

1. A Meeting of the Board of Studies

A meeting of the BOS of the department was held in the committee room of the university on 22nd May 2018. Professor Deepti Gupta (Chairperson, Department of English and Cultural Studies, Chandigarh) and Professor Rajesh Sharma (Department of English, Punjabi University, Patiala) attended the meeting as external experts. The Board discussed, revised and approved the proposed outline of tests, syllabi and courses of the following programmes for 2018 batch: B.A. (Hons.) English, M.A. (English) and PhD (English). Dr. Nakul Kundra (HoD), Dr. Kapil Chaudaha, Ms. Nivedita, Mr. Digvijay Singh and Prof. B.P.S. Bedi expressed their gratitude to the external experts for their guidance and support.



2. Sahodaya: Inter-School Debate Competition

Dr. Nakul Kundra was appointed to judge Sahodaya Inter-School English Debate Competition that was held at Swami Sant Dass Public School, Jalandhar, on 11th August 2018.



3. Spectrum 2018

Many students of the department participated in Spectrum 2018 (29-30th August 2018) and won prizes. Deeksha of B.A. (Hons.) English- III bagged first prize in folk singing. Her melodious voice won a standing ovation from the audience. Shikha, Karampreet and Mansi, students of B.A. (Hons.) English- III, engaged everyone with their groovy moves and rocked the stage with authentic Rajasthani dance. Besides, Gurkirpal, Tanya, Chetna, Mansi, Mayank and Divya left an indelible mark on everyone's mind with their portrayal of a scene from *Schindler's Book*. They won first prize in Skit competition. Shikha won second prize in mono-acting event. Ankita enacted the famous sleep walking scene from Shakespeare's famous tragedy *Macbeth* and secured second prize. Jaskiran of M.A. (English)-I stood first in story writing competition, whereas Riya Dadhwal of B.A. (Hons.) English- III bagged second position in the same competition.





4. Scholarship Cheques

Scholarship cheques were distributed to the meritorious students of the department during Spectrum-2018.



5. Litmania

The students of the department won third prize in Litmania, organized by KMV College, Jalandhar, on 31st August 2018. Gurkirpal Singh of B.A. (Hons.) English-III won a special prize for his acting skills in the role of Goethe. Abhishek, Jaskiran and Shefali, students of M.A. English, participated in literary quiz and won second prize.



6. Welcome Party

To welcome new students, a Freshers' party was organized by the students of the department on 1st September 2018. Music, dance, ramp walk and various other events kept the audience enthralled. The teachers greeted the newest members of the University family and applauded their talented performances.





7. Teachers' Day Celebrations

The department celebrated Teacher's day on 5th September 2018. The teachers and students of the department paid tribute to Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, a great visionary, philosopher and educationist, whose birth anniversary is celebrated as Teachers' Day in India. The day buzzed with excitement and smiles.



8. Dr. Kapil Invited as a Resource Person

Dr. Kapil Chaudaha was invited as a resource person to speak on the significance of AUM in spiritual phonetics at Agra University on 28th September 2018. He spoke on AUM as the primal sound, how material world originated out of it, and string theory of physics.



9. Badge Ceremony

A badge ceremony for the members of Student Council and Cultural Council was held on 9th October 2018. Abhishek Bhou, the student representative of the department of English, was given a badge by the worthy Vice Chancellor.



10. Creative Writing Competition

The department organized a creative writing competition on 13th October 2018. The students participated in the event actively and charmed everyone with their creative outlook of the world and mundane things around them. First prize was bagged by Gurkirpal Singh of B.A (Hons.) English-III, whereas Tanisha of B.A (Hons.) English-II won second prize. Haramrit Kaur of B.A (Hons.) English-III and Surbhi of B.A (Hons.) English-II shared third prize.



11. Yuvaa Theatre Festival

Yuvaa Theatre, Jalandhar, celebrated a theatre festival at K. L. Sahgal Hall from 22nd September to 4th November 2018. 'Dance of Life', a play based on AIDS patients, was staged on 14th October. Notably, Abhishek Bhou, a student of MA (English)-I, played a key role in the play. The students of the department watched this play, which helped them develop a sense of critical appreciation of performing art and culture.



