

Report 2012-13

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Student Conveners: Namra Sultan, Vini P. Nair

Expressions began 2012 on a very fervent note. Student members participated in Creative Writing Competitions at various inter-college fests, some being The Lady Shri Ram Festival, the Jesus and Mary College Fest and the Gargi College Festival. The batch of 2012 saw an enormous tide of new writers joining our team with great vigour.

Rashmi Sharma, won a Special Mention in a Creative Writing Competition held at Janaki Devi Memorial College. Another of our members, Nirmita Sharma a student of English Literature has written a novel that has been published by Penguin.

Our Faculty Convener Dr. Rita Malhotra was invited by ICRIER to co-ordinate an evening of poetry at the US-India Annual Conclave. She organized Expressive Cadences, an evening of Indian-American Poetry in Dialogue with Dance, in collaboration with Poetry Across Cultures and Universal Poetry. The event was held in Neemrana and our student members Anubhuti Kapoor, Apranta Soumayaji and Ankur Dang were invitee participants. The event proved to be a first of its kind and a glorious and enlightening experience for ICRIER.

Expressions has always believed in working at the global level. Under the guidance of our faculty member, Dr. Rita Malhotra, we have collaborated in past years with Poetry Across Cultures and the embassies of Finland, Portugal, France, Serbia, Romania, Italy and the US to encourage vernacular literature and poetry aiming at global appreciation and bonding. This year, Expressions teamed up with the Hungarian embassy and hosted "Poetic Cadences in Rhythm with Dance" an evening of Indian and Hungarian poetry in dialogue with dance. The event was hosted in collaboration with Poetry Across Cultures and the Hungarian Information and Cultural Centre. Dr. Rita Malhotra coordinated the programme along with Vini P. Nair, Namra Sultan and Anupriya Khare. The Principal, Dr. Minoti Chatterjee read one of Tagore's poems. Vini P. Nair recited a poem of renowned Indian poet Kamala Das, Ankur Dang rendered an English translation of one of the Hindi poems recited at the event and Namra Sultan recited a self-composed poem. Akanksha Jagannathan rendered the invocatory piece in the Bharatanatyam style of the Indian Classical Dance. The highlight of the evening was an exposition of Tagore's poem in dance performed by our invited dance-exponent Ms. Sayantani Mukherjee.

One of our student conveners, Namra Sultan, was invited by All India Radio to recite her poems on their programme YuvaVani.

The annual events that our society proudly hosts are Spin-A-Yarn, a University renowned inter-college prose writing competition and Mind Talk, an elocution competition. The competitions saw an enthusiastic participation from students across the University and the day ended successfully with Ankur Dang, a member of Expressions, securing the first position in Spin-A-Yarn. More recently, the society also organized an intra-college creative writing competition which turned out to be a thundering success, with participation from students from various departments and societies of college. The winners of this competition were Rupal Bhandari from English honours who took the first prize, and a tie for the second prize between Kunzes T. Goba and Anupriya Khare, both from English Honours.

2012 was a year filled with both hard-work and fun for Expressions. With a lot of fresh minds joining us and fresher ideas pouring in, we are eagerly looking forward to kick-start an even better 2013!