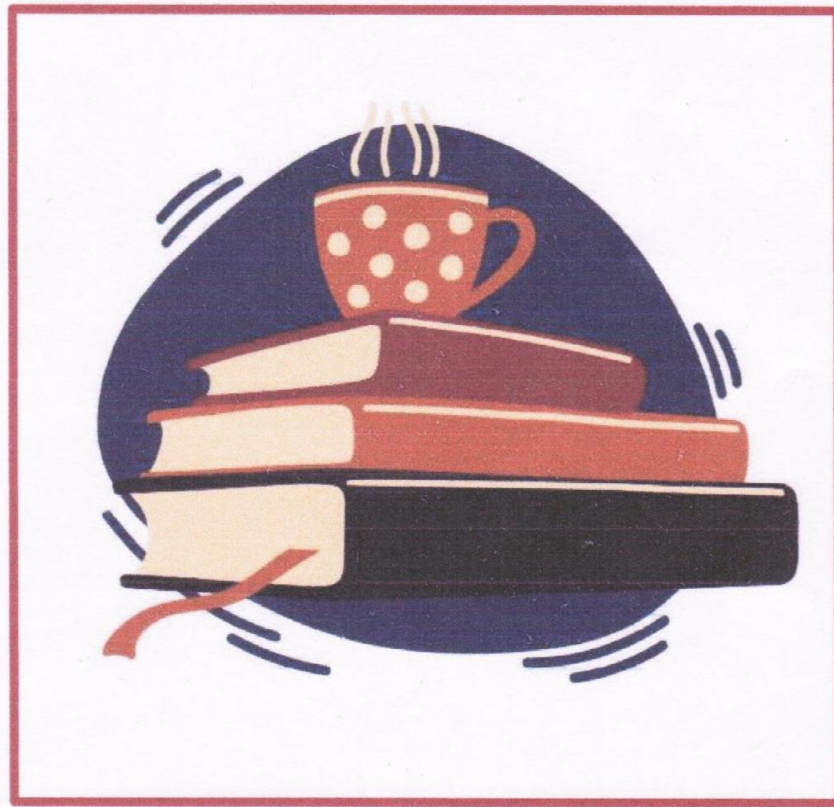




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Session 2019-20



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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- The Society conducts literary activities in the campus throughout the year.
- The main focus of the society is to see students being as comfortable with English language as they are with their mother tongues.
- Another aim of ELS is to generate a general appetite for reading, writing, and creating.
- In its endeavor to engage the students with the understanding of art, life, and genres, the ELS organizes various drama events like enactments and theater workshops, poetry recitation programs, interactive sessions, and extension lectures.
- In addition, inter-class competitions like debates, declamation contests, and creative writing competitions are also organized to nurture their interest in Literature and life and to instill a spirit of self-confidence.
- We build bridges between our members and the reading public, so that their talents are shared as widely as possible.
- We support authors both established and emerging with awards to inspire the next generation of readers and writers.
- To encourage interdisciplinary studies
- To facilitate interchange of literary ideas and information

Activities of the Department

1. Induction Ceremony

August 12

With the beginning of the new session student-members of the ELS were also inducted to the Society. A warm welcome was extended to the *ex officio* members of the English Literary Society - Students of M.A. (English), English Honors, and Elective English. As each inductee's name was called, they came forward to be inducted. This was followed by a thorough orientation session in which the inductees were apprised about the aims and objectives of the Society.

2. Creative Writing Competition

August 19

A Creative Writing Competition was organized on August 19, 2019. The competition was open to the students of all the streams. 28 students from different streams participated in three categories of creative writing - Poetry Writing, Essay writing, and Short Story Writing.

3. Literary Week

September 03-06

To celebrate the **Golden Jubilee year of the college (2019)**, PG Department of English organized a **Literary Week** in the month of September. It consisted of a number of activities and allowed students and teachers-mentors to engage with literature in many interesting ways. The Literary Show was inaugurated by the then Principal of the college, Madam Manjit Kaur Ghuman.

On Day 1, a Creative Writing Competition was organized on the topic “**Letter it out.**” The participants had to address a letter to the social evil which they want to be removed from the society. The contest was open to students of all streams. **Taranpreet Kaur of M.A. II** and **Simranpreet Kaur of B.A. II** were the winners of the competition.

