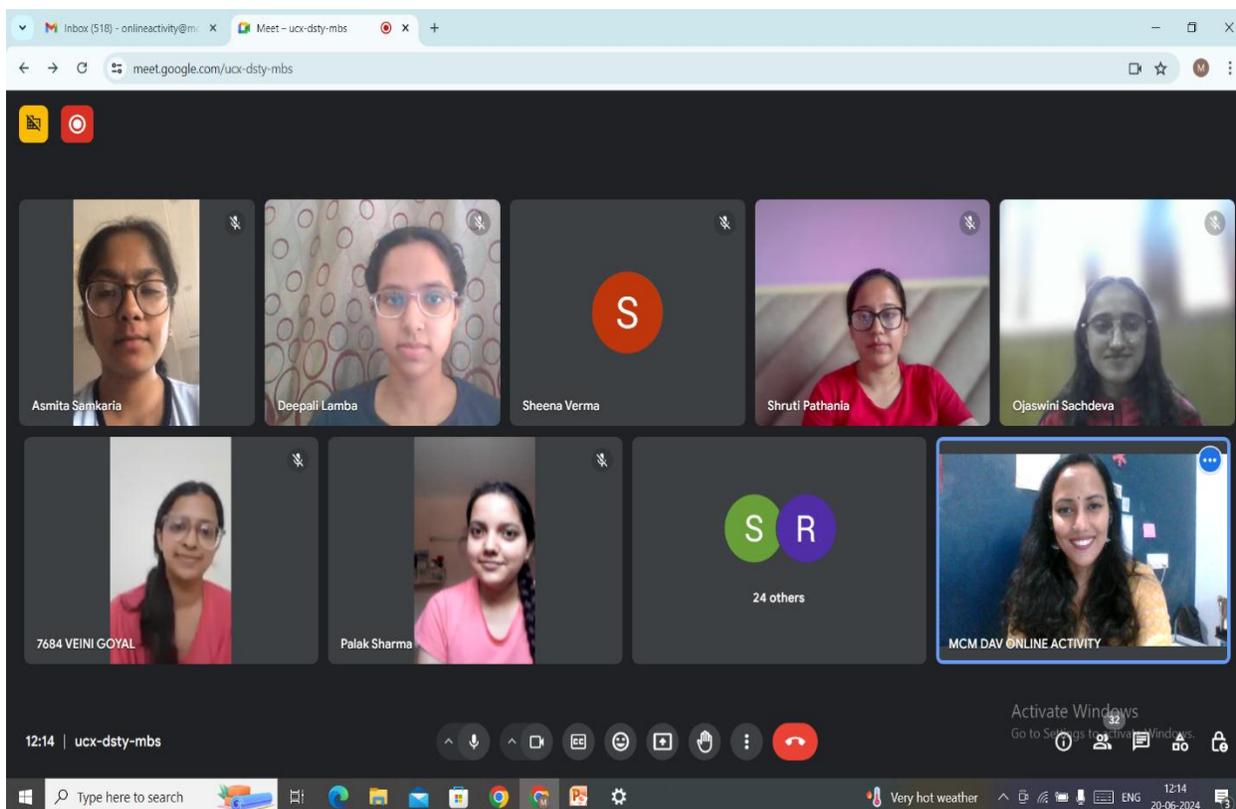
**20th June 2024 to 30th June 2024**

The PG Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organized an immersive **30 Hour Online Certificate Course in English Literature** from June 20, 2024, to June 30, 2024, designed not only to explore the rich tapestry of literary works that have shaped our understanding of culture, society, and human experience but also to better prepare students for competitive exams while aligning with the New Education Policy. Led by esteemed resource persons Ms. Samridhi Sharma, Ms. Anita, and Ms. Ritu Yadav, this course offered a comprehensive journey through various literary movements, genres, and influential authors. 55 participants attended the Certificate Course. With a blend of engaging lectures, thought-provoking discussions, and interactive activities, participants delved into key texts and themes, enhancing their analytical skills and appreciation for literature.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Principal Nisha Bhargava, who emphasized the importance of literature in fostering critical thinking and creativity among students. In her opening address, she praised the efforts and expertise of the resource persons, highlighting their commitment to delivering a high-quality learning experience. Principal Bhargava also acknowledged the curiosity and enthusiasm of the students, which are vital for creating a vibrant and engaging learning environment. The successful launch of this course is further supported by the continuous guidance of Head of Department, Ms. Neena Sharma, whose dedication has played a crucial role in shaping the course content and ensuring that participants receive a rich educational experience.

The course concluded on a high note, initiated by a heartfelt poem written by Principal Nisha Bhargava, which encouraged students to pursue excellence and embrace a journey of continuous learning. Following this inspiring introduction, Head of the Department Ms. Neena Sharma reiterated the importance of dedication in academic pursuits. The course itself was deemed a success, with participants expressing their gratitude and admiration for the excellent resource persons, Ms. Samridhi Sharma, Ms. Anita, and Ms. Ritu Yadav. Numerous attendees praised the expertise and commitment of the instructors, highlighting how the course has significantly enriched their understanding of English literature, enhanced their analytical skills, and better equipped them for competitive exams. The positive feedback from participants reflects the impactful and transformative experience provided throughout this engaging 10-day program, in line with the goals of the New Education Policy.