12. Dr. Nakul Kundra Invited for a Guest Lecture

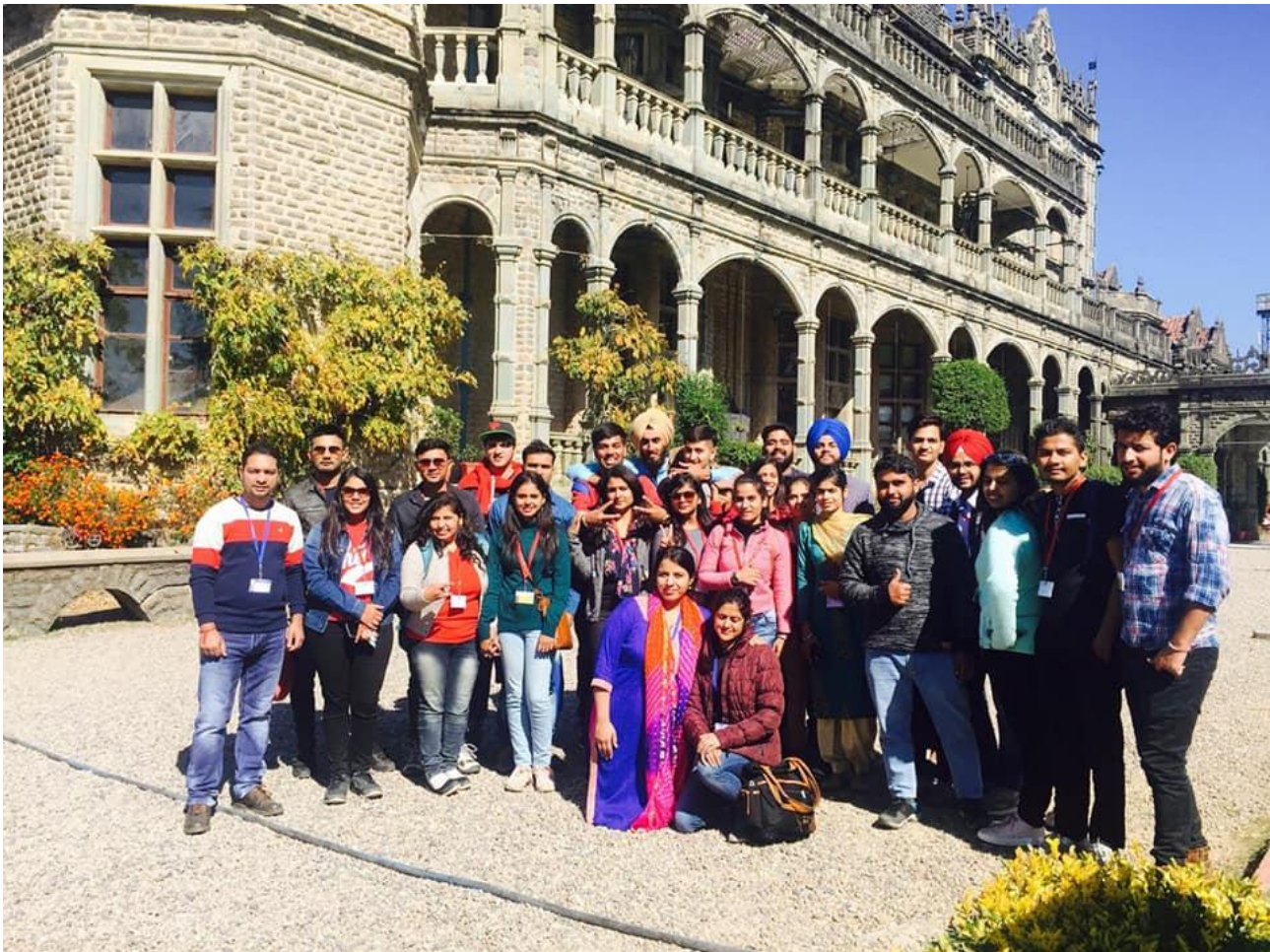
Dr. Nakul Kundra delivered a lecture on the topic “English Language in Indian Context” at DAV College, Bathinda, on 18th October 2018. The lecture was followed by an interactive session with the students.



13. Educational-cum-recreational Tour of Shimla

Under the supervision of three teachers, twenty five students were taken to Caravan Camps, near Sharog village, Shimla, for a three-day trip from 26th to 28th October 2018. The objective of the trip was to rejuvenate the minds of our students, as well as provide them an opportunity to soak up the enriching atmosphere of one of the prestigious institutes of higher learning in north India, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies [IIAS] at Shimla. The tour was proposed by Ms. Ishita Sareen, Assistant Professor, under the guidance of Dr. Nakul Kundra (HoD). Ms. Parvanshi Sharma from the same department and Dr. Ripu Dhiman from the department of Zoology also accompanied the students and saw it to its successful conclusion.





