

The Redstockings Society Report (2017-2018)

The Redstockings Literary Society of the Department of English, Bharati College, affirmed once again its objectives of providing its members opportunities for stimulating discussion and debate and promoting the spirit of intellectual enquiry through literary exposure, under the guidance of Teacher-in-Charge, Dr. Naila Anjum and faculty coordinator for the Society, Dr. Shivani Jha.

The society provides every budding writer and literature enthusiast a chance to showcase their passion. and organises a lot of fun filled literary activities throughout the year. A List of the activities and engagements of its members is given below:

Redstockings Elections on 24th of August 2017

For the academic year 2017-18 the office bearers were elected by the student members of Redstocking in a meeting on 24th of August 2017. Ishita, Pragya, and Tanushree entered the race for the position of the President. Gaining most votes, Pragya from third semester is our new President followed by Tanushree, from fifth semester, as Vice President. Siddhi, Tahreem and Anmol, all from first semester, contested for the role of Treasurer. The members saw more potential to handle the funds in Anmol, hence awarding her the title of Treasurer.

for the Editorial board, the contesting students submitted a self- written piece on the basis of which Arunima Duggal of first semester was selected as the Editor-in-chief along with the other members for the editorial board.

Redstockings Chronicles: The Online Society Magazine Monthly E-Magazine

‘The Redstockings Chronicles’ the online society magazine is managed and run by the editorial group of the Department of English. Open for submissions from all courses the monthly magazine dwells on literary and cultural issues contemporaneous in nature. It also gives an account of activities in the college, university campus and the city that would interest students. The members aim to keep their readers updated about the ongoings of Bharati College and of the rest of the university. They also share articles pertaining to career guidance & study material. The ‘Musings’ section is meant to bring to the fore the talent of our in-house creative writers. The editorial board is selected according to the writing skills and command over language of students. This year it comprises of Arunima Duggal of first semester as the Editor-in-chief along with Tahreem Haque, Subhakruthi Kasturi, Ekta Chauhan, Akanksha, Muskan, Irshita, Haritha Nair and Vinny Pappachan comprising the editorial board.

Story Writing Competition held on 12th September 2017

In the year 2017-18, Redstockings Literary society organised a plethora of events. The year started with a story writing competition with the topic ‘Black and White’, here we saw a bunch of beautiful stories depicting the black and white of our lives. The Winners of the Impromptu Story writing competition were Vinny Pappachan, English Hons., Sem III won the First Prize, Manisha Sharma, B.A (Program), Sem I & Rushali Sharma, Eng. Hons., Sem I

bagged the Second Prizes. The Third Prize went to Swapnil Singh, Psychology Hons., Sem I. The competition was judged by Dr. Naila Anjum & Mr. Chetan Saini, faculty, Department of English.

Comic Strip Making Competition on 19th September 2017

Next in line was the comic strip making competition with the theme 'Adulthood is a Myth'. This event had a very enthusiastic participation as it brought out the creativity and the artist in the students. The winners list comprised of Vrinda Sharma, B.A Psychology Hons, Sem I who won the First Prize. The Second Prize went to Subhkruthi Kasturi, B.A English Hons, Sem I. The competition was judged by Mr. Chansa Makan & Ms. Rida Fatima, faculty, Department of English.

DDUC Seminar attended by Redstockings students 27th September 2017

A symposium on "Women in Industries: Tussles and Triumphs" was organized by the Women Development Cell of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College on 27 September 2017. The Redstockings members to attend the symposium were Arunima Duggal (Sem II, English Hons.) Subhkruthi kasturi (Sem II, English Hons.) Anmol Satija (Sem II English Hons), Siddhi Gupta (Sem II, English Hons). Students were benefitted by the symposium and reported that the highlight of the event was Ms. Rituparna Sengupta's talk who shared her views, hardships and her life-journey in totality. Ms. Anika Verma, a proud feminist, exposed to Breakthrough and STEP's work, and raised the issue of women hating one another. The Young Entrepreneur award and Youth of the Year 2016 recipient, Ms. Oshikka Lumb, twenty-three, and owning three companies was an inspiration in herself. The vivacious Ms. Aishwarya Sharma, a fashion blogger and the proud owner of the blog-Figuramoda, also in her early twenties added much substance to the symposium. Her STOP ACID ATTACK blog has unified fashion and activism leading to- fashionism. The event ended with a beautiful musical performance on "Suno Suno Meri Awaaz" by the music society of the college. The event was truly a great success.

