

English Literary Circle

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फेब्रुवारी महिना हा प्रेमाचा महिना म्हणून ओळखला जातो, त्यामुळे पुस्तकरूपी व्हॅलेंटाइनसोबत डेट करण्याचा मोह मादुंग्याच्या पोदार कॉलेजच्या इंग्रजी साहित्य मंडळातील विद्यार्थ्यांना झाला. याच निमित्तानं एक सुंदर कल्पना यशस्वीरित्या पार पाडली, ती म्हणजे 'ब्लाइंड डेट विथ अ बुक'. सोशल मीडियाच्या युगात पुस्तकांशी असलेलं नातं कमी होत चाललंय. पण हेच नातं अजून घट्ट करून आपण पुस्तकांसोबतही डेट करू शकतो हा या संकल्पनेमागचा हेतू होता. गेल्या तीन वर्षांपासून हा उपक्रम अधिकाधिक बहरत जात आहे. पुस्तकांशी डेट करण्याच्या या अनोख्या उपक्रमाला विद्यार्थ्यांसकट शिक्षकांचा ही भरघोस प्रतिसाद मिळाला.

'ब्लाइंड डेट विथ अ बुक' हा विषय घेऊन मुलांनी वेगवेगळी पुस्तकं आणली होती. कव्हर लावलेलं कोणतंही एक पुस्तक आत काय आहे, हे माहीत नसताना विद्यार्थ्यांनी उचलायचं आणि नव्या भावविश्वात जायचं, असं त्या उपक्रमाचं स्वरूप होतं. त्याचबरोबर तीन गेम्सही घेण्यात आले. आपल्याला आवडणाऱ्या एखाद्या काल्पनिक पात्राशी आपण कवितांच्या माध्यमातून संवाद साधू शकतो, यासाठी एक जागा तयार केली होती. दुसरा गेम म्हणजे एकाच्या कानात पुस्तकाचं नाव सांगायचं आणि ओठांच्या हालचालींवरून दुसऱ्यानं पुस्तकाचं शीर्षक ओळखायचं. या खेळानं तर



पुस्तकांशी जडलं अनोखं नातं

या कार्यक्रमाला वेगळीच रंगत आणली. विद्यार्थ्यांना वेगवेगळ्या जॉनरच्या चिडु्या देण्यात आल्या होत्या त्यातल्या उचललेल्या एका जॉनरवर वेगवेगळे प्रश्न त्यांना विचारले गेले. त्यानंतर वाचन छंदाशी निगडित किंवा पात्रांच्या हिशेबानं मुलांना त्यांना वाटणारा रेंड फ्लॅग आणि ग्रीन फ्लॅग ठरवायचा होता. हे सगळे अनोखे उपक्रम व्यवस्थित पार पडण्यासाठी विद्यार्थ्यांची प्रचंड मेहनत दिसून आली. पुस्तकांना कव्हर घालण्यापासून ते त्यावर एक दोन ओळी आत

काय आहे, हे कळण्यासाठी कव्हरवर लिहिण्यापर्यंत सगळी मेहनत इंग्रजी साहित्य मंडळाच्या विद्यार्थ्यांनी घेतली. अर्थात, महाविद्यालयाच्या प्राचार्या डॉ. विनिता पिंपळे यांच्या नेतृत्वाखाली आणि विभाग प्रमुख डॉ. वृषाली कणेरी यांच्या मार्गदर्शनाखाली या संकल्पनेला उत्तम प्रतिसाद मिळाला.

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The English Literary Circle (ELC) as a forum works towards promoting the English language in all its diverse forms and expressions, through both written and verbal aspects. The activities of the forum are aimed at developing writing and public speaking skills amongst the students while at the same time creating an atmosphere conducive to learning, relaxation and growth.

Event 1: Cliffhanger (in collaboration with Anvikshanam)

Date: 1st August, 2025

Timing: 9 a.m.

Description: The English Literary Circle (ELC) organized a literary event in collaboration with the **Anvikshanam Fest** to celebrate creativity and promote interest in literature among students. The collaboration with Anvikshanam helped bring together students from different backgrounds who share a passion for literature. Overall, the event was a great success, encouraging creativity, critical thinking, and a deeper appreciation for literary arts within the college community.

