



GURU NANAK KHALSA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

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ILLUMINATI - ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY

Odd Semester Report Session 2024-2025



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Vice-President: Harleen Kaur, B.A III (English Hons.)

AABOUT US

Illuminati - English Literary Society is a forum comprising English Literature enthusiasts of GNW. Anyone with a little passion for literature and a bantamweight of curiosity can become a member. However, students pursuing M.A. (English), Honors (English), and Elective English are, by virtue of their academic affiliation, intrinsic members of the Illuminati.

We strongly believe that we are the fortunate inheritors of a tradition that allows citizens to speak their/our minds, and not many societies around the globe enjoy that – many people are fighting for that freedom, to their bitter cost. To implement our right to speech, the English Literary Society of the college is committed to writing – and reading – and trying to do inspiring, enjoyable, and exciting things with words.

Illuminati attempts to encourage its members to take a dip into the fathomless ocean of streams of literatures. The world of imagination and fantasy helps every ‘Ulysses’ to reach the reality of human life. Based on the foundational fact that stories are, in fact, the shortest route to the “final act of discovery and exposure,” each member-Ulysses of Illuminati is motivated to seek for herself the meaning of life. As a consequence, we come across multiple truths, an array of life-truths. Civilizations, cultures, histories, nations - all come under the scanner of literature. The emphasis is always to go past the limitations of ‘right and wrong’ towards ‘finding’ the truth; but, your own truth. The revelation that life/ truth/ reality is plural and multi-faceted is the apotheosis of this journey. Winds may blow and storms may come down, but our voyagers must never stop. Most importantly, our horizon stretches far and beyond; and is forever expanding. The topics of discussions range from politics to culture, science, society, geography, history and culture. Cinema, pop culture, theater, and arts are some of the other favorite ports of call along the way. No boundaries or binaries are entertained here.

However, we operate with only one pre-condition - when you enter the doorway of the Illuminati, you are required to leave your biases (if any) outside. In our system, prejudices and preset notions are tragic flaws which are to be strongly avoided. We firmly believe that an active engagement with literature can help override the crying evils of drug abuse, sexual aberrations & crime, communalism, materialism, and the likes. To facilitate the above, many activities are organized for the students from time to time - Quiz, book reading sessions, discussions, lectures/ talks etc. The idea is to promote new talent and provide a platform to the budding scholars, artists and poets. Talent hunts are conducted and selections are done for inter-college competitions. Content writing and creative writing are emphasized upon.

Fundamentally, the Illuminati generates awareness for the positive as well as the negative, the good and the evil, the uses and abuses, beautiful and ugly, light and dark and leaves it to the discretion of the member-Ulysses to pick and choose for herself.

Remember,

You are what you pick; and society is what you are.

Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan
Head, PG Department of English &
Coordinator, Illuminati-English Literary Society

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- Illuminati 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 the Illuminati 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 Illuminati 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.
- We encourage interdisciplinary studies
- Illuminati facilitates interchange of literary ideas and information

Activities of the Society for the Odd Semester 2024-25

1. Induction Ceremony

August 13

The Illuminati-English Literary Society held its Induction Ceremony on August 13, 2024, led by Coordinator Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan. Welcoming the new members, she encouraged them to actively engage in the society's activities throughout the 2024-25 session, highlighting Illuminati as a platform for literary enthusiasts to express themselves and grow collectively. Mrs. Gagneet Pal Kaur, Organizing Secretary, announced Sehaj Arora (M.A. II English) as President and Harleen Kaur (B.A. III English Hons.) as Vice-President. Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta Kahlon urged students to use the platform to share their thoughts and ideas freely, fostering creativity and individuality.



