

Department of English

Activities (2016-17)

1. PGCTE Contact Programme at EFLU, Hyderabad

Dr. Nakul Kundra, Assistant Professor, attended PGCTE Contact Programme at English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad in June –July 2016. This was a four-week programme focusing on seven courses. Six of these were in the following areas: Phonetics, Grammar, Linguistics, Literature, Methods of Teaching English and Materials for the Teaching of English. The seventh course was Practice Teaching.



Dr. Kundra during a practice session of skill-based teaching

2. Faculty Development Programme

Ms. Nivedita and Dr. Nakul Kundra, Assistant Professors, attended a weeklong Faculty Development Programme (FDP) (26-30 July 2016) on “Research Methodology & Tools for Data Analysis” at DAV University, Jalandhar. This programme was organized with an aim to acquaint the teachers with various research tools used in statistical analysis and hypothesis verification.



3. The Tribune Published an Interview with Prof. Mohineet Kaur Boparai

The Tribune published an interview with Ms. Mohineet, Assistant Professor, on 5 Sept. 2016. Notably, Ms. Boparai is a budding international poet. Her research interests include subalternity, agency, postcolonial studies, and poetry. She has presented several papers in national and international conferences. She was nominated for the important Pushcart Prize twice for her poetry (in 2014 and 2015). She has published 4 books of poetry. Her poetry has been published in international and national journals of repute. Her interview, "India's Rising Star" was published by Zymbol Magazine, USA.



<http://www.tribuneindia.com/.../limited-poetry-re.../290469.html>

4. Skit Competition at KMV College, Jalandhar

The students of the Department of English won 3rd prize in a skit competition in Litmania-16, organised by KMV College, Jalandhar on 10 September 2016. Their skit was based on Anton Chehov's story "Joy". The host college appreciated the students' zeal and motivation.

5. Seminar on Career Counselling and Guidance at Police DAV Public School, Jalandhar

Dr. Nakul Kundra, Assistant Professor, along with Er. Naveen Bilandi and Er. Vikramjit Singh conducted a seminar on "Career Counselling and Guidance" at Police DAV Public School, Jalandhar.

6. Seminar on Career Counselling and Guidance at DAV BRS Nagar, Ludhiana

Choosing a career that suits one's abilities is a daunting task for students of class 12th these days, as plenty of options are available at hand but children do not have sufficient

knowledge about the same. Keeping this in mind, DAV BRS Nagar, Ludhiana organised a One-Day Seminar on Career Counselling and Guidance in collaboration with DAV University, Jalandhar.

The resource persons for the seminar were Dr. Nakul Kundra (Assistant Professor, English Dept.), Dr. M.P. Garg (Associate Professor, Mechanical Dept.), and Dr. Ashutosh (Assistant Professor, CBM). The seminar was attended by around 500 students of DAV BRS Nagar, DAV School Pakhowal Road, Tagore Public School and Malwa Khalsa Sr. Sec. School.



Dr. Kundra during an interaction with the students

7. Interactive Session/Invited Talk at Panjab University Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur

Dr. Nakul Kundra was invited for an interactive session/invited talk on “Key Concepts in Business and Technical Communication” and “Oral Communication Skills to Land a Dream Job” at Swami Sarvanand Giri Panjab University Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur on 24 October 2016. Dr Harminder Singh Bains, Director and Professor, Panjab University SSG Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur thanked Dr. Kundra for accepting the invitation and motivating the scholars.



Dr. Nakul Kundra during an interaction with the students of Panjab University Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur



Dr. Nakul Kundra being honoured by the faculty members of Panjab University Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur

8. Students Shine in Spectrum 3.0

Ankita Rana and Jaspreet Singh, students of B.A. (Hons.) English- Ist Semester, won competitions of modeling and singing respectively in Spectrum 3.0.

Ankita Rana was declared Miss Spectrum 3.0.

9. Educational Visit at NITTTR, Chandigarh

To get hands-on experience of the various technical devices employed in cinematic production, a group of fifty students from the Department of English, DAV University, Jalandhar visited NITTTR, Chandigarh on 8th February 2017.

At NITTTR, the students understood the recording process and its accompanying paraphernalia closely. The studio facility at the institute is quite advanced and up to date, richly equipped with modern cameras, acoustics, and lighting structure. Since an educational lecture was being recorded live, the students got an opportunity to learn some practical nuances.

