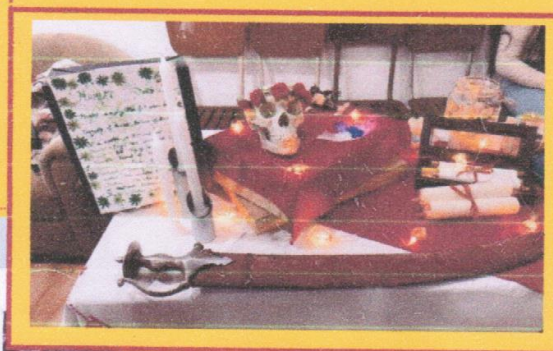
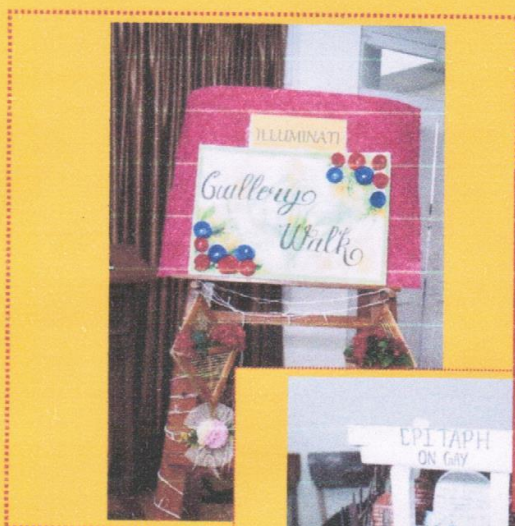




GURU NANAK KHALSA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
GUJARKHAN CAMPUS, MODEL TOWN, LUDHIANA

ILLUMINATI - ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY

**Even Semester Report
Session 2024-2025**



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ABOUT 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

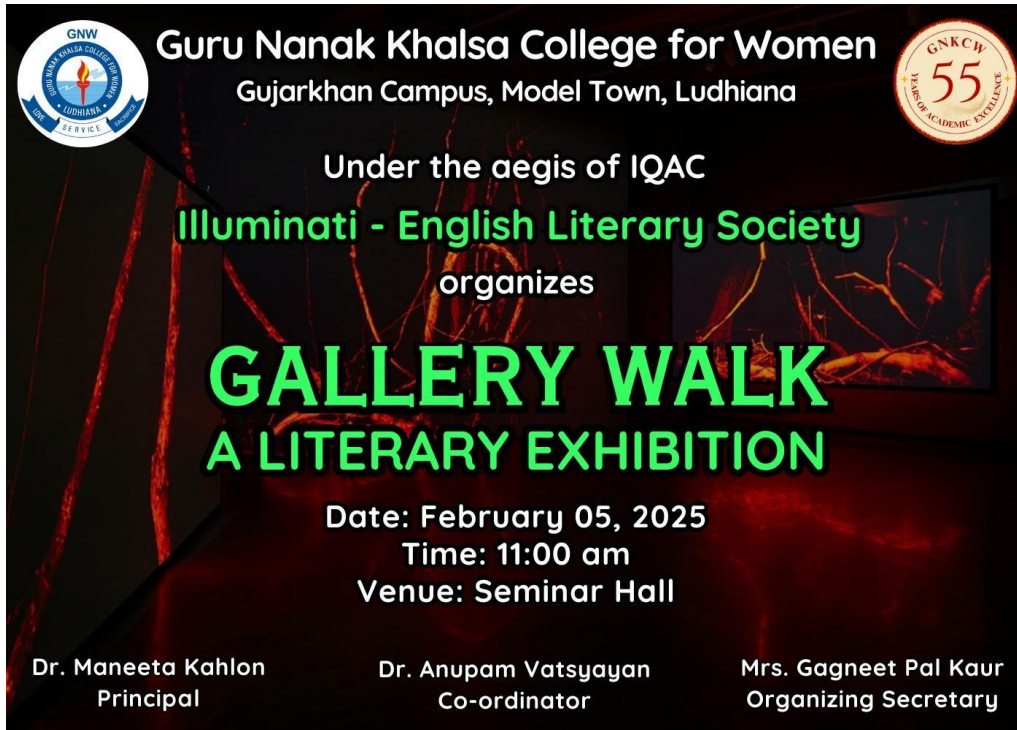
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Activities of the Society for the Even Semester 2024-25

1. Gallery Walk February 05

Under Illuminati-English Literary Society of Guru Nanak Khalsa College for Women, Gujarkhan Campus, Ludhiana, under the auspices of the IQAC organized a Literary Exhibition, “Gallery Walk,” on February 5, 2025. The exhibition was inaugurated by Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta Kahlon.



The poster is for a literary exhibition titled "GALLERY WALK A LITERARY EXHIBITION". It features a dark background with a glowing, branching tree-like structure. The text is primarily in white and green. Logos for GNW and GNKCW 55 are in the top corners. The event details include the date (February 05, 2025), time (11:00 am), and venue (Seminar Hall). The organizers listed are Dr. Maneeta Kahlon (Principal), Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan (Co-ordinator), and Mrs. Gagneet Pal Kaur (Organizing Secretary).

