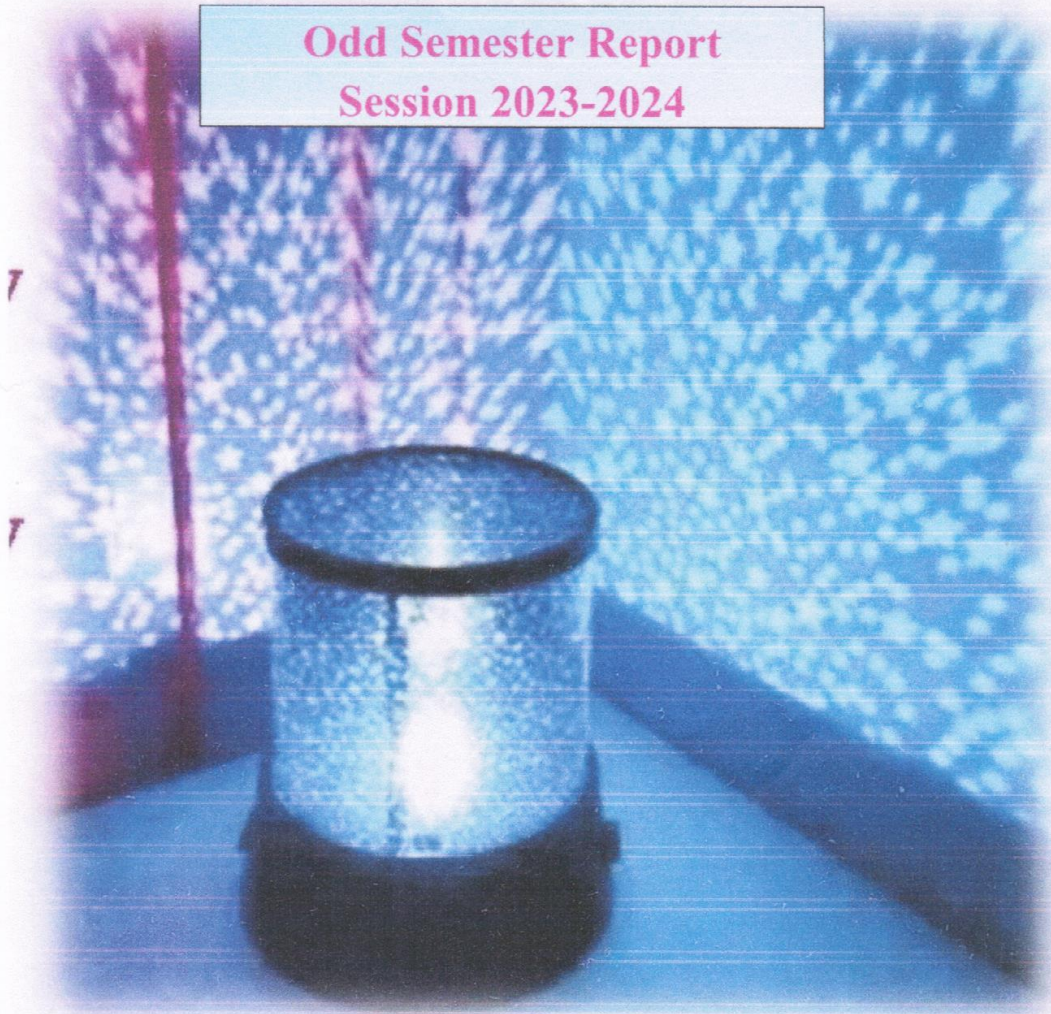




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ILLUMINATI - English Literary Society

Odd Semester Report
Session 2023-2024



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ABOUT 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.

Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan
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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