**Mavericks: The Book and Film Club**  
**of**  
**PG Department of English**  
**Induction Day 2023: A Report**  
**26 August 2023**

**Mavericks - The Book and Film Club** of PG Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, in collaboration with the **Young Communicators Club (YCC)**, organized an **Induction Ceremony** for both clubs on August 26, 2023. The event commenced with a warm address from the Head of the Post Graduate Department of English, Ms. Neena Sharma, who emphasized the crucial role of students and young adults in shaping the future through literature.. The student group is led by the department of English, with Dr. Manjot Kaur serving as the co-convenor and coordinator Ms. Ruchika Singh and Ms. Anita. Among the students, Ramia Hazuria, Aakriti, and Aanvi Mahajan were elected as office bearers, each taking on various responsibilities and committing to uphold the group's legacy.

Following this insightful introduction, the chairs of the clubs delivered interactive presentations, providing an overview of their past activities and introducing the action plan for the session 2023-2024. As a part of the ceremony, the office bearers of both clubs were presented with their identity cards by the faculty members present, marking their official induction into their respective roles.

The event continued with a poetry recitation program titled “Poems Aloud,” where many students showcased their creativity by sharing self-composed works with the audience, creating a vibrant and inspiring atmosphere. An impressive total of 170 students registered for the group.

### **Teachers’ Day 2023: A Report**

**5 September 2023**

**Mavericks - The Book and Film Club** of the PG Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women celebrated **Teachers’ Day** with enthusiasm and creativity. The club organized an online Doodle/Cartoon Making Contest centered around the theme of Teachers’ Day. This contest aimed to provide students with a platform to express their love and gratitude for their teachers through the playful mediums of doodling and cartooning.

The response to the contest was overwhelming, with a wide array of artworks submitted that showcased the diverse personalities of the students. On September 5th, the entries of Aparna Goyal (BA-3), Jasleen Kaur (B.Com.-2), and Harshita Sharma (BA-2) were awarded with classic literature from the world of fiction. Additionally, Ankita (BA-2) and Ramandeep Kaur (BA-3) received Consolation Prizes to acknowledge their efforts and encourage all contestants.

In addition to the contest, Team Mavericks organized a “Saree Bash,” inviting all students to drape their sarees and gather at the Celebration Ground to further honor their teachers. During the event, students shared memorable experiences with their beloved teachers, creating a warm and nostalgic atmosphere. The celebration concluded with students enjoying themselves to the lively beats of Bollywood music.