Open Mic held on 17th October 2017

One of our major in college event was the Open Mic. Students came up with amplitude of talent in the form of poems, articles, essays, stories and stand-up comedy. The competition was judged by Dr. Rakhi Jain and Dr. Shivani Jha, faculty, Department of English. It was a fun filled event with beautiful poems and rib tickling comedy. To give the students an opportunity to express themselves. Students came up with amplitude of talent in the form of poems, articles, essays, stories and stand-up comedy. The main objective of this competition was to provide the students a platform to express their views and help them gain more confidence. At the end, it became very difficult for the judges to pick the winners due to the tough competition. Finally, the winners were announced and Ekta Chauhan of English Honours (Sem III) bagged the First Prize, Lakshika of Psychology Honours (Sem I) stood Second and it was a tie between Arunima Duggal of English Honours (Sem I) and Anshula kumar of B.Com Honours (Sem I) for the Third Prize.

Donate- a – Book: Book Donation Drive held on 24th October 2017

As a part of the Good Samaritan Initiative, The Redstockings Literary Society of Bharati College conducted a book donation drive, *Donate A Book Initiative*. For this drive, we collaborated with the Delhi based NGO, AASHMAN, which is dedicated to the cause of women's empowerment and is focused on helping single income families and underprivileged children through relevant health care and other innovative education and environmental friendly livelihood programmes. In a bid to express our gratitude and do our bit to help those who are not as privileged as us, we decided to join hands with AASHMAN and encourage people to donate books which would then be given to underprivileged books. The drive was carried out under the guidance of Dr. Shivani Jha, Faculty Coordinator, Redstockings Society and the student in-charge, Apurvaa Bhattacharya. All the student volunteers showed admirable enthusiasm and ensured maximum participation by encouraging their classmates, friends, teachers, families and neighbours to lend a helping hand. As a result, the event was a great success. The target was to collect 80-100 books and reach out to as many people as possible. More than 150 books were collected and more kept coming in even after the drive concluded. Keeping in mind the huge success of the initiative, a second phase of the same is being planned and will be carried soon.

Human Library: 12th January,2018

A major event on a large scale conducted by the society was the **Human Library**. The occasion provided the students with an opulence of learning. Prominent speakers like Ira Singhal (IAS topper 2014), Devyani Mahajan (Head co-ordinator at Nazariya), Aditya Arora (CEO of the successful start-up – FAAD TIMES) and Raghav Mandava (stand-up comedian) graced the occasion and shared their inspiring life stories which were driven with firm conviction and perseverance. Ms. Ira Singhal shared about her journey and how she was able to clear the UPSC exam (Civil Services) winning over all the obstacle. Ms. Devyani Mahajan spoke about how sexuality is still not freely discussed and accepted in the society and shared her view point on dealing with stress. Shri Raghav Mandava shared his perspective about dreams and spoke about his journey of becoming a stand- up comedian. Mr. Aditya Arora laid emphasis on how important internships are and shared his story of the journey from being an ordinary student to an entrepreneur. Many Student speakers too shared their stories: Ekta chauhan (English Honours. Semester IV) shared a tale about perceptions, of different beings having different perceptions of the same situation. Akanksha Jha (student of Jesus and Mary College) shared her life story about the adorable bond she shared with her superman, her best friend and the journey she made after his death. Tahreem Haque (English Honours. Sem II) shared how she battled with evil of bullying and successfully overcame it. Arunima Duggal spoke about how she went through depression in life and tackled it with guidance and support from parents. Pragya Bhalla (English Honours. Sem IV) shared about her academic journey and her struggle of choosing the correct stream in class X. Lakshika Malik (Psychology Honours. Sem II) spoke about the deep imprint of 'repugnance' which shed some light on eve teasing and abuse against women. Anshula Kumar (B.Com Honours. Sem II) performed stand- up comedy based on real situations in life lightening the serious session and was then followed by a fruitful interactive session.

