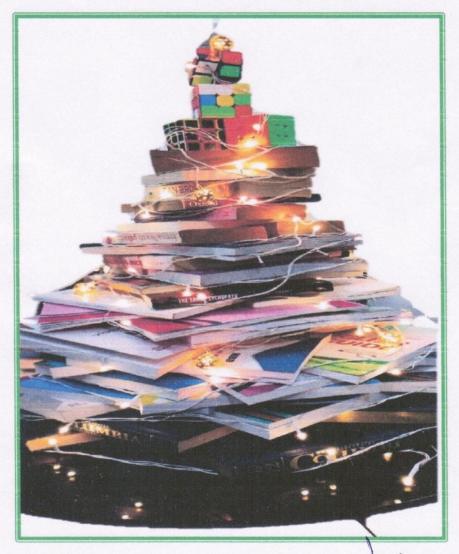


### **GURU NANAK KHALSA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN**

GUJARKHAN CAMPUS, MODEL TOWN, LUDHIANA

## **ILLUMINATI - English Literary Society**

### Even Semester Report (2023-2024)



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# **A**BOUT US

English Literary Society (ELS) 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, the students of M.A. (English), Honors (English) and Elective English are the *ex officio* members of this Society.

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 peoples 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.

ELS 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 ELS 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 ELS, 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, ELS 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.

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#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

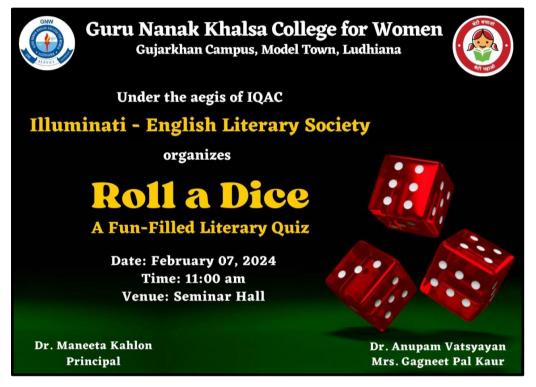
- The Society conducts literary activities in the campus throughout the year.
- The main focus of the society is to see students being as comfortable with English language as they are with their mother tongues.
- Another aim of ELS is to generate a general appetite for reading, writing, and creating.
- 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 Society during Even Semester 2023-24

1. Roll a Dice: a Fun-filled Literary Quiz

#### February 07

Under the aegis of IQAC, Illuminati - English Literary Society hosted "Roll a Dice: a Fun-filled Literary Quiz" on February 07, 2024. The participating teams included **Masters** (MA English-II students), **Challengers** (MA English-I students), **Bookblaze** (BA II English Honors), **Lit Lovers** (BA III English Honors), and **Freshly Bound** (Elective English students). Each side of the dice represented categories namely Short story, Novel, Poetry, Drama, and Literary Terms/ concepts, with the sixth side left blank. Teams rolled the dice to select a category and chose a question from the corresponding bowl. The blank side gave a choice to the team to choose any category.









The winning teams, **'Freshly Bound'** (1st Prize) and **'Masters'** (2nd Prize) were felicitated by Madam Principal. The event took place beside a well-lit tree of books at the center of the room, generating a vibrant atmosphere filled with lively, enthusiastic student participation. 58 students participated in this activity.



Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta Kahlon commended the Team Illuminati for their efforts. She also offered valuable suggestions and pointers to the students on how to improve and alter their

approach to the study of literature. The activity was organized under the guidance of Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan, Coordinator Illuminati, and Mrs. Gagneet Pal Kaur, Organizing Secretary Illuminati.

Social Media links of the activity are given below:

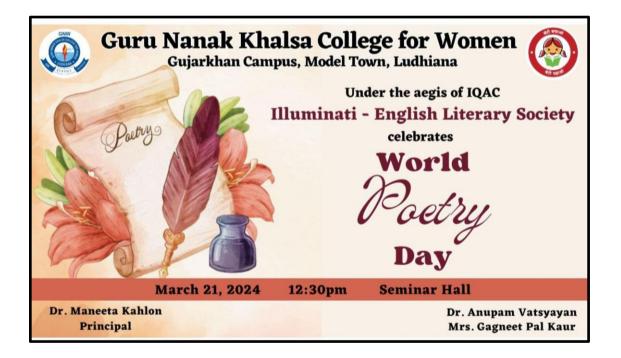
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#### 2. World Poetry Day

#### March 21

Under the auspices of IQAC, Illuminati-English Literary Society celebrated World Poetry Day on March 21, 2024. During the event, members of the society shared their perspectives on poetry, highlighting their favorite poets. Various poets were invoked during the discussion, like Frost, Browning, Eliot, Shakespeare, Tennyson, and Donne who represent different styles, techniques, and ages. Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan, as the Coordinator, highlighted the enriching role of poetry in our lives and emphasized that it provides a space for creativity, reflection, and connection with ourselves and the world around us.









Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta Kahlon, in a comprehensive talk, underlined that poetry plays a multifaceted role in real life, serving as a medium for emotional expression, cultural preservation, and intellectual stimulation. It has the power to evoke deep emotions, provoke critical thinking, and foster empathy. The event was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan, the Coordinator, and Mrs. Gagneet Pal Kaur, the Organizing Secretary.



The social media links are given below:

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