Day 2 began with the **enactment of the play *The School for Scandal*** written by **Richard Brinsley Sheridan**. It was followed by a stimulating theater workshop conducted by the renowned theater personality and academic **Dr. Ankur Sharma, Asstt. Professor, Doaba College, Jalandhar.**







Dr. Sharma's experience of theater and his knowledge of literature resulted in a very stimulating interactive session. The audience listened to his articulations with rapt attention. He gave some stage demonstrations from his famous rendition of *Hamlet*, and shared easy but useful tips with amateur student-artists of our department. The students received practical experience and knowledge of theater and learnt the finer nuances of stage. The show was conducted by Itika Kahlon, a student of M.A-II (English). Teachers of Guru Nanak International School, Model Town also attended Dr. Sharma's session.

Day 3 saw the continuation of the theme of creative art and artistry. **Dr. Navjot Deol, Apeejay College, Jalandhar** conducted a workshop on short story writing in which fun activities resulted in brilliant story weaving and storytelling.





Day 4 witnessed the **portrayal of prominent women characters** from literature by the students. The students dressed up as various women characters from literature whom they projected by means of their costumes and dialogues. The Chief Guest for the **grand finale** was **Dr. Manju Jaidka**, an eminent author and former Professor, Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Afterwards, the students came face-to-face with Dr. Jaidka, who apprised them about the art of creative writing.







Pic. 1



Pic. 2



Pic. 3



Pic. 4

Pic. 1: Niharika (BA-III) enacted Portia from *The Merchant of Venice*

Pic. 2: Harneet (BA-III) projected Lady Macbeth on stage

Pic. 3: Ankita (BA-II) as Mother Courage from *Mother Courage and her Children*

Pic. 4: Harmanjot (MA-II) as Elizabeth Bennet from *Pride and Prejudice*



Pic. 5



Pic. 6



Pic. 7

Pic. 5: Preet Kamal (BA-II) acted as Saint Joan

Pic. 6: Simrat Kaur (BA-III) as Josephine March from *Little Women*

Pic. 7: Harneek (BA-II) as Hester Prynne from *The Scarlet Letter*



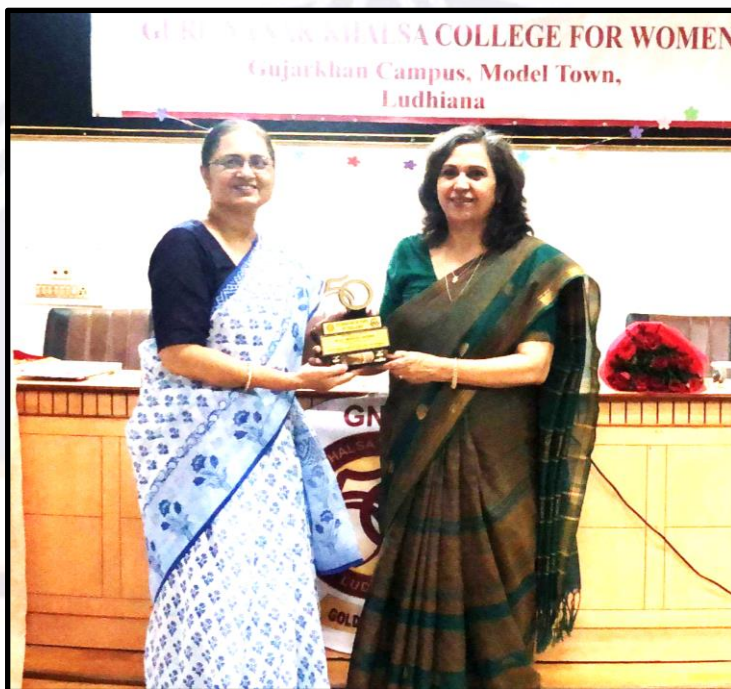
Pic. 8



Pic. 9

Pic. 8: Palak (MA-II) portrayed the enigmatic Cleopatra

Pic. 9: Geetika (MA-II) presented Nora Helmer of *A Doll's House*



A **prize distribution ceremony** was also held on the concluding day. Dr. Jaidka gave away prizes to the winners of the Creative Writing Competition “Letter it Out” held on Day 1 of the Literary Week.

4. Tête-à-tête with Nomita Khanna

February 06, 2020

The English Literary Society and the **Post Graduate Department of English** organized a **tête-à-tête** with the celebrated author and the reigning queen of Amazon, **Nomita Khanna** on February 06, 2020. **Nomita Khanna** is the author of "Rose's Bent Stem", a chilling psychological thriller. The book ranks **#1 in Amazon best sellers in Horror category** and **#2 in Amazon best sellers under Crime**. Her debut novel, “Lucky Costasaurus and the Golden-Winged Vultures,” a book for young

readers has also ranked **#1 in Amazon best sellers in the Myths, Legends, Sagas category** in the Free Kindle Store.





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