14. 'Expressions@RGNUL'

DAV University participated in 'Expressions@RGNUL', a fest organized by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, on 30th October 2018 and won the overall trophy. Akanksha and Jaskiran bagged first prize in debate. Jaskiranjit Kaur Goraya of M.A. (English)-I secured the best speaker award.



Navneet Kaur bagged third prize in poetry. She recited a Punjabi poem 'Kamleya Putta' based on drug addiction. Jaiveer and Gurkarandeep participated in elocution. They spoke on 'Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy wealthy and wise' and mental health awareness respectively. Japnam Singh participated in extempore and spoke on bioethics.

15. DAVU Diwali Mela

DAV University organized Diwali Mela on 2nd November 2018, in which the students from various departments participated. The Department of English was declared second runner up in Stall competition and Cultural items. Himanshu Gogna, a student of B.A. (Hons.) English-I, bagged third prize in Mobile Photography. Shubra, Shweta and Shivanshi, students of BA (Hons.) English-II, won second prize in Rangoli competition, whereas Shikha of B.A. (Hons.) English-III was declared the best dancer of the university. Ramandeep Kaur, a student of BA (Hons.) English-II, secured third prize in Mehndi Art.





16. Children's Day Celebrations

As the child in every person needs to be nourished and cherished, the department celebrated Children's Day on 14th November 2018 to acknowledge the naivety and innocence of childhood. The students as well as the teachers shared their childhood experiences.



17. Literary Activities in Youth Flair

The department organized literary activities in Youth Flair held on 22nd November 2018. Dr. Nakul Kundra coordinated Debate; Dr. Kapil Chaudaha coordinated Group Discussion; Ms. Parvanshi Sharma coordinated JAM; and Dr. Anita Abrol coordinated Essay Writing Competition. Many students from different schools participated in the event and made it a success.



18. Best Paper

Ms. Ishita Sareen, Assistant Professor, read a paper titled “The Influence of Kant’s Enlightenment on Poirot’s “Little Grey Cells”, under the theme "New Dimensions and Innovations in Humanities" at the 4th International Conference on Inter Disciplinary Research Innovations in Science and Humanities, Bali, Indonesia, from 27th to 28th November 2018. Ms. Sareen won the Best Paper award with a cash prize of 4000 INR.



19. Dewang Mehta Award to Dr. Nakul Kundra

Dr. Nakul Kundra was honoured with the prestigious Dewang Mehta Education Award. The 26th Dewang Mehta Education Awards function (Regional Round) was held at Hotel Taj, Chandigarh, on 30th November 2018.



20. MMU Fest

A number of students of the university participated in a fest held by MMU on 26th December 2018 and won many prizes. Deeksha of B.A. (Hons.) English-III participated in folk singing and sang the songs “Mitti de Bawe” and “Mirza”.

21. Drama Workshop

Dr. Nakul Kundra organized a residential workshop on Drama at DAV University, Jalandhar, from 21st to 28th December 2018.



22. Peer-Learning Project

The department has been successfully running the peer-learning project, which enables the students to interact with their peers and learn from them. The department has selected certain bright students who help other students by clearing their concepts.

23. Riya Dadhwal's Achievements

Riya Dadhwal of B.A. (Hons.) English- III actively participated in NCC and NSS activities. She bagged three gold medals in an NCC camp and was designated as 'Under Officer'. She represented Punjab in National Youth Program (NYP), held in Maharashtra. She was selected for Pre-Republic day parade also.



24. Poetry Recitation and Paper-Presentation Competitions

The department organized poetry recitation and paper presentation competitions to boost the confidence of the students. In paper presentation, Shweta of B.A. (Hons.) English-II won first prize; Shaurya of B.A. (Hons.) English-I bagged second prize, whereas Divya of the same class stood third. In poetry recitation, Anubha of B. A. (Hons.) English-1 stood first, whereas Sakshi of B.A. (Hons.) English-III won second prize. Gurkirpal Singh and Siddique, both from of B.A. (Hons.) English-III, jointly won third prize.



