



Literati



Council



A woman with glasses, wearing a red and white striped traditional Indonesian garment (Korpri), is speaking into a microphone. She is holding a piece of paper and has an identification badge around her neck. The background is dark, and the scene is lit for a stage performance.

Xavier's Literature Festival

INKA 22

A woman with glasses, wearing a red and black striped dress, is holding a small white card. She is standing next to a black metal chair. The background is a solid dark blue color.

INKA, the most awaited literature festival of St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, was organized by the Department of English on 19 November 2022. The theme for this year was 'Cosmo Fabula - Into the Lit-verse'. To encapsulate INKA 22-23, six events were held, out of which two were held online. The 'Ecriture Artistique' -Painting Rendition, one of the two online events was canvassed with glorious artwork by the participants and creatively. The other online event was the 'Poetica Aestheticus' - Poetry Reel, an Instagram reel competition where the winner was decided by the number of likes, views, expression, enunciation, voice modulation and the overall impact. On 19 November, 2022, two Author sessions were held, the first welcomed Ms Ritiqa Pachauri, founder of an editing and e-publishing house named - Writer's Street. The other Author Session was graced by the eminent literary figure Ms Shashi Deshpande who is also the recipient of Sahitya Akademi and Padma Shri Awards. She discussed her craft, characters and the idea of freedom in the present context. The participants left the session enriched with intellectual ideas and a new zest for literature. Faire Theatrcles'-the Declamation competition, the second event of the day was surreal and full of magnificent monologues. Coffee Table Talks' organized in collaboration with Xavier's Intellectual Forum brought together a group of curious minds around a table discussing their favourite authors and genres. 'Poiesis Incanto' -the Poetry Slam was the central event of the whole festival. This year, the slam explored the topic 'The Modern Era', where numerous talented individuals performed and the event was considered a success. Finally the Ol' Moon Ball was the perfect conclusion to a day where memories were made. With this successful event, the celebration of literature came to an end with the closing ceremony where the winners of the various competitions were declared and their entries highlighted. The vote of thanks was delivered by Vasudha Sharma, President of the Literati Cell concluded the festivities of INKA 22-23.

30 September 2022



Proscenium

The Department of English organized an intra-department competition The Proscenium: Celebrating Shakespeare on 30 September, 2023. The students of the department performed scenes from Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, King Lear, The Merchant of Venice, Julius Caesar, As You Like It and Macbeth. Rev Fr Dr A Rex Angelo SJ, Principal graced the occasion with his presence and also shared some nuances related to theatre, while also encouraging the students to participate in literary events. Dr Rama Hirawat, Head of the department introduced the event and motivated the students. The judges for the event were: Dr Atiqa Kelsy, Dean, Arts and Humanities and Mr Rohan Thomas Cherian, Assistant Professor, Department of English.

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14 October 2022

Perception

On 14 October 2022, the Department of English, St. Xavier's College, Jaipur organised their annual presentation competition, "Perceptions". This year's edition was titled "Second Look at your Favourite Book". The event was held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and saw a participation of 18 students from the Department of English. Mr. Cyrus Edwin, one of our own reputed alumni, was invited to judge the participants. After a thought-out discussion among the professors and Mr. Edwin, the results were announced during the closing ceremony. The first position was bagged by Vasudha Sharma. The next spot was shared by Yashasvi Jangir and Ramya Pandya, who were followed by Ananay Vishwas as the 2nd runner-up. The event was the culmination of the meticulous efforts of the students and the teachers alike and turned out to be a great success.

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Pre-Inka



The Enlightened Echelon, under the aegis of the Department of English, St. Xavier's College, Jaipur organised a mini fest for the students of Government Upper Primary School, Lalya ka Baas, on the occasion of Children's Day 14th November 2022. This year's Pre-INKA was a reflection of last session's event as we had a wonderful response. Pre-Inka is aimed at creating a mini fest for the children and share the same joy that is brought by INKA (department fest) to the students of higher education. Under the guidance of the teacher coordinators, Dr Rama Hirawat and Mr Rohan Thomas Cherian, team Echelon organised various creative activities for the students which included poster making competition, dancing and singing which facilitated a fun engagement between young minds and the students of the Department of English. Approximately, 60 students from the Government School participated in the competitions. The winners for the activities were presented with Keywin bags and hampers sponsored by CA Manan Ailani, President, All About Happiness, our social initiative partner, who was present for the occasion.

