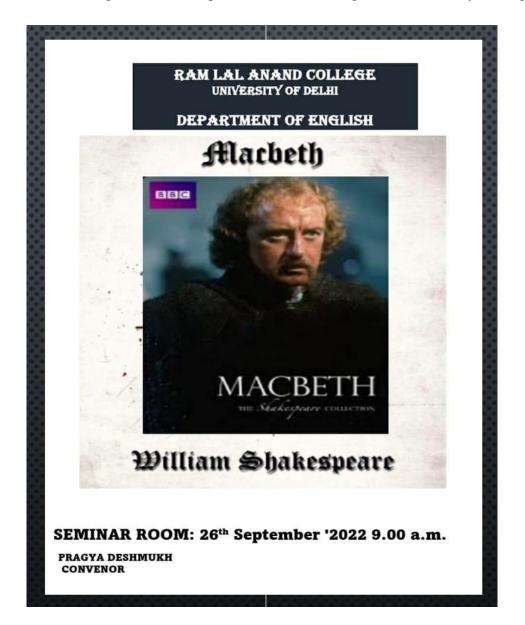
## RAM LAL ANAND COLLEGE University of Delhi

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH: ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**

Adding yet another batch of young literary enthusiasts, the Department of English began its academic year with the Orientation Programme for its first-year students. The freshers joined the event in great numbers and were briefed about the Society's working and its annual events, followed by an informal interactive session among the students and Faculty and with students of second and final year of the Department. The society organized a number of events through the year which included the following:

• **FILM-SCREENING:** Screening of a Movie adaptation of *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> September' 2022 for students of second year to enhance their understanding of the literary text as well as appreciate the fine nuances rendered through the film adaptation. The Screening was followed by an engaging

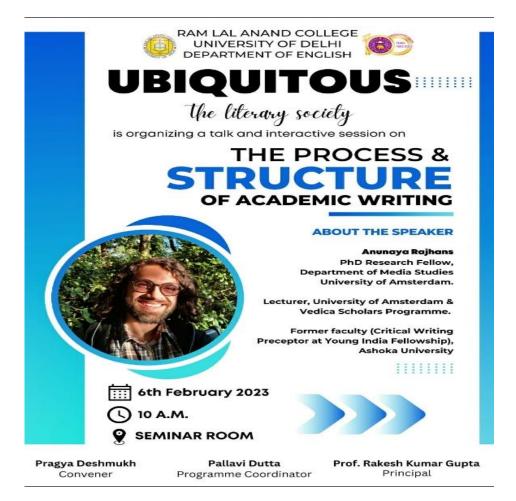


interactive session where the students expressed their observations and appreciation of the adaptation.

• WRITING WORKSHOP: With the aim of improving writing skills of the students, The English Literary Society Ubiquitous organized an interactive session *cum* workshop on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 in the seminar hall titled **The Process and Structure of Academic Writing.** The session was conducted by the invited speaker Anunaya Rajhans, a PhD candidate at the Media Studies Department, University of Amsterdam and also a lecturer in the University of Amsterdam & Vedica Scholars Programme.

The event coordinator, Ms Pallavi Dutta started the session by introducing the speaker. The speaker then took over and spoke extensively and effectively on the process of Academic Writing. It was an interactive session where students shared their observations, reflection and questions. The speaker highlighted the critical aspects of writing in higher studies and emphasized on the importance of writing drafts as a crucial part of creating knowledge through writing rather than reproducing factual knowledge. He also highlighted the structure and format of academic writing by introducing the concept of thesis statement, argument, synthesis and conclusion. Then, questions and queries from the students were quickly addressed by the speaker followed by writing exercises done by students as a part of the workshop.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by the event convener, Ms Pragya Deshmukh who also summarized the main points of the speaker and appreciated his effort of delivering a fruitful talk and engaging the students.











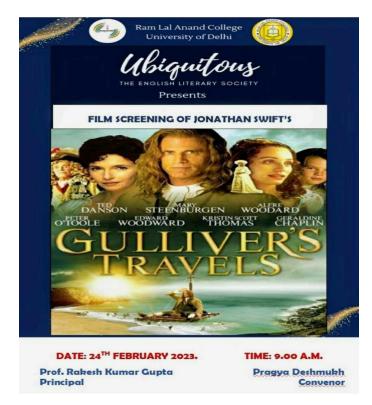
• FIELD TRIP: An educational field trip to the National Science Centre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi was organized on 15 November 2022. The trip to the Centre began with a lot of enthusiasm and vigour and provided a fresh perspective to the students. The students were encouraged to see as well as connect science, technology and history with their literary texts. They actively recalled the texts from their syllabus while they observed and read about various scientific and historical facts. The use of advanced multimedia to show scientific facts and fun activities not only induced and increased the awareness in students but also instilled in them a sense of experiential learning. The students were also urged to ponder on their experience and critically reflect about the same in their project work. The trip really added excitement to the Science Fiction genre from the paper Popular Literatures which comprises a major part of third semester syllabus with five short stories. On the whole, it was an enriching learning experience for the students.





