



Miranda House

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Society Annual Report

Society Activities

Society: ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY

Year: JULY 2017-JULY 2018

Student Office Bearers:

President: Swareena Gurung

Vice President: Ritika

Staff Advisors: Dr. Jenny Rowena and Ms, Gorvika Rao

Part A.1

Events/Seminars/conferences/workshops/Extension Activities organized



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The academic year 2017-18 for the English Department of Miranda House began with an engaging **talk with the writer Ms. Anuja Chauhan on 25.8.17**. The talk was organized under the aegis of the Department's Literary Society. An MH alumna, writer Anuja Chauhan discussed her latest book, *Baaz* and spoke of her days as a Mirandian.



THE ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY,
MIRANDA HOUSE

INVITES YOU TO
ATTEND

**A TALK WITH
ANUJA CHAUHAN**
DISCUSSION OF HER LATEST
BOOK - **BAAZ**

TIME - 3.30 pm
DATE - 25th August 2017
VENUE - Students'
Activity Centre (SAC)





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English Literary Society takes pride in the fact that it has always been proactive in organising discussions on discourses that are often ignored by the mainstream. Continuing with the tradition, the Department of English in collaboration with its Literary Society organized a seminar on “**Gorkhaland - Development, Governance, and the Identity Issue**” on 1.9.17. The seminar discussed the history and the evolution of the movement over the years. In their lectures, speakers Dr. Shrawan Acharya and Dr. Binu Sundas traced the history of the Gorkhaland movement, and discussed issues pertaining to the development, governance and identity of the Gorkhas.

The English Literary Society,
Miranda House

Invites you to attend

A Talk on
Gorkhaland
*Development, Governance and the
Identity Issue*

Speakers:

Dr. Shrawan Acharya
Jawaharlal Nehru University

Dr. Binu Sundas
Miranda House

Students' Activity Centre
September 1, 2017
1:00pm- 2:00pm



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The Department of English successfully **launched the first issue of a student-run newsletter *M.Etch* on 4th September 2017**. *M.Etch* was an attempt at filling the void created by the absence of student-run newsletters in most colleges. The name *M.Etch* was the play on our college acronym and encapsulated the purpose of providing Mirandians with a platform to share their words. With this newsletter, the Department of English also aimed at increasing a dialogue between students of different departments across the college.

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The English Department of Miranda House in collaboration with the English Department of Hindu College organized a **talk entitled, “19th Century Russia: A History of Ideas” on 13.10.17**. The talk delivered by Prof. Dilip Simeon was organised with a view to facilitate the students to appreciate the newly introduced Discipline Centric course on 19th Century Russian Novel, introduced in the CBCS syllabus.



19th Century Russia : A History of Ideas

A talk by Prof. Dilip Simeon

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Friday, 13 October 2017
Room 11, Hindu College

All are invited





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A two day student seminar entitled “Of Murders, Mysteries and Sensation: Interpreting Detective Fiction” was organised on 13th and 14th October 2017. This student seminar also aimed at making the DCE course on Science and Detective Fiction more accessible to the students. Several students from the department presented papers on the seminar theme and sub-themes.

OF MURDERS, MYSTERIES AND SENSATION: INTERPRETING DETECTIVE FICTION : A TWO DAY STUDENT'S SEMINAR

14.10.17 – Second Day
11:00- 12:30 PM

Lights, Camera, Crime : Beyond Literatures

Chair: Gorvika Rao (Assistant Professor, Miranda House, Delhi University)

Student paper by Saanika Jha (3rd Year, Miranda House)

A 10x zoom into Distortion”: A psychoanalytical approach to Alfred Hitchcock’s films; Crime and its ‘criminal’ creator.

Student paper by Shailee D. Rajak (3rd Year, Miranda House)

Murder, Mystery and the Macabre”: Locating ‘Castle’ within the genre of Crime and Detective Fiction

OF MURDERS, MYSTERIES AND SENSATION: INTERPRETING DETECTIVE FICTION : A TWO DAY STUDENT'S SEMINAR

13.10.17- First Day

9:00 -10:30 AM

Crime that Sells: Conversations with Editor and Author

R Sivapriya, Executive Editor, Juggernaut

Arjun Chandra Kathpalia Author, Juni Dagger: Murders in

Meraupatnam

10:30- 12:00 PM

20th Century Crime fiction in English to Vernacular

Chair: Maitrayee Roychoudhary (Assistant Professor, ARSD College, Delhi University)

Dr. Balwant Kaur (Assistant Professor, Miranda House, Delhi University) On Hindi Detective Fiction

Student Papers by Karabi Barman (3rd Year, Miranda House)

Tracing Bengali Detective Fiction and Satyajit Ray’s Feluda

Jeevanjot Kaur Nagpal (3rd Year, Miranda House) Rural Setting in Golden Age Crime Fiction



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The year long activities of the department came to a successful close on **March, 15th & 16th 2018**, with the **Annual English Literary Society Festival**, the years' theme being, **'Caste in the Classroom.'** This issue of the Literary Society Festival, explored discrimination and prejudices operational in day to day classroom experiences of the students. It delved into the aspects of pedagogy, syllabi, classroom-engagement, and performance with the issue of caste being foregrounded.



The two-day event saw an array of activities like panel discussions, creative writing competition, student seminar, informal discussion, slam poetry and stand-up comedy. One of the highlights of the festival was a live performance by an upcoming band, *Baudhakaro*, which rejuvenated the students' spirits with its revolutionary strains.

THE ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY, MIRANDA HOUSE
presents
The Annual Literary Festival '18

15th MARCH	16th MARCH
9:30-11:00 Panel Discussion <i>Politics from Margins: Resisting Student Agency in Campus</i> Rahul Srivastava, Prasenjit Halder (Student leaders, E-2015, A, IITM) Suresh Gokhale (Former Member, A.S.A. Hyderabad) Zainab Ahmad (Student activist, IIS, DMD)	9:30-12:00 Panel Discussion <i>20 Years of the English Society at Miranda House</i> Sudhakar Verma (President & Chairman, 2017) Rajesh Kumar (Chairman of the English Society, Miranda House, 2015-16) Anand Kumar (Author of 'The English Society Miranda House')
11:00-1:00 Students Presentations	12:00-1:00 Book Bazaar & Food Court
1:00-2:00 Book Bazaar & Food Court	1:00-2:00 Standup Comedy & Creative Writing
2:00-3:30 Street Play Competition	2:00-3:30 Slam Poetry
3:30-4:30 Kahwa Stop	3:30 onwards Baudhakaro Band Performance

15 - 16th
March

THE ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY
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presents

BLACK OUT POETRY

THE CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

-THEME-
CASTE IN
THE CLASSROOM

16th MARCH, 2018
1pm-2pm
VENUE: ROOM NO. 101

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