25. Treasure-Hunt Competition

The department of English organized a treasure hunt competition for the students, who were to look for ten literary clues to win it. The winners are as follows:

First- Jaskiran, Namrata, Harpreet

Second-3 teams

Team 1-Shaurya, Anubha, Nandini

Team 2-Shubham, Riya, Sakshi

Team 3-Tanya, Suchita, Sadik

Third-2 teams

Team 1-Mohit, Karanveer, Kiran

Team 2-Karam, Amrit, Vikas.

The overwhelming response of the students made this activity a grand success.



26. NPTEL/SWAYAM Courses and Workshops



Dr. Nakul pursued Online Refresher Course in English Language Teaching and passed Arpit Examination-2019. He completed the following NPTEL courses also:

- “Developing Soft Skills and Personality” with a consolidated score of 82%. (Elite Certificate)
- “Speaking Effectively” with a consolidated score of 88%. (Elite Certificate with Silver Medal)
- “English for Competitive Exams” with a consolidated score of 90%. (Elite Certificate with Gold Medal)

He attended the following workshops in the session:

- Attended a workshop on “Life without Anger” by Dr. Dean Van Leuven (USA) at DAV University, Jalandhar, on 5th February 2019.
- Attended a workshop on “Self-Discipline” by Dr. Shreya Pahwa at DAV University, Jalandhar, on 5th February 2019.
- Attended a workshop on “Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Techniques” by Dr. Hina Chatha (Canada) at DAV University, Jalandhar, on 6th February 2019.

27. Counselling Sessions at Schools



As an expert, Dr. Nakul Kundra participated in career counselling sessions at Swami Sant Das School, Jalandhar, and Police DAV Public School, Jalandhar. These sessions were conducted to guide students about different professional courses and their scope in India and abroad.



28. International Conference

Dr. Nakul Kundra, Dr. Anita Abrol and Ms. Nivedita Gupta presented papers in the International Conference and Workshop on “Mental Well-being, Education and Society”, organized by DAV University, Jalandhar, on 6th February 2018. More than two hundred academicians, working professionals, research scholars and post-graduate students from various universities and institutions participated in the conference.



29. Ms. Isha Soni Invited for Extension Lecture

Ms. Isha Soni delivered an extension lecture on the topic “An Analytical Reading of Wallace Steven’s ‘Sunday Morning’” at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, on 18th February 2019. The lecture was organized by GNDU Alumni Association’s Chapter: Department of English.



30. OSD

Dr. Nakul Kundra was appointed as an OSD (Officer on Special Duty) for the NIOS examinations-March 2019. National Institute of Open Schooling is an Institution under Deptt. of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Government of India.

31. Literary Events in Utsav

Dr. Kapil coordinated literary events in Utsav-2019, held on 16th March 2019. Sh. Rajneesh, Head, Department of English, Govt. Arts and Sports College (Jalandhar), graced the occasion as a judge.



32. Drama Events in DAV Utsav

Dr. Nakul Kundra coordinated drama events in DAV Utsav-2019. He thanked Mr. Sachin Ketan, a multidimensional personality- actor, teacher, dancer, model and advocate, for his kind consent to act as a judge.



33. Dr. Kapil's Movie Released

The Facebook Fever, a comedy directed by Dr. Kapil, was released on 5th April. The movie satirizes the problem of addiction to social media.



34. Dr. Nivedita Gupta Awarded PhD

Dr. Nivedita Gupta has successfully completed her PhD research on the topic “Negotiating Spaces: Marginalization and Resistance in Selected Accounts of Civil Conflict” under the guidance of Dr. Rumina Sethi, Professor, Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. She was conferred upon the doctorate degree at the 68th convocation of Panjab University on 28th April 2019. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Honourable Vice President, delivered the convocation address.



35. Literary Week-2019

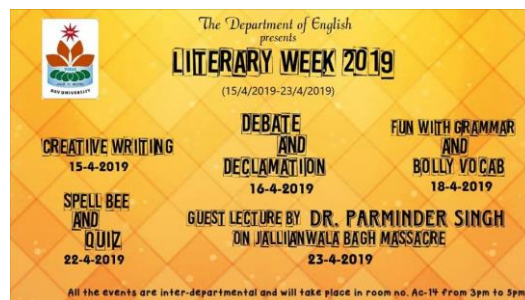
The department organized its annual event, Literary Week, from 15th to 23rd April 2019. The event was coordinated by Dr. Nivedita Gupta with the help of the faculty members. The students from different departments of the university enthusiastically participated in the event. The Week gave a platform to the students to hone their skills of conviction, persuasion and imagination through various activities like debate, declamation and creative writing.

