

## **Report 2011-2012**

2011 was a very active year for Expressions. Members attended events at various colleges across campus, including at Lady Shri Ram College, Ramjas College, Jesus and Mary College, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Janaki Devi College, Hindu College and the Indian Institute of Planning and Management. Anubhuti Kapoor won the first position at the Creative Writing competition held during the Economics Fest at Shaheed Bhagat Singh College and Rashmi Sharma won the second position at the Creative Writing Competition held at Janki Devi Memorial College. Anindita Roy also secured the second position at Bacchanalia, the English Literature fest at Hindu College.

Under the aegis of World Poetry, Canada and in collaboration with Poetry Across Cultures and Universal Poetry, Expressions organized 'Poetic Perceptions-A Multilingual Multicultural Evening of Poetry' in December 2010 at India International Centre where the poetry of France, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia and the USA was read. The embassies of these countries participated in the reading. The Chief Guests for the evening were His Excellency Ambassador of Serbia Jovan Mirilovic and Her Excellence Ambassador of Romania Valerica Epure. It was an enriching experience for the students and a beautiful exposure to the poetry of other lands.

Students also attended and participated in the first of the Navarasa Series of Poetry Readings, Shringhara Rasa, organised by the Poetry Society of India in August 2011, the theme of which was Monsoon/Love, and attended an evening of poetic dialogue on the theme of 'Love, Woodshadows and Autumnal Musings' at the India International Centre organised by the Poetry Society of India on October 2011. Expressions also organized an evening of Indian/Italian Poetry in collaboration with the Italian Cultural Centre under the aegis of Poetry Across Cultures and the Department of Germanic and Romance Studies, University of Delhi. Our faculty convener Dr Rita Malhotra coordinated all the above programs.

It was a proud time for Expressions, as Student Convener Anubhuti Kapoor had a short story published in the collection by Chicken Soup entitled 'Chicken Soup for the Soul- Indian College Students'.

In September 2011, students attended Creative Writing workshops at IIT-Delhi. They came away with fresh minds and exciting ideas.

November 4 2011 marked a special date for Expressions, as we held our annual events Spin-A-Yarn, a creative writing competition, and Mind Talk, a recitation competition. Students from across the university attended these events. Ankur Dang, a member of Expressions, secured the first position in Spin-A-Yarn. Participants enjoyed the day immensely, and we look forward to next year's events with fervour.

All in all, the year was a vibrantly bustling one, and we foresee a very interesting and engaging 2012 ahead.