Event 2: Spell bee for Junior college

Date: 24/09/2025 and 26/09/25

Time & Venue: Online, 9:30 p.m.

Participants: 8

Description: The English Literary Circle (ELC) conducted a **Spell Bee competition** for students of the **11th and 12th standards** to promote vocabulary building and interest in the English language. The event provided a platform for students to test their spelling skills and enhance their knowledge of words in a fun and competitive environment. Participants enthusiastically took part in the competition and displayed impressive language abilities. Through this activity, students learnt new words, improved their spelling skills, and gained valuable experience. Overall, the event was engaging and educational, encouraging students to develop a stronger command of the English language.

Event 3: Poetree and Book discussion

Date: 28/10/2025

Time & Venue: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

No. of participants: 6 and 8

Description:

In collaboration with the Life Enrichment Cell (LEC), the English Literary Circle (ELC) organized **Poetree**, a creative literary event that encouraged students to express themselves through poetry and literary discussion. The event featured a **poetry writing competition**, where participants composed poems based on different themes and showcased their creativity and poetic skills. Students enthusiastically participated and shared imaginative and thoughtful pieces.

The event also included an engaging **book discussion session**, where students talked about their favourite books and shared why those works were meaningful to them. Participants exchanged ideas, recommended books, and explored different perspectives on literature.

Event 4: Reverie: Querencia

Date: 02/01/2026

Participants: 12

Description: The English Literary Circle (ELC) released its literary magazine **Reverie**, themed "**Querencia**." The launch represented a rebrand of its earlier title "Lacuna". The theme represents a place of comfort, belonging, and personal refuge. The magazine included a collection of **poems and short stories** written by students, reflecting their creativity and personal interpretations of the theme. Through these literary pieces, contributors expressed emotions, imagination, and experiences connected to the idea of finding one's special place of peace and inspiration. The magazine provided a platform for young writers to showcase their talent and passion for literature. Overall, the release of *Reverie* celebrated creativity and encouraged students to explore literature through meaningful expression.

Event 5: Quote Unquote: Open Mic**Date:** 27 /01/2026**Timing:** 11:15 a.m.**Venue:** M1**Participants:** 15

Description: Quote Unquote is ELC's annual open mic event, open to students of all colleges across Mumbai, inviting stories, poetry and musical performances in three languages as we aim to create a stage that welcomes all expressions and streams of thought. The theme for this year was "What we carry without knowing", a commentary on the unnoticed weights within us which affect our interactions with ourselves and everyone else around us. The event was judged by our own esteemed alumnus Ms. Sanjana Devarajan.

Event 6: Blind Date with a Book**Date:** 18 /02 /2026**Timing:** 10:00 a.m.**Venue:** Audi**Participants:** 46

Description: Blind Date with a book is ELC's flagship annual event for celebrating the innate love for literature that we all possess. This year, the forum stepped up the scale by several notches, increasing the number of books, taking the event to the auditorium and creating a walk-in experience for students and faculties alike, with 5 different activities and games planned. The event was widely enjoyed by the faculties too, with games like "Literary Quiz", "Poetry Wishing Well", "Red Flag Green Flag" and "Decode the Buzz" creating a light and interactive event for over 2 hours. The event got a feature in the "Maharashtra Times" newspaper on 26th February 2026.

Event 7: Reverie Volume 2 - Shoganai**Date:** 10th April, 2025**Venue:** Online

Team ELC is looking to close out its year with the second volume of our journal, Reverie with the theme of 'Shoganai'. This theme, rooted in Japanese origins, refers to the acceptance of inevitable fate and finding peace in what cannot be changed. Through the unfiltered thoughts and expressions of our budding writers, we aim to close out on an innovative year on a creative note and lay the foundation for the next year's members to continue the tradition.

The ELC also significantly increased its outreach on social media platforms to increase visibility, which contributed positively in bringing in participants from other colleges for events like Open Mic and stimulating our own Podarites to take up the art of writing and expression.