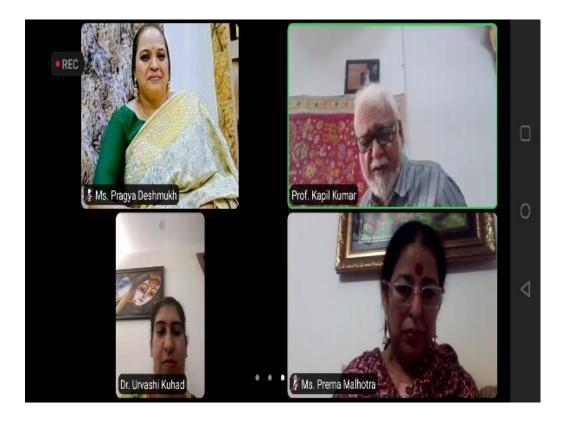


• **FILM-SCREENING**: Screening of a film-adaptation of *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift was organized on 24th February' 2023 for students of second year to enhance their understanding of the literary text as well as appreciate the fine nuances rendered through the film adaptation. The Screening was followed by an engaging interactive session where the students expressed their observations and appreciation of the adaptation by making a close comparison between the movie and the book.



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: The Department of English organized one-week Faculty Development Programme on the topic: We too were there: Recapitulating the Role of Women in India's Freedom Struggle. The Inaugural session of FDP-85 started on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022, on a digital platform. It started with Saraswati Vandana followed by opening remarks by Dr Prerna Malhotra, Convenor who introduced everyone to the theme. The Convenor welcomed Chief Guest, Professor Annapurna Nautiyal, Vice Chancellor, Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna University, Srinagar, Garhwal and Guest of Honour, Professor Kapil Kumar, Eminent Historian, in the inaugural programme. Professor Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Principal Ram Lal Anand College, joined the programme and thanked Professor Rama for cooperation and support in organizing this FDP. Professor Kapil Kumar discussed the role of Indian women and stressed that Britishers undermined their roles and destroyed the culture and society to gain supremacy. He narrated the contribution of women not only in Freedom struggle but also in the development of mankind on this globe. He told that how the contribution of these women is knowingly marginalized so that these names cannot be could not get apt place in our own mainstream history books. He termed this exclusion as a part of the "fashionable trend" started by colonial historians. The programme reached its successful completion with the valedictory session held on 14th July' 2022. The session began with feedback shared by few of the participants from various colleges. The first speaker Prof. K. G. Suresh, Vice Chancellor, Makhanlal, Chaturvedi Rashriya Patrakarita Evam Sanchar Vishwavidhyalaya, Bhopal talked about the suppressed facts of history, especially women fighters who played a critical role in the freedom struggle. He mentioned the contribution of prominent luminous women like Bikaji Kama, Jijabai, Sister Nibedita, Annie Besant from the Theosophical Society, and Rani Kamlapati. Dr. Sanjay Dwivedi, Director General of Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, appreciated Dr. Prerna Malhotra's attempt to organise such a landmark FDP on the saga of unnamed freedom struggle heroines who forgot all casts and colours and categories and played the role of an army. He suggested the academicians to research on these hidden women warriors. Finally, the convenor, Prof. Prerna Malhotra thanked all and said that in future, a separate platform should be made to discuss and work in detail on these unnamed freedom fighters.



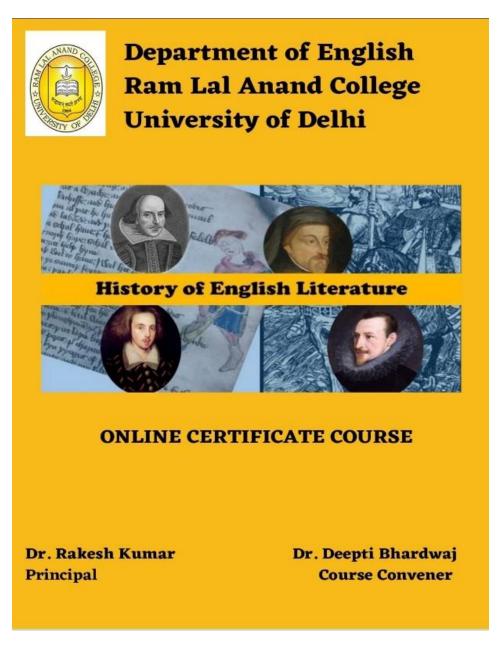




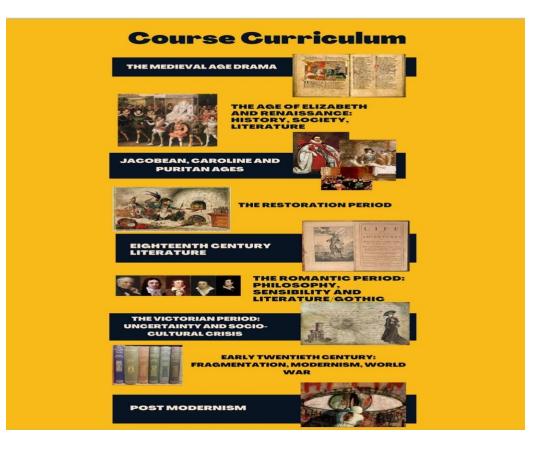




• **CERTIFICATE COURSE:** The department of English conducted an Online Certificate Course on the **History of English Literature** under the convenorship of Dr. Deepti Bhardwaj. The objective of the course was to help students contextualise and establish active connections between the literary texts they study from various historical periods and socio-political and economic changes that lead to the production of literature. The course spanned 40 hours commencing from January 2023. Professors and academicians from University of Toronto, Mahindra Ecole, Sophia College Mumbai, IIT Indore and University of Delhi were invited for lectures. The course curriculum included medieval age drama, Jacobean, Caroline and Puritan ages, the restoration period, eighteenth century literature, the romantic and victorian period, modernism etc.







• The Department Society-Ubiquitous in association with Shuchita- The Cleanliness and Hygiene Society of the college organized a series of events and competitions in the month of April aimed at creating awareness among students and sensitizing them regarding cleanliness and hygiene on the college campus. The events included a cleanliness drill, Ad-mad Competition, best out of waste competition etc.





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