To applaud the efforts of the students dressed in sarees, Team Mavericks also organized a ramp walk, providing a stage for students to flaunt their sarees and jhumkas, adding a touch of glamor and joy to the occasion. The celebration was a resounding success, reflecting the love and respect students hold for their teachers.

## **Interaction with a Punjabi Cinema Icon: A Report**

**12 September 2023**

**Mavericks - The Book and Film Club** of PG Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, recently had the privilege of hosting the talented artist Neeru Bajwa and her team from the upcoming film *Buhe Bariyan* in the college's Golden Jubilee Hall. Fans eagerly gathered for the event, creating an electrifying atmosphere.

As Neeru Bajwa took the stage to the sounds of her upcoming songs, and her vibrant energy invigorated everyone present. Each cast member shared personal anecdotes and insights about their experiences in the film industry, providing encouragement to the audience. The Principal of the college, Dr. Nisha Bhargava, warmly welcomed Ms. Bajwa and her team, presenting them with beautiful plants and a traditional phulkari dupatta as tokens of appreciation.

A standout moment of the event was a tribute video created by Team Mavericks, which highlighted Neeru Bajwa's iconic and unconventional roles, showcasing her as a trailblazer in the Punjabi Film Industry, along with glimpses from her early career. The heartfelt tribute deeply touched Bajwa, who expressed her gratitude.

As the event concluded, Ms. Bajwa inspired the students to pursue their dreams with passion and dedication. The energy in the hall peaked as she exited the stage, with the audience erupting into dance, embodying the enthusiasm and spirit of the occasion. This event not only celebrated Neeru Bajwa's contributions to cinema but also instilled motivation and inspiration among the students. The event was graced by 50 members of the Mavericks club, along with a large number of students from the college, filling the hall to capacity. The head of PG Department of English, Ms. Neena Sharma, celebrated the efforts of the teachers and Team Mavericks.

## **Book Reading: “Frankenstein”: A Report**

**28 September 2023**

**Mavericks - The Book and Film Club** of PG Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organized its book reading session for September, featuring the classic novel “Frankenstein” (1818) by Mary Shelley. The book selection was determined by a poll conducted on the club’s Instagram page, where students voted for their preferred read, ultimately leading to the final choice of this iconic gothic work.

To facilitate the reading experience, the club provided students with access to E-books and audiobooks through their Instagram page, ensuring that everyone had the resources needed to engage with the text. Throughout the month, regular reminders were sent out to keep participants on schedule. On September 28th, students gathered in the Celebration Ground for a lively discussion about the book.

During the session, participants expressed their appreciation for the gothic genre and relished the spooky elements woven throughout the narrative. Various themes were explored, including ambition, isolation, and the nature of humanity. Students engaged in creative discussions, imagining plausible scenarios for the story and deepening their understanding of Shelley’s work. The event was a resounding success, fostering a sense of community among book lovers and igniting a passion for literature within the club. The event was made memorable by the participation of 41 talented students.

## **Film Screening: *Apur Sansar*: A Report**

**14 October 2023**

**Mavericks - The Book and Film Club** of PG Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organized a screening of Satyajit Ray's cult classic, *Apur Sansar*, to commemorate National Cinema Day. The event aimed to familiarize students with Ray's pioneering filmmaking style and to introduce them to the New Wave Cinema or Parallel Cinema movement in India. To provide context and enhance understanding, the students were briefed about the first two films in the ‘Apu Trilogy’ before proceeding with the screening of the third installment.

Following the conclusion of the film, the floor was opened for discussion. Participants shared various observations and viewpoints, expressing collective appreciation for Ray's dedication to his craft. The attending teachers, Dr. Manjot Kaur, Ms. Ruchika and Ms. Anita also contributed to the discussion by engaging in the thought-provoking dialogue. The discussion encompassed alternate endings and multiple character arcs, allowing students to explore the film's depth and nuances. Additionally, students drew parallels with Hindi cinema, emphasizing the importance of translating literary and cinematic works to broaden their reach and impact.

