

ABHIVYAKTI REPORT

Abhivyakti, the Creative Writing Society of Ram Lal Anand College, is a society that embodies the true spirit of writing. Throughout the session, the society has actively worked to spread the love for writing and bringing a positive approach towards the world of storytelling, poetry writing, etc. With the coronavirus forcing the world to move to online platforms, the society held regular weekly review sessions, every Saturday to increase the interaction within members and provide feedback to each member on the piece of writing they wanted reviewed, for both English and Hindi. Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the review sessions were conducted online on the Google Meet Platform, providing the members an opportunity to receive honest feedback and revise their work. The society also organized various competitions and events throughout the year.

The society held an Inter College Bilingual Prose Writing Competition “De Coeur” on 30 January, 2021. With a diverse pool of almost ninety-three participants from various colleges like Motilal Nehru College, Delhi School of Journalism, Hindu College, P.G.DAV College, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Bhimrao Ambedkar College, Indraprastha College for Women, Ashoka University, etc. the intense competition was conducted in two- rounds. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the competition was held online on Google Meet platform. The participants were shown two videos and asked to submit their prose, based on the two videos. The fifteen participants selected in the first round were asked to recite their submitted pieces for Round 2. The event was a celebration of various thoughts coming together, without any language barriers.

An Online 30-hour Certificate Course in Creative Writing English was also organized by the society from 15 January, 2021 to 5 March, 2021. The course was a 30-hour online course, divided into two-hour classes each Friday and Saturday. Dr. Kiran Mishra, a media professional with over 23 years of well-honed experience in the field of Creative Writing, was invited as the speaker. The course covered various aspects of Creative Writing, namely story writing, developing plot, characters and setting, poetry writing, prose writing, descriptive writing, use of imagery, figurative language and stylistic devices, editing and rewriting, etc. The course was taken up by over one hundred students, providing for an engaging and interactive learning experience.

The society organized a Bilingual Prose and Poetry Writing Competition on the occasion of “Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav” on 12 April, 2021. The inter-College competition was based on the Role of Women in India’s Independence struggle. With the need to look back and remember the role women played in the Independence struggle, the competition served as a medium to invoke respect for women and their role in the society.

The society also organized an Open Mic Event for the students of Ram Lal Anand College, on 10 May, 2021 as a path to escape from the negative effects caused by the rising cases of corona virus on the mental health of the students. The event allowed the participants to express themselves freely, without any pressure of winning, through any form of creativity, like poetry, storytelling, singing, stand-up comedy, ghazal, etc. to provide a platform where the participants could share their thoughts and feel less alone. The event served as a platform for a positive change in the mindsets and feelings of the participants.

Throughout the 2020-2021 session, the society members actively participated in various creative writing, poetry and prose competitions organized by colleges of University of Delhi, showcasing their creativity and bringing home various accolades from these competitions, be it in English or Hindi. Rupali Sindhu, a third-year student from BA(Hons.) English won the first prize in a creative writing competition organized by Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences. Geetu Katyal,

a second-year student from BJMC, also bagged first prize in a photography and storytelling competition organized by Gargi college. Junaid Alam, a second-year student from BA(Hons.) Hindi, received third prize in Kavita Pratiyogita, a Hindi poetry competition organized by Swami Shraddhanand College. Various other members, received special mentions in competitions organized by colleges like Jesus and Mary College, etc.

Abhivyakti has worked to improve the skills of its own members as well as provide a platform for all budding writers to express themselves, without the language barrier. The members aim to work hard and learn more in the future.



