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Departmental Annual Report - 3

Departmental Activities: Curriculum and Beyond

Department: English

Year: 2023-2024

Department Society and its Office Bearers:

English Literary Society:

Anushka Verma, President

Saba Afreen, Vice-President

Chavvi Mittal, Treasurer

Somedutta, General Secretary

Shina Ahmed Noor, Logistics Head

Onisha, Creative Head

Staff Advisors:

Deepika Tandon & Abhabya Ratnam

Part B.1

Seminars/conferences/workshops conducted by the Department

- Talk and discussion on Uma Chakravarti's (feminist critic, historian) film "Prison Dairies" directed by Ms Priyanka Chhabra based on the prison experiences of activist and actor Snehlata Reddy during the Emergency, discussed issues like women's political participation its archiving organised by the Literary Society.
- Interactive session (19th October 2023) around the theme 'Challenges Before the Independent Media Today' was also organized, where Ms. Ritu Kapoor of Quintillion Media, co-founder The Quint and Board member World Editor's Guild spoke on 'Trust Deficit in a Populist, Polarized World'. Among other subjects she spoke about influencer culture vs. news reportage, ethical journalism, media politics. Ms Fatima Khan, Chief Editor, The Quint spoke on Ground Realities: Hands on Reporting. Her film 'Voices Behind the Veil' was also screened opening up a discussion on women's education, choices in communal contexts and resistance, themes which found a resonance amongst students
- **Lit-Fest 2024:**
The two-day event (18th -19th April 2023) had the theme **Threads Through Time: Making Meaning in Contemporary Culture** and encouraged academic activity by students. It



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included student conference on the theme of ‘Myth-Making’, and a student symposium on the subject ‘Myth, Media and Meaning’ organised in collaboration with Poesis, the Miranda House Book Club with which English department students are actively associated. Concerns around current media platforms, digital and virtual space among others were debated.

Speaker sessions by historian Dr. Meera Dayal who presented ‘Notes on Fake Ascetics in the Jatakas’, while visual artist Mr. Anupam Roy conducted a visual presentation on ‘Politics of the Image’ and Dr. Anugyan Nag spoke on ‘The Return of Classical Myths in Contemporary Bollywood Cinema’.

Below is the picture taken of the Book Bazaar which is held during the Annual Literary festival, which is organized by the students.



Part B.2

Extension Activities organized



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Part B.3

Any other event organized as part of students' activities (not listed above)