2. Three-day Talent Hunt

Day 1 - Handwriting Competition and Creative Writing Competitions

August 27

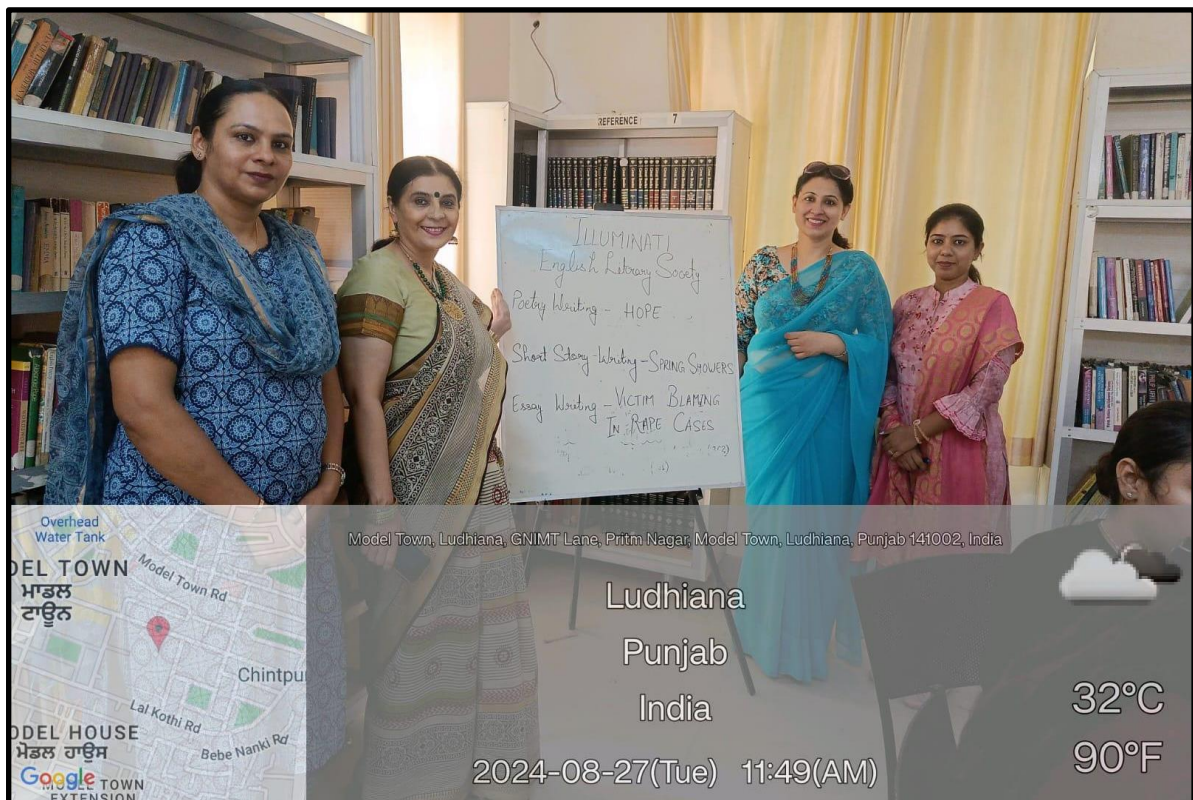
Illuminati-English Literary Society proudly inaugurated a three-day Literary Talent Hunt on August 27, 2024. The event commenced on August 27, 2024, with a resounding start, featuring both a Handwriting Competition and Creative Writing Competitions. The Handwriting Competition attracted a remarkable 107 participants, who demonstrated their skills across three languages: English, Hindi, and Punjabi.

In the Creative Writing segment, 40 budding writers showcased their literary prowess in Poetry Writing, Short Story Writing, and Essay Writing.

The thought-provoking themes for these competitions were:

- Poetry Writing: "Hope"

- Short Story: "Spring Showers"
- Essay Writing: "Victim Blaming in Rape Cases"







Social Media links of the event are mentioned below:

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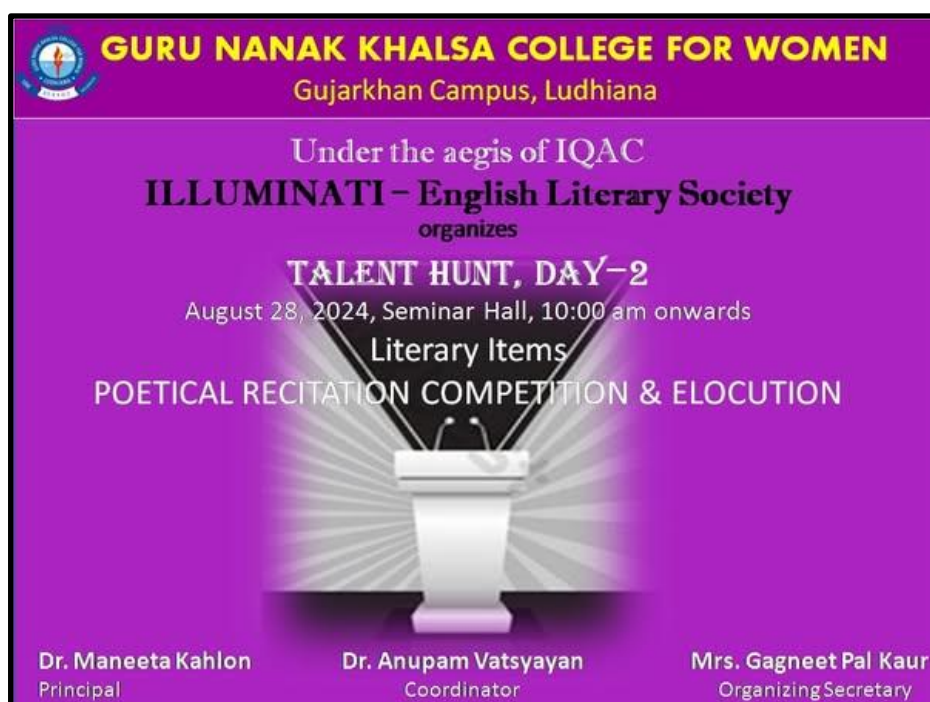
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3. Three-day Talent Hunt

Day 2 - Poetical Recitation Competition and Elocution Contest

August 28

On August 28, 2024, the spotlight was on the Poetical Recitation Competition, conducted in three languages: English, Hindi, and Punjabi, with 8 talented students showcasing their poetic flair.







