

## ENGLISH LITERARY CLUB

Sydenham College has always helped the learners towards innovation and creativity. In accordance with it, Department of English, headed by Prof. Mahendra Telgote, took initiative to start a unique platform for expression of the literary and creative skills of students. It was coined and commenced as 'English Literary Club', which aims to make students aware of the literary treasure and traditions, to motivate them for writing, to help them for enhancing communication skills and to make them know value and worth of human existence.

English Literary Club was inaugurated at the hands of Hon. Principal Dr. AnnasahebKhemnar on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2016. He has always motivated and supported the Department of English for undertaking innovative projects. In his speech he congratulated all the members of ELC and appealed student to cultivate habit of reading. The chief guest for the function was Dr. ParomitaChakravarty, Head, Dept. of English, H.R.College, Mumbai. She welcomed the move Sydenham College of starting literary society where commerce students can be introduced to literature and beauty of English language. She insisted student to read the classics and develop the sense of appreciation for the work of writer. She appreciated the students who recited poems at the function.

ELC has more than 150 members enrolled for the year 2016-17. There is an overwhelming response from the students of the college. Many students, who are into writing, expressed their pleasure in having the club in college.

As this is the students association, there was great competition among students to hold the top posts. The willing members applied for the posts and were interviewed subsequently. The criteria for selection included aspects as, literary skills, creativity, leadership qualities, communication skills and sense of responsibility. For the year 2016-17 Miss. MathumithaaPillai and Miss. DivyaManiar were selected as chairpersons where as Miss. MadhuriKhadse and Miss. AnkitaKhare were selected as Vice chairpersons of ELC. The club has different coordinators for different departments; The club also gives a kind of leadership experience to members. One of the important aspects of English Literary Club is that the top posts are held by girl students. It also indicates the

ELC's initiative for women empowerment.

ELC conducted various events, competitions for the college students like Essay competition, Poetry recitation, book review, slogan competitions, short story writing and other competitions this year. Department of English and ELC also organized communication enhancement lectures for the vernacular medium students that made them built confidence in them.

Dept. of English and ELC 's another major initiative is the starting of literary monthly 'Sydenham Times'. It gives student a place to showcase creativity and talent. It contains articles, poems, essays and book reviews of students. Faculties also contribute to it. Student team works to collect articles and learns the process of making a monthly. The first volume of Sydenham Times (7th oct.2016) received huge welcome from students. Miss. Nidhi Choudhary who worked as student editor and Miss. Rani, coordinator, along with the crew, put their best to make it.

ELC'S another major project was the adaptation of As You like It of William Shakespeare in to a film entitled 'Rosalind and Celia'. The members of English Literary Club enacted various characters in the movie. The experience of filmmaking was very exciting for them. They were made close to literature. The said film is shown in classrooms as teaching tool and made very huge impact on the learners and made them interactive.

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