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Date: February 05, 2025
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The event showcased an impressive array of models and 2D projections created by society members, bringing various literary works to life. These exhibits highlighted key scenes, settings, characters, themes, and motifs from renowned texts.

Among the featured works were:

1. “Ode to Autumn” by John Keats – Pavani, Mehakpreet (BA-II Hons.)



2. *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare– Anshika, Amandeep, Paridhi (MA-II)



3. “Night of the Scorpion” by Nissim Ezekiel – Nature (BA-III Hons.)



4. Model on the novel *1984* by George Orwell – Ravneet, Harleen, Harjot (BA-III Hons.)



5. “The Holy Panchayat” by Munshi Premchand – Upasana, Hashmeet, Harneet (BA-III Hons.)





6. Model on *Hard Times* by Thomas Hardy – Sonali and Suzan (MA-I)



7. “Ode to a Nightingale” by John Keats– Sehaj (MA-I)



8. Scene from *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley – Karanjot and Bhawandeep (MA-I)





9. *God Help the Child* by Toni Morrison – Ashmeet and Amanpreet (MA-II)



10. “Chimney Sweepers” by William Blake – Harleen (MA-I)



11. Model on *Buried Child* by Sam Shepard– Gurnoor and Mannatpreet (MA-II)





12. A Doll's House – Ashmeet, Kirat, Diksha (MA-II)



13. “Epitaph on Gay” – Anchal, Prabhjit (BA-II Elective English)



14. “The Holy Panchayat” – Amandeep (BA-III Elective English)



Additionally, a special wall of bookmarks and badges was also created by the student members.



As a final note, the faculty of the PG Department of English contributed to the exhibition with a special 2D representation of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Adding to the creative ambiance, a dedicated corner displayed handmade bookmarks and badges, drawing considerable interest from attendees.







The General Secretary of the College Governing Body, Er. Gurvinder Singh Sarna, extended his congratulations to the students for their commendable efforts. Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta Kahlon engaged with the participants and applauded the initiative, emphasizing that such innovative and interactive approaches enhance literary appreciation and engagement.





Social Media links of the activity are given below:

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2. National Women's Day February 13

On the occasion of National Women's Day, the Illuminati-English Literary Society of Guru Nanak Khalsa College for Women, Gujarkhan Campus, Ludhiana, under the aegis of IQAC, commemorated the 146th birth anniversary of the Nightingale of India, Sarojini Naidu, on February 13, 2025, with a special workshop titled "Verse and Voice" for aspiring writers.



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WORKSHOP FOR ASPIRING WRITERS
"VERSE & VOICE"
conducted by
Niharika Dev, a Poet and YouTuber

February 13, 2025 11:30 am Seminar Hall

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The workshop was conducted by Niharika Dev, a poet, YouTuber, and proud alumna of the college. She engaged with students through interactive sessions and creative writing games, inspiring them to explore their writing potential. 78 students enthusiastically participated in the workshop. The event commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony as a tribute to Sarojini Naidu. Members of the society shared insights into Naidu's life and her significant contributions to literature and the freedom struggle.



Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta Kahlon emphasized the importance of mental stimulation through creative exercises and encouraged students to cultivate a habit of observing and writing.

The workshop was skillfully organized by Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan, Coordinator, and Mrs. Gagneet Pal Kaur, Organizing Secretary. The event provided students with a platform to hone their literary skills while celebrating the legacy of Sarojini Naidu.









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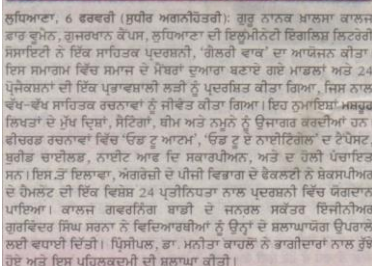
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PRESS COVERAGE

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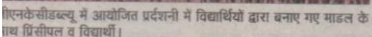
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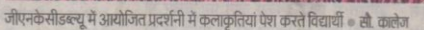
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साहित्यिक प्रदर्शनी में छात्राओं ने पेश की कलाकृतियां

प्रदर्शनी में प्रसिद्ध ग्रंथों के मुख्य दृश्य, सेटिंग्स, थीम और रूपांकनों को आकर्षक ढंग से प्रस्तुत किया गया। प्रदर्शित कृतियों में "ओड टू आटम," "ओड टू ए नाइटिंगेल," "द टेम्पेस्ट," "बरीड चाइल्ड," "नाइट



इसके अलावा, प्रदर्शनी में हस्तनिर्मित बुकमार्क और बैज भी प्रदर्शित किए गए, जिन्हें रखने और सराहने के लिए बड़ी संख्या में छात्र-छात्राएँ पहुँचे। इन कलात्मक प्रस्तुतियों ने न केवल साहित्यिक अभिरूचि को बढ़ावा दिया बल्कि छात्रों की रचनात्मकता और कलाप्रशौकता को भी उत्साहित किया। कालेज गर्वर्नी बाड़ी के महासचिव ईंजीनियर गुर्विंदर सिंह सरना ने छात्रों के प्रयासों की सराहना की। वहीं, प्रिंसिपल डा. मनीता काह्लों ने प्रतिभाश्रुति से बातचीत करते हुए इस पहल को प्रशंसा की।

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