The students also got to know about several short- and long-term workshops and diploma programmes on script writing, operating camera, film direction, etc. that are offered by the Institute. Many students were inclined to take up some of these during their summer vacation.

Above all, the students became familiar with the emerging trends in cinematic and literary studies. During the trip, the students were guided and supervised by Dr. Nakul Kundra and Dr. Kapil.



A group photo of the participants during the visit

10. Film Making Project of the English Department

To use the knowledge gained at NITTTR, Chandigarh practically and effectively, the Department of English, DAV University, Jalandhar has made a movie based on Dr. Kapil's short story "Professor Relativist". This production is an enriching experience for the students of B.A. (Hons.) English-6th Semester, who are studying a paper titled "Cinema and Literature".

One pertinent question about adaptation is not the degree to which a film is faithful to its literary reference but the possibilities offered by cinema to treat a literary work. The visual dimension of literature has simply ignited the student's imagination. It has, to a remarkable degree, revived interest in and love for literature in them. It is hoped that the film will benefit the students both academically, artistically, and creatively.

On the first day of shooting, Dr. Nakul Kundra, Coordinator, English Department, congratulated Dr. Kapil for taking the initiative. He encouraged the students, without whose participation the project would not have seen the light of day. Dr. Kapil expressed special thanks to our worthy Vice Chancellor Dr. A. K. Paul and Dean (Academics) Dr. Naresh Sahajpal for their support.



A Still of Aman Rana, a student of B.A. (Hons) English- 3rd year, acting as a professor



Dr. Kapil at a movie shoot

11. Faculty Honoured by Alma Mater

Sh. Digvijay and Dr. Nakul Kundra were invited to attend the alumni meet that was organized by the Dept of English, Doaba College, Jalandhar on 23 February, 2017. Both the faculty members shared their memories of the days spent in the college and interacted with the young scholars of the Department of English. Dr. Vineet Mehta said that the college was proud of Dr. Nakul and Sh. Digvijay, who are working with an esteemed university. Both the faculty members were honoured by the department.

Dr. Nakul Kundra completed his B.A. (Hons. School in English) from the Department of English, Doaba College in 2006. He stood first in the University. Sh. Digvijay did his M.A. in English from the same department in 2001.



Dr. Kundra being honoured by Doaba College

**12. Invited as a Resource Person at D. D Jain Memorial College for Women, Ludhiana
16 Feb. 2017**

D. D Jain Memorial College for Women, Ludhiana invited Dr. Nakul Kundra as a Resource Person for a National Seminar on “Art Under Scanner: Challenges to Artistic Expression” on 16 February 2017. Dr. Kundra delivered a lecture on the seminar topic and chaired a technical session.

Dr. Sarita Bahl, Principal of the college, expressed her gratitude to Mr. Kundra. She said about Mr. Kundra’s inputs in an interaction, “We feel privileged that someone of your professional expertise and credentials became a part of our seminar. It was an honour for all of us to be able to be enlightened by your ideas.”



Dr. Kundra during his lecture on “Challenges to Artistic Expression”

13. Prof. Mohineet Kaur Published Poems

Ms. Mohineet Kaur Boparai published “Epitaph” in an anthology titled *A Successful Completion* and “Mother” in *All We Can Hold* in 2016. Her another poem “Unearthing” was published in *The Pantheon Magazine* in 2017.

14. Aman Rana Brings Laurels to the Department.

Aman Rana, a student of B.A. (Hons.) English, actively participated in sports events throughout the session and came off with flying colours. He stood 1st in long jump, 1st in triple jump, 2nd in 200mt race, 1st in relay race, and 1st in volleyball in the different events organized by the University.



15. The Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Hans Raj Ji

Mr. Digvijay, Assistant Professor, along with a team of the University teaching and non-teaching staff participated in the Samarpan Divas, which was organized to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Hans Raj Ji at D.A.V. Centenary Public School, Jaipur on 22nd of April, 2017.

16. Literary Week -17

The Department of English organised “Literary Week 2017”, a weeklong festival, from 1st May 2017 to 5th May 2017. Marked by enthusiasm and exuberance, the literary week was named “**Carpe Diem**” which means '*seize the moment*'.

The week, coordinated by Dr. Nakul Kundra and Ms. Mohineet, aimed to promote writing and reading with a focus on storytelling, poetry and self-development. To unleash the hidden talent of our students, many competitions, viz. Creative Writing (Short Story), Debate, Poetry Recitation, Declamation, Literary Quiz, Spell Bee, One Word Oratory, and Photography, were organised.