2022

Annual Report

1. ORIENTATION DAY

The Department of English of St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, organised its Departmental Student Orientation for Session 2022-23 on 14 September 2022. It took place at 10:45 am in Room No. 130 on the college campus. The orientation was organised for first-year students of B.A. English Honours and MA English Previous. Dr Ranjit Kaur and Dr Rama Hirawat were the faculty coordinators for the event. Vasudha Sharma and Anwita Ray were the student coordinators for this event. Masters of ceremonies, Divisha and Devangna, welcomed the gathering and introduced the Department to the new students. They also welcomed Rev Fr Dr A Rex Angelo SJ, Principal, St Xavier's College, Jaipur, respected faculty members, guest and alumnus Mr Eakanch Jain and the organising workforce of second and third-year students of BA English Honours. Followed by the welcome, a PPT presentation made by Khyati Kapoor was presented. It showcased the significant programmes, certificate courses, opportunities, expert lectures and other department highlights. The students presented a group dance performance. Dr Rama Hirawat, Head, Department of English, welcomed the students with her gracious words. Following this, Apoorva Chandolia embraced the gathering with a melodious song performance and later, the audience was interested in some ice breaker games hosted by Yashasvi Jangid and Anwita Ray. After this, a sequence of performances took place, including a beatboxing performance by Parichay Panwar, a video presentation by Kanishk Sharma, poetry recitation by Prears James and a mono act by Raghav Arora. Rev Fr Dr A Rex Angelo SJ, Principal, St Xavier's College, Jaipur, joined us and addressed the students with words of wis-

dom and encouragement.

Raghav Arora and Parichay Panwar interviewed the department's alumnus, Mr Eakanch Jain as the guest of this event. A group song, poetry recitation by Shreya Garg and dedications to the department in the form of 'favourite memories' was expressed by Nandini Ramjiwal and Yashasvi Jangid. Concludingly, Vasudha Sharma, one of the event's coordinators, extended a vote of thanks, and Dr Rama Hirawat handed over a memento to our guest, Mr Eakanch Jain. The event ended successfully with a group photograph and warm wishes for the first-year students.

2. CERTIFICATE COURSE ON SPOKEN ENGLISH (UBA)

The Department of English, in collaboration with XERC, organized a Certificate Course in Spoken English for the students of Government Upper Primary School, Lalya ka baas which was adopted by the department under Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan, from 18 July to 6 August 2022. The students of the department: Ananay Vishwas, Garima Sharma, Khyati Kapoor and Kanishk Sharma from BA Honours English II taught the basic skills of the English language to the students of classes VI to VIII through learning activities and games. Rev Fr Dr A Rex Angelo SJ, Principal of St Xavier's College, Jaipur congratulated the team and encouraged them to participate in more social activities. The students of the school participated with great vigor and were awarded certificates after the assessment. Rev Fr Dr Arokya Swamy SJ, Manager motivated the students to continue their journey towards greater knowledge and Vice Principal Rev Fr Dr Raymond Cherubin SJ congratulated the department for conducting

the course.

3. ALUMNI INTERACTION

The Road NOT TO BE Taken: The Department of English of St. Xavier's College – Jaipur organised an alumni interaction session on 14 October, 2022 in the auditorium of the college. The interaction session was titled 'The Road NOT TO BE Taken' and Mr Cyrus Derek Edwin (NET Qualified), Asst. Professor at Frame College for Girls, Dausa, was the alumnus of the college, invited for interaction. Mr Cyrus Derek Edwin also presided as the judge of Perceptions 2022 which was held at the same venue before the interaction. Many students asked questions, their questions ranged from the significance of having an Honours degree in English to qualifying the NET exam. The event received positive response from students.