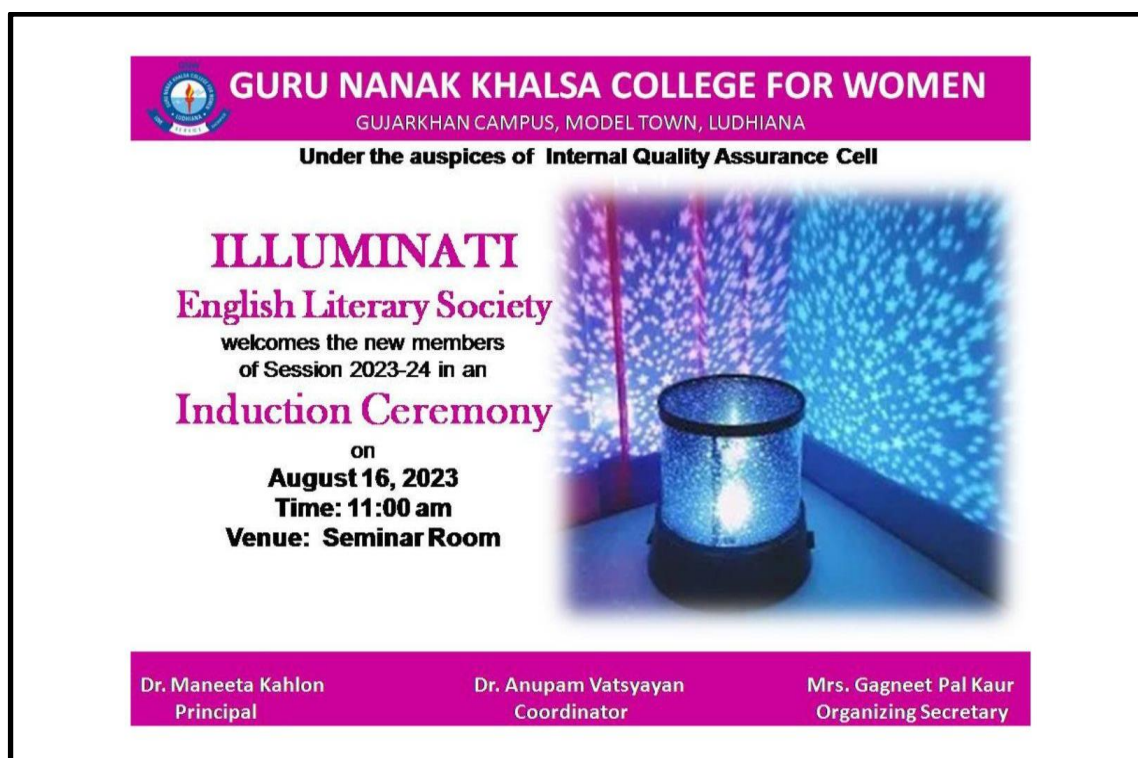
- The Society conducts literary activities in the campus throughout the year.
- The main focus of the society is to see students being as comfortable with English language as they are with their mother tongues.
- Another aim of ELS is to generate a general appetite for reading, writing, and creating.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

1. Induction Ceremony

August 31

Illuminati- English Literary Society held the “Induction Ceremony” of its members on August 16, 2023. The induction was conducted by Coordinator Illuminati, Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan. She welcomed the literary aficionados and invited them to participate in all the activities organized by the society in the session 2023-24. She said that ‘Illuminati’ would become a platform for like-minded students to express themselves and learn and grow together, while honing their skills and sharing their passions. The primary aims and objectives of the society were then elaborated upon through a powerpoint presentation. In addition, Mrs. Gagneet Pal Kaur, Organizing Secretary, announced the names of student representatives during the proceedings. Harneet Kaur, MA II (English) became the President, and Anshika Verma, MA I (English) was declared as the Vice-President of the society. Urging students to cultivate their individuality during college life, Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta Kahlon encouraged them to form original ideas, thoughts and share their opinions via this platform, without inhibitions.



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Under the auspices of Internal Quality Assurance Cell

ILLUMINATI
English Literary Society
welcomes the new members
of Session 2023-24 in an
Induction Ceremony
on
August 16, 2023
Time: 11:00 am
Venue: Seminar Room

Dr. Maneeta Kahlon
Principal

Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan
Coordinator

Mrs. Gagneet Pal Kaur
Organizing Secretary



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2. Creative Writing (Talent Hunt)

August 16

A Talent Hunt for Creative Writing was organized by Illuminati on August 16, 2023. Students from various streams participated in this activity and showcased their talent by writing in any of the genres, i.e Story Writing, Essay Writing and Poem Writing. Almost 70 students registered themselves for their participation. The activity was conducted under the able guidance of Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan, Head, Deptt. of English, Mrs. Gagneet Pal Kaur and Ms. Kritika Gupta. participation. Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta Kahlon appreciated the efforts taken by the department and encouraged the students to indulge in these activities which hone their creative skills.