Through the screening of *Apur Sansar*, students were introduced to the rich world of Bengali cinema. The enlightening discussion that followed fostered a deeper appreciation for Indian cinema among the participants, successfully fulfilling the objectives of National Cinema Day and encouraging further exploration of diverse cinematic narratives. A total of 40 students actively engaged in the movie screening and the subsequent discussion about the same.

### **Halloween Gala: A Report**

**31 October 2023**

**Mavericks - The Book and Film Club**, of PG Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, in collaboration with the **Young Communicators Club**, hosted a spooktacular “Halloween Gala” on October 31, 2023, immersing everyone in festive, hair-raising fun. The event showcased a variety of activities that brought the spirit of Halloween to life, from eerily cool costumes to devilishly daunting face paintings.

The college’s open stage was filled with joy as students kicked off the day with a thrilling Face-Painting Competition. Dancing to haunting melodies, the artists unleashed their creativity, conjuring beautifully sinister masterpieces that left the audience in awe. The victors of the face-painting contest were Ramandeep (BA-3), Rachel (BA-2), and Chhavi (BSc Med-3).

Following the face-painting, a Costume Competition enchanted the audience. Students transformed into their favorite fictional characters and presented spine-tingling monologues that brought their characters to life. Participants embodied iconic figures such as Willy Wonka, The Nun, Wednesday Addams, Dwight Schrute, Vivian Ward, Trinity, and Paro from *Devdas*. Shivali (BA-3), dressed as The Nun, won the award for Best Costume, while Shruti Pathania (BA-3), portraying Willy Wonka, received the award for Best Monologue. Outstanding

performances were also delivered by Shanaya, who captivated the audience as Harley Quinn, and Vansuima, who enthralled everyone with her dance as Paro from *Devdas*.

With ghostly-painted faces and outrageously entertaining theatrical costumes, the competitions brilliantly captured the spine-chilling essence of Halloween. The Halloween Gala proved to be a wickedly successful and unforgettable experience for all attendees, leaving them eagerly anticipating future events. A total of around 90 students from the college participated in the event with great enthusiasm.

### **Film Screening: The Boy in Striped Pajamas: A Report**

**3 February 2024**

**Mavericks - The Book and Film Club** of PG Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organized a screening of *The Boy in Striped Pajamas* on February 3, 2024, to honor the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, observed annually on January 27. The screening aimed to familiarize students with the profound tragedy of the Holocaust through the medium of art, allowing them to engage with the historical context and understand the societal factors that enabled such atrocities.

Following the film's conclusion, a discussion was held, providing the audience with an opportunity to share their emotional responses and diverse viewpoints. Students grappled with the ethical dilemma of doing the right thing versus following orders, leading to a deeper exploration of themes such as hegemony and the normalization of violence and hatred. The discussion proved to be eye-opening for all participants, prompting critical reflections on morality and societal responsibility. Ramia, Havisha, Aakriti and other students actively participated in the discussion, sharing their perspectives and experiences related to the topic in hand. Their contributions enriched the dialogue and provided valuable insights.

The screening not only served as a poignant reminder of the Holocaust but also opened avenues for students to explore related literature and films. Recommendations included notable works such as *The Book Thief* and *The Diary of a Young Girl*, as well as films like *Schindler's List* and *The Zone of Interest*. Overall, the event successfully fostered a meaningful dialogue about the importance of remembrance and understanding historical tragedies. A group of 48 students collaborated to make the event a grand success.



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## **Progressive Writers of India: A Report**

**6 March 2024**

**Mavericks - The Book and Film Club** of PG Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organized its monthly book reading and discussion session on March 6, 2024. The chosen topic for this session was the Progressive Writers of India, an influential literary movement that aimed to address social issues and promote progressive thought through literature.