The day also featured an Elocution Contest, where 5 students eloquently shared their perspectives on the topic “Imagination: A New World.” Sehaj Arora and Harleen Kaur, President and Vice-President (Illuminati), apprised the audience about the rules of the competitions. The event was judged by esteemed faculty members: Mrs. Prabhjot Kaur (HOD, Department of Punjabi), Mrs. Kavita Kuplish (PG Department of English), and Ms. Asha (Department of Hindi).







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4. Three- day Talent Hunt

Day 3 - Debate Competition

August 29

On August 29, 2024, a spirited Debate Competition was held in three languages: English, Hindi, and Punjabi. Fourteen talented students presented their arguments on the topics:

- “Social Media has Improved Human Communication”
- “Friends are More Understanding than Family”

The competition was evaluated by a distinguished panel of faculty members: Mrs. Prabhjot Kaur (HOD, Department of Punjabi), Mrs. Gagneet Pal Kaur (PG Department of English), and Ms. Asha (Department of Hindi). Sehaj Arora and Harleen Kaur, Student Representatives (Illuminati), briefed the audience on the competition rules, ensuring a fair and engaging debate.



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organizes

TALENT HUNT (DAY-3)

August 29, 2024, Seminar Hall, 10:00 am onwards

LITERARY ITEMS

DEBATE

Raise your voice for a cause. Shock the world with a pause



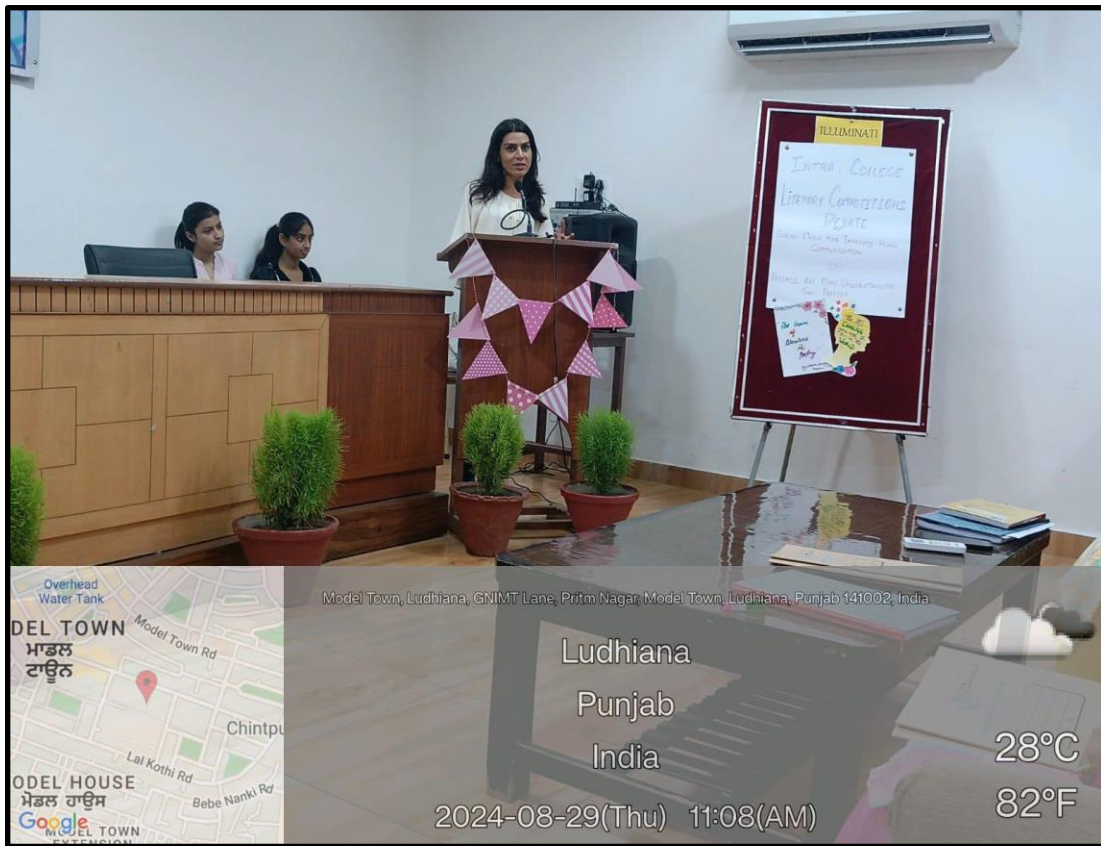
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The event was organized under the leadership of Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan, Coordinator (Illuminati), and Mrs. Gagneet Pal Kaur, Organizing Secretary. Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta

Kahlon lauded the participants for their exceptional enthusiasm and spirited engagement in the event.

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