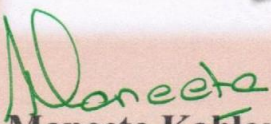




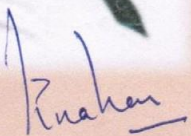
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ILLUMINATI
English Literary Society

Odd Semester Report
Session 2025-2026


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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 2025-26

1. Induction Ceremony

August 11

Illuminati–English Literary Society marked a vibrant beginning to the academic session 2025–26 with its Induction Ceremony held on August 11, 2025, under the able guidance of Coordinator Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan. Extending a warm welcome to the newly inducted members, she inspired them to participate enthusiastically in the society’s diverse literary activities, emphasizing that Illuminati serves as a dynamic platform for nurturing creativity, critical thinking, and collaborative growth among literary enthusiasts.

Dr. Gagneet Pal Kaur, Organizing Secretary, formally introduced the newly elected office bearers, announcing Sehaj Arora (M.A. II English) as President and Harleen Kaur (M.A. I English) as Vice-President. She highlighted the importance of leadership in shaping a vibrant literary culture and encouraged the team to uphold the society’s legacy of excellence.

Madam Principal, Dr. Maneeta Kahlon, in her address, motivated students to make meaningful use of the platform by expressing their ideas with confidence and originality. She underscored the role of such forums in enhancing communication skills, fostering individuality, and building a strong intellectual community.

The ceremony concluded on an optimistic note, with a renewed commitment from both the faculty and students to make the session enriching, engaging, and creatively fulfilling through various literary events, discussions, and competitions planned for the year ahead.



2. Two-day Talent Hunt

Day 1 - Poetical Recitation Competition, Elocution, and Debate

September 09

ILLUMINATI – English Literary Society, under the guidance of IQAC, commenced its Talent Hunt 2025 on September 09, 2025, in the Seminar Hall. The event began at 10:30 am with enthusiastic participation of students in three literary items – Poetical Recitation, Elocution, and Debate.



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Under the aegis of IQAC
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TALENT HUNT
Literary Items

POETICAL RECITATION COMPETITION
ELOCUTION
DEBATE

Privacy is Dead in the Digital Age
AI will Replace Human Creativity

September 09, 2025, Seminar Hall, 10:30 am onwards

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Organizing Secretary





4 students participated in the poetical recitation competition, presenting poems in English, Hindi, and Punjabi, showcasing their literary sensibility and powerful expressions. The Elocution competition gave a platform to 2 young speakers to articulate their thoughts within five minutes, combining clarity of speech with confidence.





The highlight of the day was the Debate Competition, where 13 students engaged in a spirited exchange of ideas on two stimulating topics: “Privacy is Dead in the Digital Age” and “AI will Replace Human Creativity”. The participants spoke both ‘for’ and ‘against’, reflecting sharp critical thinking and persuasive reasoning.

The competitions were judged by Mrs. Inderjit Kaur (Department of Punjabi), Ms. Kritika Gupta (PG Department of English), and Ms. Asha (Department of Hindi), whose expertise and insights enriched the event. Madam Principal, Dr. Maneeta Kahlon, motivated the students with her words of encouragement, appreciating their confidence and participation.



The event was smoothly executed by the Faculty of the PG Department of English, Organizing Secretary Dr. Gagneet Pal Kaur, and Coordinator, Illuminati, Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan. The day

concluded with appreciation for the participants' creativity and intellectual energy, setting a vibrant tone for the second day of the Talent Hunt.





Social Media links of the event are mentioned below:

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3. Two-day Talent Hunt

Day 2 - Handwriting Competition and Creative Writing Competitions

September 10

The second day of the Talent Hunt 2025, organized by Illuminati – English Literary Society, was held on September 10, 2025, featuring two highly engaging literary competitions: Handwriting Competition and Creative Writing.

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ILLUMINATI - English Literary Society
organizes

Talent Hunt on September 09-10, 2025

Literary Items

Under the guidance of IQAC, the Illuminati – English Literary Society is pleased to announce a **Talent Hunt** on September 09-10, 2025, featuring **five exciting literary events**. Competitions will be conducted in **English, Hindi, and Punjabi**. Interested students are requested to complete the Google Form (link shared in the groups) and join the WhatsApp group for further updates and instructions. The event schedule is given below:

Tuesday, September 09 (10:30 am onwards)

- 1. Poetical Recitation Competition (4-5 minutes)**
- 2. Elocution (upto 5 minutes)**
- 3. Debate – Speak ‘for’ or ‘against’ (3-5 minutes)**
 - > Privacy is Dead in the Digital Age
 - > AI will Replace Human Creativity

Venue: Seminar Hall

Wednesday, September 10

- 4. Handwriting Competition (Timings - 10:00 am -11:00 am)**
- 5. Creative Writing (Timings - 11:30 am -01:30 pm)**
 - > Poetry Writing Competition
 - > Short Story Writing Competition
 - > Essay Writing Competition

(Topics will be given on-the-spot)

Venue: Room no. 303 and 304

Win Prizes

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Principal Coordinator Organizing Secretary

The Handwriting Competition (10:00 am-11:00 am) witnessed an impressive participation of 53 students, where legibility, neatness, and aesthetic presentation were judged.

The Creative Writing Competition (11:30 am-1:30 pm), held in Room Nos. 303 and 304, included three categories – Poetry, Short Story, and Essay Writing. 31 participants were given topics on the spot, and they responded with originality, imagination, and linguistic flair. The competitions were organized with the support of the Departments of Hindi and Punjabi.





Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta Kahlon encouraged the students with her motivating words, applauding their creativity and active involvement in literary activities. The event was smoothly executed by the Faculty of the PG Department of English, Organizing Secretary Dr. Gagneet Pal Kaur, and Coordinator, Illuminati, Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan.

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4. Prize Distribution Ceremony

September 12

A Prize Distribution Ceremony on September 12, 2025 to felicitate the winners of the Talent Hunt competitions. During the ceremony, Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta Kahlon congratulated the winners and participants for their remarkable efforts. In her address, she stated, “Our students have always displayed exceptional talent and creativity, and it is heartening to see them excel across such a wide array of disciplines. Competitions like these not only provide a platform for showcasing their skills but also build confidence and resilience.”

The ceremony was organized by the Department of Youth Welfare which coordinated with all the departments for the smooth conduct of the talent hunt competitions and was planned by the Coordinators, Youth Welfare Dr. Punpreet Kaur and Ms. Daisy Wadhwa.





For details, refer the links given below:

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