During the session, which took place in the Multimedia Hall of the college, six notable Progressive Writers were introduced to the students, alongside three short stories authored by some of these writers. The event commenced with an overview of the writers, discussing the reasons for their collaboration and the major themes prevalent in their works. Students were invited to come forward and read selected short stories, including “Do Farlang Lambi Sadak” by Krishan Chander, fostering an engaging and interactive atmosphere.

Following the reading session, the floor was opened for discussion, allowing audience members to share their observations and express their opinions about the short stories they found most impactful. Participants engaged in thoughtful conversations about the authentic portrayal of poverty and the lives of marginalized individuals in society, highlighting the relevance of these themes in contemporary contexts.

The session concluded with attendees recommending additional short stories and poetry that they had discovered during their exploration of the Progressive Writers, enriching the collective appreciation for this significant literary movement. Overall, the event provided valuable insights into the Progressive Writers of India and encouraged students to continue exploring diverse literary voices. The event witnessed the participation of 42 students who put on an impressive display.

## Election for the Position of Chair and Secretary

### A Report

26 April 2024

**Mavericks - The Book and Film Club** of PG Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, conducted elections for the positions of Chair and Secretary at the end of the academic year 2023-2024. As the current Chair and Secretary, Ramia Hazuria and Aakriti, prepared to conclude their two-year term, the club organized this election to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

Prior to the elections, students who were part of the organizing committee were informed about the election process and the specific duties associated with both positions. Interested candidates were invited to submit an agenda outlining their plans for the upcoming session, allowing the committee to assess their creative ideas and management skills.

On April 26th, candidates presented their agendas to the team members, who engaged them with pertinent questions to evaluate their vision for the club. This presentation session was followed by a cultural quiz designed to gauge the candidates' literary and film knowledge, further assessing their suitability for the roles. The event saw the involvement of 30 students who actively took part in it. Havisha and Vanshika have been identified as suitable candidates to assume roles for the upcoming session.





### **Election of Officer Bearers in progress**

### **Field Visits**

BA III Students of Functional English were taken for a visit to the office of *The Hindustan Times* on 10th April 2024 to understand the functioning of a reputed publication house. A team of technical experts in the Computer to Plate section and in Printing and Distribution Units apprised the students about the intricacies of publishing and circulation of a newspaper.





### Student Achievers

#### Academics (BA English Hons May 2023)

ROLL NO.	NAME	MARKS	UNIVERSITY RANK
20091378	ANUBHA SHARMA	594/800	4



## Debating Society Achievers

### Niharika Chaudhary

- On 8th October 2023, at the Zonal Youth Fest hosted by MCM DAV College for Women in Chandigarh, Niharika Chaudhary secured the second position in the debate.
- On the 4th of November 2023, the Interzonal Youth Festival was organized in Ferozpur. Niharika Choudhary participated in Debate and emerged as the winner, securing the first prize in the competition.

### Mansha Sharma



- Mansha got second place in Elocution at the Panjab University Zonal Youth Fest 2024
- On 5 March 2024, Mansha Sharma (BA 1, 2718) won the first prize in the AC Bali Memorial Declamation Contest.
- On 21 March 2024, Mansha Sharma (BA 1: 2718) participated in Yuva Sansad organized by UILS, Panjab University, and won Best Parliamentarian award.
- At the PEC MUN, organized by PEC, Chandigarh, on 20 and 21 April 2024, Mansha Sharma (BA 1: 2718) (France) was adjudged Best delegate in UNSC. She also received cash prizes of Rs 8000.

## Kanishka Jasrotia

- Kanishka Jasrotia (BA 1, 3200) won the first prize in the K K Grover Declamation Contest organised by the Dept of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

## Karika Thakur

- In the 2nd National Level Poetry Writing and Recitation Competition, organised by Chandigarh University on 1 April 2024, Karika Thakur (BA1, 3530) stood first.
- At the PEC MUN, organized by PEC, Chandigarh, on 20 and 21 April 2024, Karika (Finland) got the award for Best delegate in UNHRC. She also received cash prizes of Rs 6000.

