

Report 2015

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On 9th January 2015, the society organised its annual Inter-College competition on the theme: 'Love, Peace and Harmony'. The event had two competitions, SPIN-A-YARN (on the spot creative writing competition) and MIND-TALK (wherein students read their writings).

The event became special in context of the Golden-Jubilee year of the college and was followed by a Delhi poets meet. The Chief Guest was Prof. Shiva Prakash, (School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal University). Eminent poets across Delhi like Dr. Rumki Basu, Mr. Samir Kakkar and Ms. Smita Sehgal also read-out their poems based on the theme. Expressions represented KNC along with Luminoso and Green Beans at Delhi University Fest, Antardhwani from 20-22nd February, 2015.

On 9th April 2015, the college held a closing ceremony for the academic session (2014-2015), winners of intra-society/inter-college contests held throughout the year were given away prizes by Dr. Minoti Chatterjee (the Principal, then). Society-members also recited their poems in the ceremony. On 30th July 2015, the society held an orientation programme for the new members –who read out their pieces. A topic for Expressions, the wall-paper was chosen – Wanderlust. Writers Block, an online intra-society, monthly-writing contest was also announced.

An inter-department Creative-Writing Competition was hosted by Expressions on 8th October, 2015 in which 49 students participated. On 28th October 2015, 'Vers-atility' – a Hungarian-Poetry reading session was held in the Council Room. The Chief Guest was Professor Margit Koves (Professor of Hungarian at the University of Delhi) and Mr. Pater Saagi. Few Hungarian Poems translated into English were also recited by the students of college during this session.

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The new semester began with a short online reflective exercise, popular as #15lessonsforlife, summing up the insights the students members gained over the year gone by – 2015. This was followed up with a fresh round of articles on certain pre-decided topics as part of the on-going Online Contest, Writers' Block in the months of January and February.

Expressions members, through association with Poetry across Cultures, attended a literary forum of readings by prolific authors of Indian regional languages namely, Asamese, Hindi, Oriya, and English at Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi ON 11th January 2016. The English readings were by the Principal of College, Dr. Rita Malhotra.

The burning issue of Palestine was addressed through an interactive session by Expressions, in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, Kamala Nehru College, on 11th March, 2016. 'Palestine in India: A Writer's Colloquium', held the audience spellbound with the narration of first-hand accounts, poems and selections by the eminent Palestinian writers, Laila El-Haddad and Tamim Al-

Barghouti. Laila El-Haddad is an award-winning Palestinian writer and public speaker from Gaza City. She is the author of *Gaza Mama: Politics and Parenting in Palestine*, co-author of the critically acclaimed *The Gaza Kitchen: A Palestinian Culinary Journey*, and co-editor of *Gaza Unsilenced*. Tamim Al-Barghouti is a Palestinian poet, columnist and political scientist. He published his first poem at the age of eighteen. In 1999, he wrote his first poetry collection, *Mijana*, after he visited Palestine for the first time. Currently, he is Consultant to the United Nations Economic and Social Committee for West Asia. The talk was followed by a poetry reading session by students of Expressions comprising poems from Palestinian poets as well as self-composed poems on conflicts.

Expressions' annual event took the form of a two day extravaganza with the theme, 'The Journey' on 31st March, 2016 and 1st April, 2016.

Day 1, 31st March saw the much awaited competitions, Spin-a-Yarn and Mind Talk. On the second day, 1st April, Expressions hosted a French Poetry reading session which not only had renowned French literati and Indian poets in attendance, but also had two school students from Mother's International School, New Delhi joining in.

Expression signed off the eventful session with a Closing Ceremony on 1st April, 2016, where Faculty Members read out their own compositions alongside students, in addition to the Prize Distribution.