



THE ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY

Society Report, 2021-2022

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S No	Title of the Event	Event Details
1	Blackout Poetry	<p>This event was done in collaboration with the Poetry Society. Students were handed out an excerpt from a book and were asked to black out words to make poetry. More than 30 people participated.</p> <p>Mode of event: Online Date of event: 31 July 2021</p>
2	Short Story Writing Competition	<p>This event was conducted under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The theme was 'I was There: Reimagining Independence'. Participants had to write a short story reimagining something about our freedom movement. 8 entries were received.</p> <p>Mode of event: Online Date of Event: 25 September 2021</p>
2	Reading session on Ranjit Hoskote's <i>Hunchprose</i>	<p>This was a preparatory event for a talk by the Indian poet Ranjit Hoskote. A group of students got together online and discussed Hoskote's work and tried to identify its peculiarities.</p> <p>Mode of event: Online Date of Event: 5 October 2021</p>

3	Talk by Ranjit Hoskote	<p>The Indian poet, translator and art curator Ranjit Hoskote delivered an online lecture on his new poetry collection <i>Hunchprose</i>. The event was moderated by Mr Abiral Kumar Sharma of the Department of English. The event was attended by over 50 people both from and out of college. A question and answer session followed.</p> <p>Mode of event: Online Date of Event: 22 October 2021</p>
4	Reading session on Saikat Majumdar	<p>This event was held to discuss Saikat Majumdar's views on creative writing. 10 Junior Members attended the reading session.</p> <p>Mode of event: Online Date of Event: 26 October 2021</p>
5	Talk by Saikat Majumdar	<p>The novelist and critic Saikat Majumdar delivered a talk on "The Craft of Fiction Writing". At the end of the session, he also gave a writing exercise to the participants. Over 50 people from and out of college attended the event.</p> <p>Mode of event: Online Date of Event: 29 October 2021</p>
	Screening of "A Private War"	<p>"A Private War" was screened in collaboration with the Cine Club, followed by a discussion. The film's theme was in line with the theme of our annual fest LOGOS'23 - Conflict in Literature.</p> <p>Mode of event: Offline (AV Room) Date of Event: 3 March 2022</p>
6	LOGOS' 23 - Annual Fest of ELS	<p>Theme - Conflict in Literature Date - 4 and 5 March 2022</p> <p>Events:</p> <p>Keynote Lecture by Prof Subarno Chattarji on "Conflict in Literature: Wars, Memories and Identities" Moderated by Dr NP Ashley, Dept of English, St Stephen's College.</p> <p>Mode of event: Online Date of event: 4 March</p> <p>Student Paper Presentations Mode of event: Online</p>

		<p>Date of event: 4 and 5 March</p> <p>Lecture by Dr Veio Pou, Dept of English, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College on “Writing about Lives on the Edge: A Perspective on AFSPA in Literature” in collaboration with The North-East Society.</p> <p>Mode of event: Online Date of event: 4 March</p>
7	Goonj	<p>Volunteers of the society visited the NGO Goonj warehouse to choose books that were sold at college in a book sale. All proceeds went to Goonj which does humanitarian aid in and around Delhi.</p> <p>Mode of event: Offline (Library Lawns) Date of event: 11 April 2022</p>
8.	Postscript	<p>Our annual journal on the theme “Identity” was released online.</p> <p>Throughout the academic year, we released three online issues of Postscript on our blog as well. They can be accessed here: PostScript – The English Literary Society, St. Stephen's College (wordpress.com)</p>