Volunteering at the International Conference Thoreau and the Transcendentalists organized by the Department of English from 15-17th March 2018.

The Redstockings Volunteers shone impressed all with their work To begin with, the registration desk performed an excellent job, welcoming all the guest speakers with enthusiasm and hospitality. Anmol, Subhkruthi, Arunima and Riya Verma together constituted this dedicated team. Siddhi Gupta, the person who took the responsibility to capture with her lens every highlight. The student rapporteurs comprised of Anubha, Tezal, Anusha and Shuvangi. Muskan Gupta, Lavika Gupta, Saba and Rushali ensured discipline. The Redstockings President supervised the volunteers and helped the guests. Riya Verma tended to the finer details of presentation. The volunteers ensured that the event went off smoothly.

Redstockings Victory at Motilal Nehru College 1st November 2017

The English association of Motilal Nehru College, organized an Inter-College poetry competition on November 1st 2017. The theme for the competition was 'Hiraeth'. The editorial board member of Redstockings Chronicles- Ekta Chauhan, Sem IV was selected for the Second Prize and received a certificate with a cash prize of 500/-.

Redstockings Joins hands with the Students Union for College Fest Abhivyakti 2018

Redstockings Literary Society organised three events as part of the three-day college cultural fest, Abhivyakti. These events were: Creative writing (an online writing competition) with the topic #MeToo. A Spell bee was also organised with the theme media and advertising which boasted of a large participation and a quiz on popular genre. This was a fun filled event..The winners list included for SPELL BEE First Position: Deepika Negi and Supriya Ranjan (Bharati college) Second Position: Muskan Gupta and Soumya Srishti (Bharati College) The teacher in charge for the event was Dr. Shivani Jha. For the QUIZ the First Position was bagged by Anusha and Tezal (Bharati College), Second Position: Shivani Kanwar and Sanchit Bhargava (IITM College). The teachers in charge for the event were Dr.. Anubha Bhargava, Ms. Pemela Lama, Ms. Khushee Saroha and Ms. Kangkana Roy. For CREATIVE WRITING the winner was Deepika Negi (Bharati College). The event was judged by Ms. Bhawana Kale, faculty, Department of English.

Melange: The Annual Literary Festival of the English Department, organized on 26th of March, 2018

The Annual literary fest, "Melange" was organised on 26th of March, 2018. The event was made possible by the sponsorship of Max Healthcare, Simon and Schuster, DU Express and Navyata. The first event Pictionary was judged by Mr. Ankur Betagiri and Ms. Khushee Sroha. The first position for the event went to Anusha and Tezal (Bharati College); Alka and Soumya Bharati College) were declared the Runners up. Microfiction Writing took place simultaneously and was judged by Dr. Sonali Jain. and Shivam Gulati (Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies) was declared the winner and Ipshita Ghosh (Bharati College) was the runner up. In Doodle Creation Sofia Naaz (Northern India Engineering College) and Pinki Rana (Bharati College) secured the first and second positions, the event was judged by Ms. Vishakha Kardam and Ms. Nisha Tiwari. The Treasure Hunt was conducted by Mr.

Chansa Makan. by Suman and Shalini (Bharati College) were declared the winners while Kanika and Soumya (Bharati College) were the runners up. The guests invited for giving talks on their journey as journalist and authors were Ms. Sanjana Agnihotri, Mr. Noor Anand and Mr. Karan Kapoor. Ms. Agnihotri, belonging to the world of journalism shared her experience as a former literature student and how it positively influenced her life and profession. Mr. Anand and Mr. Kapoor, the authors of The Dreaming Reality shared their experience and struggles to get their first work published. They fascinated the audience by reading a few excerpts from their book. The inspiring talk was followed by budding poets expressing themselves in Slam Poetry, judged by Dr. Nandini Sen and Mr. Ankur Betagiri. Nishita's (Indraprastha University) impressive performance helped her secure the first position whereas Muskan (Bharati College) was a close second. Priya Kumari (Bharati College) gave an intense performance in her Mimesis performance and provided a deserving closure to the event.