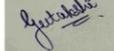
## Himakshi Sharma

- Himakshi Sharma of BA 2, bagged special mention in UNSC. She received a trophy and a certificate at the PEC MUN.

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<b>UGC – NET December 2023 Result</b>			
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Candidate's Name:	DEVANSHI		
Mother's Name:	MEENAKSHI		
Father's Name:	KAPIL KUMAR		
Category:	GENERAL	Person with Disability (PwD)*:	No
Gender:	Female	Date of Birth:	04-04-2000
Subject:	English (030)		
No of Candidates in this Subject	Registered:	78944	Appeared:
	Appeared:	51934	
Applied For:	JRF(Junior Research Fellowship) & Assistant Professor		
Paper	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained	
Paper – 1:	100	64	
Paper – 2:	200	140	
Total:	300	204	
Total Marks Obtained in Words:	Two Hundred Four Only		
Result:	QUALIFIED FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR ONLY		
VI-Visually Impaired, HI- Hearing Impaired, LM-Locomotor Disability, OD-Other Disability			
Date: 18-01-2024			
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UGC – NET December 2023 Result

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Father's Name:	PARVEEN KUMAR WASON				
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Paper – 1:	100	60			
Paper – 2:	200	122			
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Total Marks Obtained in Words:	One Hundred Eighty Two Only				
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## Faculty Details:

### Ms Neena Sharma

- Nominated Member of the UG Board of Studies in English, Panjab University, for a two-year term from 1/04/23 to 31/03/25
- Nominated Member of the Board of Studies, Dept of Human Rights, Panjab University, for a two-year term from 1/04/23 to 31/03/25.
- Nominated Corpted Member of JAAC for Curriculum Design of 4-year UG Programme, Dept of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University.
- Co-authored a Research Paper on 'Broadening Horizons through Skill Enhancement: Roadmap for Higher Education in India' in the Edited book 'Scenario of Higher Education in India'.

- Successfully completed with an 'A' Grade a UGC-Sponsored three-month 'Executive Development Programme on Human Rights' organised from 20<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 by the Centre for Human Rights and Environmental Studies, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi.
- Co-Chaired the Plenary Session of an International Conference on 'Posthumanism, Cybernetics and Human Rights' organised by the School of Languages, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala held from 25 to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
- Invited to judge the Literary Contests in 'Pages and Prose: A Celebration of Literature' on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 organised by the PG Govt College Sector 11, Chandigarh.
- Invited to present a Paper on 'National Education Policy: Scope and Challenges for English Studies' in the National Seminar organized by the Dept of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024.
- Invited as a Resource Person in the Faculty Development Programme on 'e-Content Development' organised by the PMMMNTT, Punjabi University, Patiala, to deliver a session on 'Literature and New Pedagogical Tools: Exploring the Dynamics of Creative and Generative Literature' on 27 January 2024.
- Coordinated the Rajasthan Day celebrations at Punjab Raj Bhawan on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

### **Dr. Jasmine Anand**

- Elected as a Member of Board of Studies for Postgraduate English at Panjab University, Chandigarh for the session 2023-2025.
- Elected as a Member of Board of Studies for Undergraduate English at Panjab University, Chandigarh for the session 2023-2025.
- Published a paper titled "Says Bahini: Reading Bahina Bai's Autobiography *Atmanivedan*" in *Langlit*-an International Peer Reviewed Open Access Journal, Volume 10, Issue 2, Part 3 in November 2023.
- Invited as a Resource person by National Translation Mission, Central Institute of Indian Languages, (Ministry of Education, GOI) Mysore for two lectures in a workshop mode on "Understanding Literary to Non-Literary Translation" and "Translating Knowledge Texts" on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023.