4. Alumni Interaction-

The (un)academic Idiosyncrasies: On December 19, 2022, the Department of English held an Alumni Interaction Session on the topic "The (un)academic Idiosyncrasies", marked by the presence of Mr. Ritik Garg & Ms. Unnati Jain, alumni of the college. Ritik Garg is currently a senior researcher in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, MNIT, Jaipur. He pursued BA Hons (English) from St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, where he also completed his MA (English) in 2019 as a University Merit Holder. Ms. Unnati Jain is a Research Scholar in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Malviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur. She has completed her graduation and post-graduation in English Literature with a meritorious record. She was awarded the University Gold Medal for her outstanding performance in the master's course. Ms. Unnati began the dis-

ussion by discussing her career path and how she transitioned from a science background into literature as a student. She described the difficulties and hardships she encountered while pursuing her chosen field of literature and dispelled the myth of its restricted scope. She addressed the concerns that literature students confront while seeking this area by orating her personal experiences and providing guidance based on them. She intended to encourage students to read more books and check them at every turn. She urged students never to place their studies second to anything else, keeping the value of literature in mind. Mr. Ritik led the session, during which he encouraged the students to seek out their lecturers for advice and to enter all exams they could find.. They emphasized that being a Xavierite has always given them a chance to surpass themselves and attain great heights. They provided students with a reality check on this societal gap and advised them to monetize their skills and Literature values. As the session ended, Mr. Ritik and Ms. Unnati appreciated having such a wonderful time with all their students and teachers. After presenting mementos and witnessing the speeches by the professors, the host, Ms. Yashasvi Jangid, thanked Ms. Unnati and Mr. Ritik for taking the time to address the students and set them on the right track for their futures.

5. Rev Fr Sebastian Anand Memorial Lecture / Alumni Endowment Lecture:

Phil Collins once said " In learning you'll teach, and in teaching you'll learn." To learn about Nadine Gordimer– A champion of freedom and equality, the Department of English, St Xavier's College, Jaipur, organised the first memorial lecture of Rev Fr Dr Sebastian Anand SJ (1994-2015) on 7th November 2022 in the conference hall. The event was graced by the presence of the guest speaker Rev Fr Dr V Gilbert Camillus SJ. The MoC–Ananay

Vishwas, began with the event's introduction and the guest's welcome. After the holy lighting of the lamp and presentation of saplings to the guests, the entire gathering stood up for the garlanding of the portrait of Rev Fr Dr Sebastian Anand. We came forth with the proceedings as the principal, Rev Fr Dr A Rex Angelo SJ addressed the gathering and walked us down to the memory lane of the reminiscences of Fr Sebastian. Dr Mahua M Bose (Dean Academics) as well as the alumni Ms Aparna Joshi and Mr Ali graced the event with their presence and walked us through this memorable ride. Later, the lecture by Rev Fr Dr V Gilbert Camillus SJ on Nadine Gordimer started and left an imprint on our minds for life as it took us to the rigid ends and struggles for fighting for equality and freedom. With his simple and effective words along with the presentation, we learned the true meaning of Equality and Freedom. As the lecture came to an end, the department felicitated the guests and announced the endowment fund in memory of Rev Fr Dr Sebastian Anand SJ. The department of English unveiled their annual magazine LITERATI 2021-2022. In the end, the teacher coordinator of the event—Dr Akanksha Johar addressed the gathering and presented the vote of thanks, thanking the god almighty, the institution, the presence of all the Rev Father's and the student coordinator of the event—Tisha Jain, for the successful completion of the first memorial lecture.

6. CERTIFICATE COURSE ON GREEK MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Akanksha Johar conducted a certificate course on Greek mythology from 10th August 2022 to 25th January 2023, with a total of 20 participants. The course spanned 30 hours and covered various aspects related to Greek mythology, including Greek gods and goddesses, their powers, the works of English writers utilizing Greek mythology as symbolism,

the myths, and the story of the origin of the Greeks, and the connection of the Trojan War to Indian mythology. At the end of the course, an exit test cum feedback session was conducted. The students actively participated and interacted throughout the course, expressing their satisfaction with the overall learning experience. Dr. Akanksha Johar's expertise and the engaging nature of the classes contributed to the success of the course.

