

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

(SESSION - 2016-22)

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

A bridge course entitled History of English Literature has been introduced by Dr. Bulbul Gupta (Assistant Professor, Department of English). The course is meant primarily for the students of M.A. Semester I and Semester III (English). The course covers the study of various periods/ages in which English Literature has been divided; The political, social and economic characteristics of each period/age; the literary features of the periods/ages; the writers of the periods/ages and their works; and some major movements that took place in the history of English Literature. The aim of the course is to act as a bridge between the previous knowledge and new knowledge of the students of M.A. Semester I and Semester III (English), and enable the students to gain an intensive understanding of their subject. The course is designed to assist the students in acquiring in-depth knowledge of the papers prescribed in their syllabus of M.A. (English). Furthermore, the course would also prove useful to students in preparing for various competitive examinations such as TGT, PGT, NET, and the like.

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On the occasion of National Unity Day (Oct. 31), an essay writing competition on the topic, "Will the present political scenario of India ensure its national unity" was organized by the departmental council. Considering that the topic was of national importance, it was attempted to make the competition more inclusive. Hence the competition was thrown open for participation to students of all the departments of the college. The medium of expression was English, and the participants were required to express themselves in the word range of 1,000 to 1,200.

Dr Bulbul Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of English gave a PowerPoint presentation on the eminent Indian writer in English, R.K. Narayan and his home turned into museum at Mysore that she had visited during her stay at Mysore for short-term training. The presentation included pictures of R.K. Narayan's home; his belongings such as his clothes, spectacles, and the like; the awards and honorary degrees that R.K. Narayan was honoured with. Dr Gupta also acquainted the students with some of the major aspects of R.K. Narayan's life as a writer, as a husband and a father, and as a friend.

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On Nov. 14, 2017, Dr Amar Singh Kashyap, faculty member, Department of Botany of the college delivered a guest lecture on Houseplants to students of the Department of English. The idea was to encourage students to involve themselves in plantations in and around their houses and contribute towards a healthier environment. The talk was followed by an interactive session. A two-day lecture series on the topic, How to use Pronouncing Dictionary was conducted on Nov. 20 & 21, 2017 by Dr Bulbul Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of English.. The lectures were attended by large no of students. A creative writing competition was organized in the month of December. The competition included essay writing and composing poems. The competition was open to all the students of the college for participation.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH REPORT

A competition to test listening skills of students of post graduate classes (M.A. English, Semester II) was held in February in the English Language Laboratory. Prior to the competition, the students were trained to enhance their listening skills through audios in which the speaker whose first language was English spoke on a particular topic. The students listened to the audios on their respective computers in the language lab and then answered questions based on them. The aim of the entire activity was to enable the students to understand spoken English as it is spoken by people whose first language is English and thus improve their communication skills. An Extempore Competition was organized in the month of March in which students belonging to both undergraduate and postgraduate classes of various subjects participated. The aim of the competition was to encourage and test quick thinking and presence of mind of students as well as their ability to articulate their thoughts logically and coherently on the spur of the moments. Students picked up a topic from amongst varied topics written on folded chits and spoke on the respective topic for approximately two minutes. The winners were awarded prizes.