

LOGOS

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Logos - The English Literary Society of Janki Devi Memorial College was formed in 2016 as an initiative of the students. The society aims to build a community of literature enthusiasts in the college with participation from all the departments. The society focuses on a slew of activities and events that give students a chance to discuss various issues, try their hand at writing and spoken word poetry, and holds impromptu poetry jams, book reading and lit quiz sessions, and much more in the weekly meetings.

The first event that the society organised was a **talk by the renowned Norwegian author Johan Harstad**. Harstad is extremely well known for his insightful works such as *172 Days on the Moon* and *Buzz Aldrin* and has been awarded the Brage prize in 2008 and the Norwegian Ibsen Award in 2014,. It was a conference open to the faculty and all the students of the college, where he discussed about his works, answered questions, and shared his own experiences as a playwright and author.

Logos organized the first ever **Literary Festival, *Tabir***, that took place over two days in March 2017. It was preceded by a Literary Seminar - Poetic Montage,. The Literary Festival witnessed participants from all over the Delhi University and other Universities in the city. Based on the theme for the year, "Queer Spaces", *Tābīr* was an innovative experiment that combined multiple competitive and fun events, addressing issues and creating awareness about the queer community. It witnessed a beautiful collaboration and was a product of humongous efforts by the professors and the students and proved to be a learning experience for the members of the society and the participants beyond the confines of the classroom.

Logos' **Spoken Word** event was held in November, 2017. It received an outstanding response and attracted an exceptional audience from universities across Delhi with its innovative theme and a completely fresh interpretation of the conventions of spoken word. The organisers received appreciation from the participants and the audience alike, in the follow up feedback forms that were released after the event. The event also

received great media coverage through its various media sponsors, such as DU Updates, Delhi Times, and Punjab Kesari.

The society also organised an inter-college **Poetry Slam** in the latter half of the year. It was a gathering of poetry enthusiasts from all over Delhi University and other Universities as well. The competition had a slot for 22 participants out of which three were awarded with the first, second and third prizes. The competition was judged by Ambikesh Sharma, a well-known name in the spoken word scene, and Ronojoy Sircar, one of the teachers of the college and a poet himself. The winners were Diksha Bijlani, Mariyam Fatima and Ditsa Bhattacharya. The event was sponsored by The Local Tribe.

The second edition of Tabir - The English Literary Festival of JDMC, took place on 20-21 February, 2018. It included a Writers' Festival 2018 (which was conducted in collaboration with the Department of English and Iridescent - The Creative Writing Society of JDMC), received a massive participation from colleges and universities across Delhi. With four innovative competitive events planned for the day, the Literary Festival received appreciation from all the participants and audience. The event was sponsored by 'Chizzeria Junkies' and was conducted in association with 'Eloquence English Language Institute'. The event received wonderful media coverage through the various media sponsors such as DU express, Campus Vibes, DU Updates, and What's Up Delhi.

The members of the society hold weekly meetings to discuss further events that they wish to organise, to have interactive sessions on various topics, have a friendly chat and talk about a recent movie, review books, have impromptu sessions of Lit Quiz and Spoken Word.