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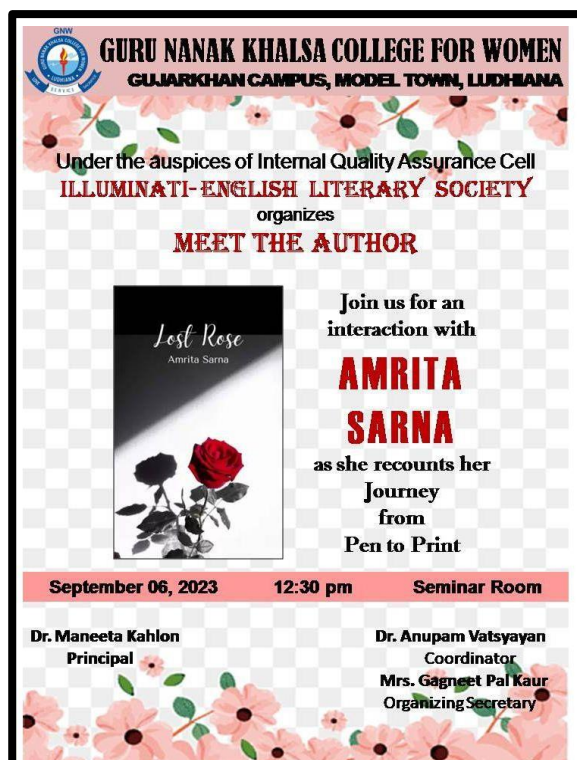
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3. Meet The Author - Amrita Sarna

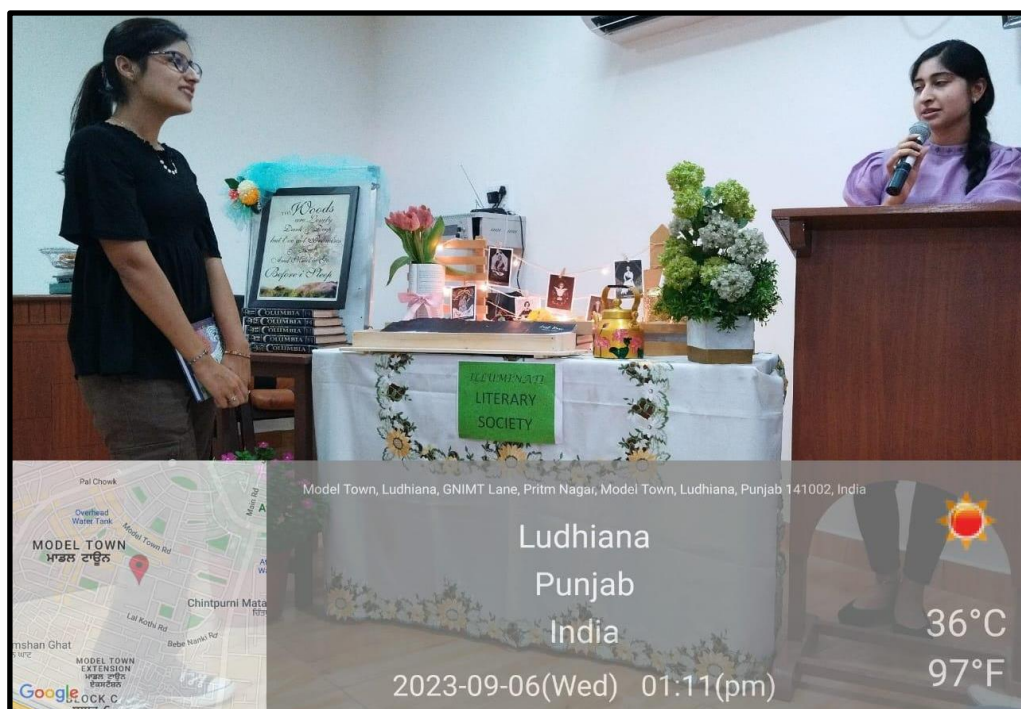
September 09

Illuminati- English Literary Society organized “Meet the Author” event with Amrita Sarna, a young and budding poet, on September 06, 2023. During the event, Amrita Sarna recounted her journey from ‘pen to print’ in regard to her recently published anthology of poems *Lost Rose*, while emphasizing upon her experiences and various artistic influences. She also highlighted that art is her anchor in life and she seeks inspiration from different media, like painting, poetry writing, music, and dance.





76 members of Illuminati became actively engaged in the interactive session that followed. Aspiring poets put up questions to the author centering on the creative process, the role of emotions, and the nitty-gritties of publishing procedure. Some student-poets read out their compositions which opened another gateway of discussion.





The session became even more invigorating when, extemporaneously, a fun activity was introduced in which the students were given prompts and were asked to complete the line using their imagination

and creativity. The response of the house was overwhelming, adding more hues to the art of poetry writing.

The event was organized by Dr. Anupam Vatsyayan (Coordinator) and Mrs. Gagneet Pal Kaur (Organizing Secretary). Ms. Harneet Kaur, MA English (President, Illuminati) was the moderator.

Madam Principal Dr. Maneeta Kahlon welcomed the guest speaker. She encouraged the students to have confidence in their abilities and to continuously explore the world of creativity with intrepid conviction.



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