8. Add On Course- Pearson MePro

The Department of English at St Xavier's College – Jaipur offered an English Language Proficiency and Personality Development - MePro by Pearson. MePro English is an online English course that helps students diagnose their English proficiency level and get personalized skill-based courseware to become employable and relevant in today's world. It caters to individual needs and provides content and assessment, which will help users become proficient in the language with their (RWLS) Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking Skills. It is a self-paced Language Learning Programme in collaboration with Pearson for students who intend to hone their English language skills and groom their personality. A total of 29 students took the course and successfully completed various levels. The students are placed at a certain level after a diagnostic test and then from there can clear as many in one year. There are a total of 10 levels built on the Global Scale of English (GSE) framework. GSE uses a more granular approach to extend the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) by pinpointing scores on a scale from 10 to 90.

9. SHARE THE WARMTH

Enlightened Echelon – the social outreach wing of the Department of English, St. Xavi-

er's College Jaipur – conducted its annual blanket distribution drive in collaboration with All About Happiness (ABH) on 25th December, 2022. The blanket distribution drive witnessed extensive student participation from the college. Around 5000 blankets were distributed in different areas of Jaipur such as Vidhyadhar Nagar, Murlipura, Jhotwara, Sirsi Road, Vaishali Nagar, Rajapark, Old Jaipur City, Malviya Nagar, Railway Station, Airport, Bus Station, Gopalpura, and Govind Dev Ji and more. The goal and aim of organising such social outreach activity for students is to inculcate in them a sense of social responsibility. The donation drive was led by Tanishka Agarwal from B.A. Hons. English Part II. The drive was executed under the guidance of Rev Fr. Dr A Rex Angelo SJ (Principal), Dr Rama Hirawat (Coordinator, EE), Mr Rohan Thomas Cherian (Coordinator, EE).

10. WHISPER NO MORE

Enlightened Echelon, the social outreach wing of St. Xavier's English Department conducted its annual sanitary napkin distribution drive titled Whisper No More in Government Upper Primary School, Lalya Ka Bas; St. Xavier's College Jaipur, Nevta; and Rajkiya Balika Ucha Madhyamik Vidhyalaya, Banipark on 25th and 26th of January, 2023. It was conducted in collaboration with Gender Studies and Women Cell. The aim of Whisper No More is to desensitize the stigma associated with sanitary napkins and encourage the students in participating in such collective social activities. The first-year students of the English Department conducted the distribution drive on 26 January 2023 at Rajkiya Balika Ucha Madhyamik Vidhyalaya, Banipark. Similarly, the second year and third year students of the department conducted the distribution at Government Upper Primary School, Lalya Ka Bas and St. Xavier's College Jaipur, Nevta respectively on 25 January 2023. All depart-

ment mentors and co-mentors actively participated in the outreach activity. The event was organized under the support and guidance of Rev Fr Dr A. Rex Angelo SJ, principal. The teacher coordinators for the activity were Dr Rama Hirawat, Head and Assistant Professor; and Mr Rohan Thomas Cherian, Assistant Professor. Student coordinators for the same were Ananya Kaushik (B.A. Hons. Part - III), Akanksha Rathore (B.A. Hons. Part - II), and Salome D'Souza (B.A. Hons Part - I).

11. SYAAHI

Enlightened Echelon conducted its annual stationery distribution drive titled Syaahi on 25th and 26th of January 2023. It was conducted in collaboration with All About Happiness, an NGO working for the welfare and development of less privileged students in Jaipur city. The venues for the stationery distribution drive were as follows; Government Upper Primary School, Lalya Ka Bas; St. Xavier's College Jaipur, Nevta; and Rajkiya Balika Ucha Madhyamik Vidhyalaya, Banipark. The aim and objective of Syaahi is to encourage college students in realising their collective social responsibility and motivating them to become positive agents of change in the society. Students collected donations from amongst themselves and distributed them at three venues this year. The drive so extensive participation from the students of the department. The organizer of the drive was Rev Fr Dr A Rex Angelo SJ, Principal. He commended the department for carrying out such social outreach programs for the students of the college. The teacher coordinator for the drive was Dr Rama Hirawat, Head and Assistant Professor. Student coordinator for the same were Radhika Yadav (B.A. Hons. Part - III), Shreya Garg (B.A. Hons. Part - II), and Ayushi Jain (B.A. Hons. Part - I).

12. EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO JLF

The Department of English, St Xavier's College, Jaipur, organized a department visit to Jaipur Literature Festival on 20 January 2023. Dr. Ranjit Kaur was the teacher coordinator for the visit. All the interested students were asked to register themselves for a visit through the JLF registration portal. They shared a screenshot of their successful registration with the student coordinator, Vasudha Sharma. About 50 students registered for the visit. Faculty members: Dr. Ranjit Kaur, Dr. Atiqa Kelsy, Dr. Shruti Rawat, and Mr. Rohan Thomas Cherian accompanied the students for this educational visit. On 20 January 2023, all the students assembled at the venue, Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur. Geotag photos were taken, and attendance was recorded. The students then attended various sessions, starting with melodious morning classical music. Other sessions hosted speakers like Sudha Murty, Ravish Kumar, Javed Akhtar, Shabana Azmi, Abdulrazak Gurnah, Gulzar, Shashi Tharoor, Durjoy Datta, Aanchal Malhotra, Navtej Sarna, and Namita Gokhale. Students got a chance to get their books signed by these eminent authors and click photos with them. Some students of the Department of English have also volunteered for the festival. The visit ended with the students learning about fiction writing, politics, nation and beyond, and stories of Booker Prize winners and Nobel Prize winners. It was an enriching experience for the students to witness the infamous Jaipur Literature Festival.

13. DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, SOPHIA

On 10-11 March 2023, Sophia Girls College (Autonomous), Ajmer, organised the International Conference on Recent Trends in Literature and Linguistics. Faculty members and students from St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, attended the conference on both the days. On 10

March, Dr. Atiqa Kelsy and Dr. Rama Hirawat, along with two students, Nihar Vyas and Ananya Acharya (MA Previous) visited the Ajmer campus. On 11 March, Dr. Ranjit Kaur visited Sophia Girls College, Ajmer, attending the international conference and presenting her paper. The attendees from St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, presented their papers and listened to the other presenters, along with participating in the group discussions afterwards. The technical sessions for the day were chaired by eminent keynote speakers, who focused on topics such as New Research and Methods in Genre Fiction Studies, Care for Our Languages, Leaders and the Led in Recent Post-Colonial African Literature, and Kaleidoscopic View of Diasporic Literature through the Lens of Socio-Cultural Constructs. Overall the conference was a productive and intellectual initiative that offered the attendees a good opportunity to explore and expand their knowledge regarding current literary and linguistic trends, along with offering exposure to a wider group of academics, scholars and research perspectives.

14. CAREER COUNSELLING ONLINE SEMINAR AND SCHOOL VISITS

This year the Department of English made visits to school for promoting admissions. After requisite permissions from the management we went for visits on three different days: 6 July 2022- Visiting schools in Mansarovar (Neerja Modi, IIS, Vardhman, Maharishi Arvind, Tagore International, Wilfred,), BVB'S Vidhyashram, Rukmani Birla by Dr Atiqa Kelsy and Dr Shruti Rawal; 7 July 2022- Visiting Schools in Vaishali Nagar (JPIS, Bhabha, Brightland, Defence Public School, KV, DAV, MPSS, Sampoorna) by Dr Ranjit Kaur and Dr Akanksha Johar; 8 July 2022- The Palace School, SMS, MGD, Seedling, MPS, Subodh by Dr Atiqa Kelsy and Dr Rama Hirawat. The teachers were asked to float the meet link for online counselling ses-

sions on 11-12 July 2022, so that the students who are interested in Literature have a chance to know more about it and we have a chance to tap good admissions. We covered 31 Schools, and mostly received a hopeful response: SMS School, MGD Girls School, BVB's Vidyashram, KV 5, KV 4, The Banyan, Maharishi Arvind School, IIS, Vardhaman, Neerja Modi, Kapil Gyan Peeth, Modern School, Tagore International, Wilfred School, Children's Academy, Rukmani Birla School, to name a few.