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# SOCIETY ACTIVITY REPORT 2020-21 THE ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY

### • Talks conducted on "Literature and the Pandemic":

A talk on 'Pandemic and Publishing Houses by Ritu Menon
 Ritu Menon, the co-founder of Kali for Women and founder of Women Unlimited, gave a talk on the shift in the publishing sector and independent publishing houses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (21st October, Google Meet)



# • A talk with Dr Navina Jafa (alum) on "Pandemic and change in Creative expression"

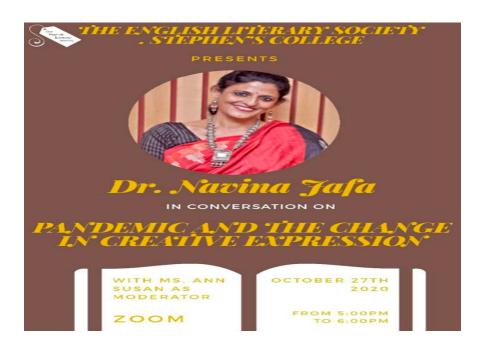
Dr Navina Jafa, Director of Indian Cultural Heritage Research, is a cultural activist and renowned performing artist. She is an alumna of St. Stephen's College. She talked about the shifts in the expression of literature and art due to the ongoing pandemic.



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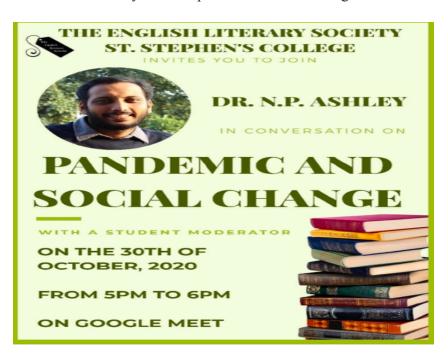
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• A talk with Prof. Ashley N.P. (Faculty member) on Pandemic and Social Change (30th October, Google Meet).

Dr Ashley talked about the implications of the pandemic in the realm of literature and whether literary texts help us discern such changes in the social order.



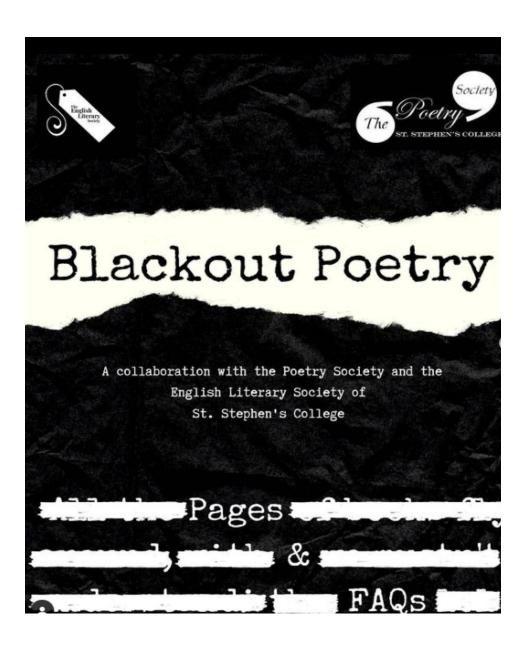


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• Black-out poetry in collaboration with the Poetry Society





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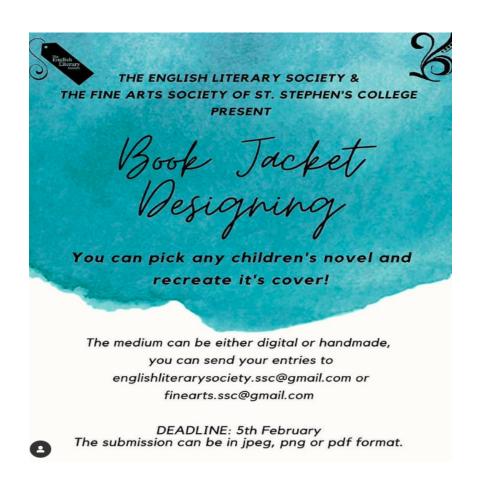
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#### Annual Fest LOGOS 2021 on the theme, 'Literature and Childhood'

Book Jacket Designing Competition

Participants were asked to pick any children's novel and recreate its cover.



#### • Panel discussions:

On 'Personal and Political', featuring Prof. Geetanjali Singh Chanda (Associate Professor, Ashoka University) and Ms Rinchin (Author and Social Activist).



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# Presents the first panel discussion on the topic Children's Literature: Personal and Political



Prof. Geetanjali Singh Chanda Dept of English, Ashoka University



Ms. Rinchin, author and social activist

Date: 15th February, 2021 Time: 4:40-5:40 pm (IST)

• On 'Text and Image', featuring Shobha Vishwanath (Co-founder and Publishing Director of Karadi Tales), Priya Kurien (Author and Illustrator) and Ms Leeza John (Illustrator and Architect).



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# Presents a panel discussion on the topic Children's Literature: The Text and The Image



Ms. Shobha Viswanath Co-Founder and Publishing Director of Karadi Tales



Ms. Priya Kuriyan Author and Illustrator



Ms. Leeza John Freelance Illustrator and Architect

Date: 16th February, 2021 Time: 2:15- 3:35 pm (IST)

• On 'Fantasy World Building', featuring Dr Giti Chandra (Author and Research Specialist with the Gender Equality and Training Program under the auspices of UNESCO), Ms Roopa Pai (Author of India's first fantasy series for children) and Mr Siddharth Pandey (Academician and scholar).



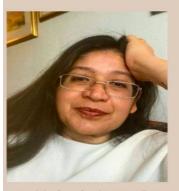
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# Presents the third panel discussion on the topic Children's Literature: Fantasy World Building



Dr. Giti Chandra is an author and Research Specialist with the Gender Equality and Training Programme (under the auspices of UNESCO), Reykjavik



Ms. Roopa Pai is the author of India's first fantasy-adventure series for children "Taranauts' and the national bestseller 'Gita for Children'



Dr. Siddharth Pandey, academician, PhD in Literature and Materiality

Date: 17th February, 2021 Time: 2:15- 3:50 pm (IST)

### • Student Paper presentations competition

Student reviews on 'Literature and Childhood' published in the International Committee of the Children's Literature Association Blog. (Reviews were written by English Literary Society volunteers).



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<u>Creative Writing Competition on the retelling of Hans Christian Anderson</u> fairytales





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