On the first day, Dr. Kapil's short-movie "Professor Relativist" was released and screened in the Conference Hall of the University. The movie was a cynosure of all eyes. Each following day, two events were conducted. The week was concluded by screening some popular short movies.

The response of the participants was overwhelming. Around one hundred and forty students took part in different competitions. The following is the list of winners in the events:-

1. **Creative Writing:-**

- 1st Jaskiran Kaur, BA (Hons.) English
- 2nd Hemant Kashyap, BSc (Hons.) Physics
- 3rd Supan, BSc (Hons.) Chemistry & Riya Dadhwal, BA (Hons.) English

2. **Poetry Recitation:-**

- 1st Mehak, B.Tech (CSE)
- 2nd Abishai Godwin Andrew, B.Tech (Civil)
- 3rd Suveta, MSc & Md. Sadik, BA (Hons.) English

3. **Debate:-**

- 1st Bhuvan Ningania, B.Tech (EE)
- 2nd Japnam Singh, BSc (Agriculture)
- 3rd Gurprit Singh, B.Tech (CSE) & Jaskiran Kaur, BA (Hons.) English

4. **Declamation:-**

- 1st Bhuvan Ningania, B.Tech (EE)
- 2nd Ankur Srivastava, BSc. (Biotech)
- 3rd Jaiveer Singh, B.Tech (CSE)

5. **Literary Quiz:-**

- 1st -Team Firestones
 - Surabhi, B.Tech (CSE)
 - Tanya Mahajan, BSc (Eco.)
 - Anubhav, B.Tech (CSE)
- 2nd -Team Dead Poets
 - Hanu, BSc (Chemistry)
 - Tarun, BSc (Physics)

Hemant, BSc (Physics)

6. **One Word Oratory:-**

1st Japnam Singh, BSc (Agriculture)

2nd Supan, BSc (Chemistry)

3rd Tarun Sethi, BSc (Physics)

7. **Spell Bee:-**

1st Jaskiran Kaur, BA (Hons.) English

2nd Vivek Dogra, B.Tech (Chemical)

3rd Suchita, BA (Hons.) English & Muskaan, B.Tech (CSE)

8. **Photography:-**

1st Nikhil Khurana, BSc (Physics)

2nd Siddharth, BA (Hons.) English

3rd Anshul, BCA

The teacher coordinators thanked Abhishek Bhau (Student Coordinator), Gurkirpal & Siddharth (Student Co-coordinators) and the volunteers for their sustained efforts to make the festival a grand success. They also expressed their gratitude to Dr. A.K. Paul, Vice Chancellor, and Dr. Jasbir Rishi, Dean (DSW), for their consistent support and encouragement to organise such activities.



Prof. Dr. A.K. Paul, worthy Vice Chancellor, awarding a Certificate of Appreciation to a student participant during the prize distribution function

17. Prize Distribution Function-cum- Farewell Party

The Department of English organized Prize Distribution Function-cum- Farewell Party on 22 May 2017 to honour the winners of Literary Week-17 and to bid adieu to the outgoing batches of B.A. (Hons.) English and M.A. (Hons.) English.

The venue reverberated with the students' enthusiasm and gusto. The programme commenced with a welcome speech, delivered by Dr. Nakul Kundra (Coordinator). He wished the students good luck and said the students should make their parents as well as alma mater proud by attaining success in whatever they do. The speech was followed by the prize distribution ceremony, after which the juniors literally rocked the stage with some amazing performances amid a lot of cheering and screaming from the audience.

The Miss Farewell award went to Gurleen Kaur and Mr Farewell award to Aman Rana, whereas Miss Priya was declared Miss English Department-2017. Dr. Kapil, Ms. Nivedita, Mr. Digvijay, Ms. Mohineet, Dr. Gurpreet, Ms. Namita, and Ms. Protima organized fun games for the students. All the arrangements for the party were made under the supervision of Dr. Kapil.

The event was graced by Dr. A. K. Paul (Vice Chancellor) and Dr. Jasbir Rishi (DSW), who blessed the students and wished them luck for their all future endeavours. The Vice Chancellor congratulated all the winners of Literary Week-17 and said, "A festival like Literary Week celebrates and nurtures the creative talents of students, providing a platform for the budding artists to colour their thoughts and imaginations".



Mr. and Miss. Farewell-17 posing with a student



Dance Party