

Report 2012-13

The English Literary Society of the college has had an eventful year. The month of April saw the comeback of the annual literary festival of the department. The two-day event held on the 3rd and the 4th of April, 2012 was indeed the highlight of the year. The theme of the festival, 'Silenced Expressions', was Censorship and Art. The issue of censorship that has been increasingly impinging on the liberties accorded to men and women was discussed and debated. An active dialogue helped us analyze the status and significance of art and the freedom of expression in the Indian context. The events of the festival included a panel

discussion with eminent speakers, Sanjoy Roy, Teamwork Productions; Shoma Chaudhury, Tehelka; Arjun Ghosh, IIT Delhi and Bindu Menon, department of Journalism, LSR College, screening of Lalit Vachani's film on JANAM which was followed by a discussion with leading theatre personality, Mologyashree Hashmi on the first day. The second day was inaugurated with student paper presentations and a Read-it Aloud session in the chaupal that saw participation by both the students and the teachers reading excerpts from censored

and controversial texts. The festival came to an end with a cultural performance by the college band, The Rumoured Project and a silent play, *Silence Speaks* by the students of Zakir Husain PG College (E). The festival was a success with the untiring efforts of all Litluminous volunteers including President- Ishanti Ghose and Vice- President-Vini Nair under the able guidance of the teacher convener, Ms. Nidhi Bhandari.

The new session was ushered in with the election of new office-bearers in the month of August. Vini Nair and Namita Gahtori from the 3rd year were elected President and Vice-President respectively while Arpita Roy and Sneha Bhagat (2nd year) were elected in as General Secretaries, pending the post of the Treasurer from the 1st year.

The department held the first meeting of the Literary Society for the session 2012-2013 on the 16th of August. The meeting welcomed all the first year students to the department and familiarized them with the goals of the society. Certificates were presented to all the Litluminous volunteers to appreciate all their hard work and efforts. This was followed by a film screening. The event was designed to act as an ice-breaker for the first years to interact with the faculty as well as the seniors.

Another activity initiated by the society is an Add-on Art Appreciation Course which consists of a series of lectures by art historian Seema Srivastava which has been made possible by the efforts of faculty members Ms. Namita Paul (Teacher convener- LitSoc) and Ms. Susan Thomas. This is an introductory art appreciation certificate course which will engage in an exploration of the visual arts through art theory, media, art history and cultural contexts over approximately 20 lectures. The course explores the meaning, understanding and development of art primarily in the West but will also engage with aspects of modern Indian art. The course is titled "An Introduction to Art Appreciation" and has been well-received with takers both from KNC and other colleges. The session so far has been eventful and we wish for similar success with all upcoming events.