

## Report 2013-14

The Badge holders of the literary society are: Swetambara Chaudhary (President- III Year), Shambhavi Vats (Vice-President- III Year), Rupal Bhandari (Treasurer- II Year). *White Noise*, our in-house journal, headed by Arpita Roy (III Year), Sneha Bhagat (III Year), Mallika Khosla (II Year) and Saushriya Havelia (II Year) is now also on Tumblr, in addition to the blog, with essays, short stories, poems by the students. In October, ten Ruskin Bond enthusiasts went to Mussoorie to meet the man who had filled many a summer holidays with colourful stories.

*LitLuminous '14*, the annual literary fest, was held on 12th–13th February, on the theme of 'War', Nihilists Anonymous. The first day of the fest began with a keynote presented by a KNC alumnus, the senior editor, and the person behind the CNN-IBN show 'The Citizen's Journalist show', Ms. Anubha Bhonsle. She shared her experience of reporting as a journalist from the battleground of the Kargil War, and the Gujarat riots. This was followed by the inauguration of 'Path to the Pages', which was our attempt to portray how war literature comes into existence. On day one this section was devoted to Erin Gruwell's book *The Freedom Writer's Diary* on the L.A. Riots of 1992; on day two, it was devoted to the much loved fantasy world of the *Game of Thrones*. Other distinguished guests were: Achin Vanaik from CNDP answered questions on nuclear (dis)armament with screening of the film *Ek Khoobsurat Jahaz*; Peggy Mohan spoke about forensic linguistics in understanding testimonies, through her book *The Youngest Suspect*. On the second day of the fest cartoonist Sudhir Tailang spoke about the in/tolerance of the political cartoon in contemporary India and also drew some of his favourite caricatures. Actor-Filmmaker-Activist Nandita Das spoke about her film *Firaaq* (which was also screened at the fest) based on the Gujarat riots of 2002. The fest also saw student competitions such as paper presentation, point/counterpoint, quiz, exhibition and 'time machine'. We concluded the fest with a panel discussion on 'War is what happens when language fails', with Prof Vibha Gupta, Mr. Saswata Bhattacharya, Dr Amber Ahmed and Mr. Raghav Pasricha as panellists.