

Literary Associations

English Literary Circle



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INAUGURAL CEREMONY

The Inaugural Ceremony of the English Literary Circle was held on Monday, 19th July 2021. The event was attended by many students and professors of Degree as well as Junior College. Emphasising ELC's aim of being A Confluence of Words and Ideas, Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan accentuated the fact that it is important to strive for excellence through continuous learning and to always be confident about yourself and stay one step ahead in the race.

ELC'S OWN JOURNAL: LACUNA

The English Literary Circle tried to shape an online journal called 'Lacuna' for the students who needed an outlet for their creativity, ideas, and developing critical thinking skills.

We started in August with 'Malaise' which means the dilemma a person finds himself/herself in. The second volume was 'Apricity,' meaning the warmth of the sun in winter. The next edition, 'Alchemy,' brings a magical combination of articles written by the students. 'Optimaskus' was the theme for the month of December.

Podar: Nurturing Intellect, Creating Personalities

The January edition was called 'Aurora.' Every dawn signals the beginning of a new day. It marks a turned page in the book of life. ELC's last volume for this year's academic journal was 'Euphoria.' The Finale depicts the reminder that everything will be alright.

This journey has been everyone's and we have lived it all together through this journal. We received many articles and responses to this journal for which we are really grateful. We thank all the contributors for their support and enthusiasm toward this journal.

QUOTE UNQUOTE: AN OPEN MIC EVENT

The English Literary Circle in association with the Planning Forum and Economics Association organised 'Quote Unquote - an Open Mic event' – an intercollegiate event for the first time. The theme 'First Times' aimed to recall those memorable first experiences. The event saw the participants coming up and portraying their art in the form of poetry, tales, and music.

The event was graced by the presence of our Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan Ma'am, Vice Principal - Degree College, Kavita Jajoo Ma'am and the Chief Guest, Ms. Sanjana Devrajan, an alumna of our college, singer, and poet, and an all-rounder.

This event, being the first event of its type, had high expectations which hopefully kept up to the mark. The event, forum's teachers-in-charges, and the team were applauded for their efforts and the event was a grand success!

THE NEXT STEP – EQUIP YOURSELF FOR A BETTER TOMORROW (WEBINAR)

'The Next Step', a webinar organised by the English Literary Circle on 21st February 2022 was a huge success. Students across different years of the college, pursuing various professional courses are grateful for the informative webinar engaged by a proud ex-podarite CA Nithin Shetty. He guided the students on how to frame their resumes, prepare and face interviews, and set sail to find their perfect careers. CA Nithin Shetty not only spoke about what the recruiters expect but also addressed the nervousness and confusion that the candidates face. Along with telling the soon-to-be job seekers the secret of getting the best jobs, he also stressed the importance of personality and character building and imbibing certain soft skills.

After 2 hours, the very engaging session had to come to an end, but it had surely given the students lessons to help them for life.

WORD SLEUTH

The Word Sleuth: A Word Search Event was held on 25th July 2021. The event required the participants to find words from 5 categories viz. Figures of Speech, Palindromes, Words without vowels, Loan words, and Homophones, from the puzzle shared with them.

WORD SLEUTH 2.0

Word sleuth 2.0 – a Crossword Puzzle was held on 04th October 2021. The time limit was 30 minutes only. It was a fun-filled event and we received a great deal of positive feedback. Hearing the participants' feedback on the events held by the ELC was indeed delightful and inspirational.

MIND BREW: BLOG WRITING EVENT

‘Writing is similar to thinking. To write well is to think clearly. That’s why it’s so hard.’

Keeping this quote in my mind, English Literacy Circle gave students a platform to enhance their blogging skills. The event was conducted on 16th August 2021 on Blogspot: elcrapc.blogspot.com platform. The participants had to send in their blog submissions which were to be graded by our Judge, Dr. Amita Kamat.

There were two topics given for this particular event:

1. *What makes you feel 'a particular colour'?*
2. *A letter to your 13-year-old self.*

What made the event a success was that it gave students an opportunity to put their opinion forward and share their feelings.

REVIEW PARTY

English Literary Circle organised its event 'Review Party' on 20th November 2021 on MS Teams with nine cinema enthusiasts. All the participants discussed the movie 'The Truman Show' - a movie that's well ahead of its time. They discussed their views of characters, cinematography, and various other quirks. It turned out to be a

very lively session. A lot of participants also pointed out loopholes as well as the possible interpretations of those loopholes.

CUT COPY-PASTE

ELC ended this year with its flagship event Cut, Copy, Paste. As always, this event was a huge success and garnered a lot of appreciation from the participants. There were 20 participants who sent in more than 70 memes. Selecting the winning memes was a tough job for ELC as all of them were quite hilarious. Finally, 4 winners were selected by our judge.

INTER-COLLEGIATE EVENTS

Many students, through English Literary Circle, participated in various Inter-collegiate fests.

A few of them are:

- The Psychology Department of KET'S V.G Vaze College's REFLECT - An Elocution Competition where you get to put forward your points on the topic 'Transcending Body to experience ever-present Beauty'
- Wizards - The Literary Club of Bombay Teachers Training College - Elocution competition
- Spandan - St. Xaviers College of Engineering - Literary Events