- Presented a paper "Understanding Wisdom Through Mystical Stirrings in the Poetry of Bhai Vir Singh" at an International Conference organized by Naad Pargaas, Sri Amritsar and Department of Guru Nanak Sikh Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
- Invited as a Resource person for Radio Programme *Lakshaya* FM 107.2 mghz to deliver a talk on "Panjab University Graduation Admission Guidance and NEP" on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- Presented a paper "The Albatross of 'Izzat' and Religious Identity of Sikh/Punjabi Diaspora in the UK" at an International Conference organized by Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### **Dr. Sunaina Jain**

- Set question paper for the course titled 'Proficiency in English' of Bsc Bed and BA Bed (4 year integrated programme) end semester for end semester exams in May 2024.
- Acted as Centre superintendent for the end semester Panjab University exams at CHD 20 Government College, Sector 11, Chandigarh in May 2024.
- Evaluated MPhil dissertation and conducted MPhil viva titled *Massifying tendencies of Biopolitics in Totalitarian states* of Mallika Singh from the Department of Modern Indian Languages and Comparative Literature, Delhi University on Feb.1, 2024.
- Acted as Moderator at a book discussion event organized by the Chandigarh Literary Society on the novel *The Velvet Hotline* by Arsh Verma on 18th Dec. 2023.
- Event coordinator and host for the Spring Edition of Literati: a Literature Festival organized by Chandigarh Literary Society on 16th March 2024.
- Moderated a session titled 'The Craft and Nuances of Writing Fiction' with Sakoon Singh and Gurpartap Khairah during the Spring Edition of Literati: a Literature Festival organized by Chandigarh Literary Society on 16th March 2024.
- Invited as resource person to deliver a lecture on 'Literature as Discourse: Riding the Tide of Theory' on 22nd August 2024 at Amity University, Mohali.
- Prepared video lectures on two modules of American Literature namely Ernest Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms* and Walt Whitman's *Song of Myself* for the University of Jammu in August 2024.
- Won the third prize for her poem "The Patchwork Quilt and Other Poems" in the annual Poetry competition organized by the Chandigarh Literary Society in 2023.

- Invited as judge for a poetry writing competition "Expressing the Repressed" organized by the Deptt of Psychology and Geetanjali Counseling Helpline on the occasion of UN International Day of Happiness and World Poetry Day on 21st March 2023.
- Judged a RUSA sponsored Poetry writing competition on Akshay Urja Diwas on 20th Aug 2024.
- Organized an intra-college Literary quiz Invicta 2023
- Dr. Sunaina Jain won the third prize for her poem “The Patchwork Quilt and Other Poems” in the annual Poetry competition organized by the Chandigarh Literary Society in 2023. (Picture below)



### **Dr. Aparna Sharma**

- Invited as a Resource person at Panjab University IAS Academy in February 2023 and October 2023 to deliver lectures on the topic ‘Reading Comprehension and Communication Skills’
- Visiting faculty at IK Gujral Punjab Technical University, Mohali in April, May 2023 for B.Tech First year (English Language)
- Invited as a Resource person at Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Open University, Patiala on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in an online lecture on the topic ‘Accuracy and Fluency in Communication’

- Published a paper ‘Identifying the contours of language with a special focus on the use of idioms and phrases which promote a hedonistic lifestyle’ in the *International Journal of Arts & Education Research* (edition July-August 2023, Volume-12/Issue)
- Presented a paper Identifying the contours of language with a special focus on the use of idioms and phrases which promote a hedonistic lifestyle in the Online International Conference - Sustainable Education with NEP 2020 and SDGs 2030 on 24 July 2023 organised by Post Graduate Govt College for Girls, Sector 42, Chandigarh in collaboration with Consortium for Advancing Indian Tertiary Education (CITE)
- Co-Chaired a Technical Session on the topic 'Human Health and Well Being' (offline) on 27th May 2023 in the ICCSR sponsored two-day Multi-Disciplinary National Conference ‘Transformation, Survival and Sustainability In A Post Covid World And Creating A New Bharat: Some Dimensions From Punjab And Haryana State’ organised by Post Graduate Department of Economics, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh
- Invited as Judge at ICSE Inter School Extempore at Little Flower Convent School, Panchkula on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### **Ms. Anita**

- Ms. Anita has presented a paper on “Violence, Psychological and Moral Warfare in *Death Note* : The Conflict of Ambiguity in the Postmodern World” at the International Conference on Mapping Violence and Social Exclusion in Urban Space Narratives, organized by The Department of English Studies, Akal University, Raman Road, Talwandi Sabo, Punjab.
- Ms. Anita has presented a paper on “Assimilation with the Shadow Self in *Tokyo Ghoul: Re* : A Representation of Co-existence and Harmony through Acceptance” at The Soul in Symphony: Journey of Happiness Through Self Actualization and Self Realization, A Two-Day Multidisciplinary International Conference, organized by the Department of English, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh on 19-20 March 2024.

### **Ms. Samridhi Sharma**

- Ms. Samridhi Sharma has presented a paper on “The Art of Transformation: Radha’s Path to Self-Realization in Anita Nair’s *Mistress* and the Indian Rasa Theory” at The Soul in Symphony: Journey of Happiness Through Self Actualization and Self Realization, A Two-Day Multidisciplinary International Conference, organized by the Department of English, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh on 19-20 March 2024.

### **Ms. Ayushi**

- Ms. Ayushi has presented a paper on “A Ton of Self-Realization: Characters in Bridgeton Coming to Terms with Their Own Self” at The Soul in Symphony: Journey of Happiness Through Self Actualization and Self Realization, A Two-Day Multidisciplinary International Conference, organized by the Department of English, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh on 19-20 March 2024.

### **Ms. Shruti Sharma**

- Ms. Shruti Sharma has presented a paper on “The Reverse Osmosis of Self in the Digital Era” at The Soul in Symphony: Journey of Happiness Through Self Actualization and Self Realization, A Two-Day Multidisciplinary International Conference, organized by the Department of English, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh on 19-20 March 2024.

### **FDP’s attended by Faculty Members and Research Scholars**

- Ms. Anita has attended a Faculty Development Program on “Use of Artificial Development Program on “Graphic Novels and Comics as a New Pedagogical Approach” which was organized by Career Development Cell (CDC), Gokul Global University, Siddhpur, Gujarat from 1 to 17 January 2024.
- Ms. Samridhi Sharma has attended a Faculty Development Program on “Use of Artificial Development Program on “Graphic Novels and Comics as a New Pedagogical Approach” which was organized by Career Development Cell (CDC), Gokul Global University, Siddhpur, Gujarat from 1 to 17 January 2024.

- Ms. Anita has attended a Faculty Development Program on “Use of Artificial Development Program on “Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education 4.0” which was organized by Career Development Cell (CDC), Gokul Global University, Siddhpur, Gujarat from 8 to 14 January 2024.
- Ms. Samridhi Sharma has attended a Faculty Development Program on “Use of Artificial Development Program on “Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education 4.0” which was organized by Career Development Cell (CDC), Gokul Global University, Siddhpur, Gujarat from 8 to 14 January 2024.
- Ms. Noor attended FDP on Reconstructing indigenous womanhood : A Recognition of Being organised by Gokul Global University, Siddhpur, Gujrat from 8th to 14th July, 2024
- Ms. Noor attended FDP on Deconstructing Folklore organised by Gokul Global University, Siddhpur, Gujrat from 29th July to 4th August, 2024





- Ms. Shreya Pathania attended FDP on Deconstructing Folklore organised by Gokul Global University, Siddhpur, Gujrat from 29th July to 4th August, 2024
- Ms. Shreya Pathania attended FDP on Academic Research Writing organised by Teaching Learning Centre PMMMMNTT of Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from 1st to 7th January 2024 and obtained A+.