Creative Writing competition, coordinated by Mr. Digvijay Singh and Dr Anita Abrol, was held on 15th April. In this competition, Vidushi Vidhu was declared first, whereas Pallavi Rana won second prize and Gurpreet stood third. On the second day of the week, the events of debate and declamation were coordinated by Dr. Kapil Chaudaha and Dr. Nakul Kundra. In debate, Gurukaran Singh stood

first; Gurpreet Kaur stood second; and Anubha Sehgal secured third position. In declamation, Mohammad Sidiquee and Gurpreet Kaur shared first position.

The third day of the week included Fun with Grammar and Vocabulary through Bollywood, which were coordinated by Dr. Jaswinder Singh and Ms. Isha Soni. In Fun with Grammar, Rahul, Abhishek Thakur and Rohan stood first; Simran Saini and Janvi won second prize, whereas Tanya and Suchita secured third position. In Vocabulary through Bollywood, Karampreet and Haramrit stood first; Simran Saini and Janvi second; and Suchita and Tanya third.

On 22nd April, the events of Spell Bee and Literary Quiz were coordinated by Ms. Parvanshi. In Spell Bee, the team comprising Nikhil, SD Ranjan and Vikas Thakur shared first prize with the team including Karampreet, Haramrit and Shaurya. In quiz, Devshree and Sugandha stood first; Suchita, Tanya and Chetna stood second, whereas Haramrit and Shaurya stood third.



36. Lecture on Jallianwala Bagh Massacre

Dr. Parminder Singh (Former Professor and Head, English Department, Guru Nanak Dev University) delivered a lecture on “Jallianwala Bagh Massacre” in the department on 25th April 2019. The lecture helped the students to engage in a dialogue with our history.



37. BOS 2019

The department of English held a meeting of the Board of Studies on 8th May 2019. Dr. Rajesh Sharma (Professor, English Department, Punjabi University) and Dr. Parminder Singh (Former Professor, English Department, Guru Nanak Dev University) were invited as external experts. The Board discussed, revised and approved the proposed outline of tests, syllabi and courses of the following programmes for 2019 batch: B.A. (Hons.) English, M.A. (English), and PhD (English). Dr. Nakul Kundra (HoD), Dr. Kapil Chaudaha, Ms. Nivedita, Mr. Digvijay Singh and Prof. B.P.S. Bedi expressed their gratitude to the external experts for their guidance.



38. Farewell Party

To bid adieu to the final year students, the department organized a farewell party in the conference hall of the University on 13th May 2019. The event was marked by fun and gaiety.





39. Nominated Member

Dr. Nakul was nominated as a member of Information and Communication Society of Govt. Arts & Sports College, Jalandhar (May 2019).

40. Year Book

Dr. Nakul Kundra, Dr. Kapil, Dr. Nivedita Gupta and Dr. Anita Abrol of the department were on the editorial board of the university's first year book. Dr. Kundra, Chief Editor, expressed his gratitude to Dr. Sushma Arya, worthy Registrar, for reposing her trust in him for carrying out this responsibility.



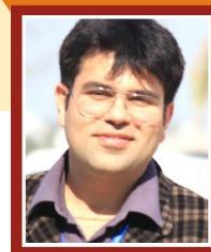
From Chief Editor's Desk

Under the dynamic leadership and guidance of Padma Shri Dr. Punam Suri ji, our honourable Chancellor Sir, we are committed to making DAV University a top-notch academic institution, and the Year Book-2017-18 is our humble effort to record, highlight and celebrate our creative and constructive efforts in that direction in the session 2017-2018.

This Year Book is dedicated to Skill India: 'Kaushal Bharat, Kushal Bharat', an initiative of the Government of India, which aims to train over 40 crore people in India in different skills by 2022. Different schemes and programmes to promote skill development, such as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Financial Assistance for Skill Training of Persons with Disabilities, National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, Craftsmen Training Scheme, Apprenticeship Training, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra, Skill Development for Minorities, and Green Skill Development Programme have given a platform to the country to emerge as the 'human resource capital' of the world. It gives me immense pleasure to mention here that DAV University has been contributing to this Maha Yagya by honing personal as well as professional skills of the students, so that they can become highly-skilled professionals with commitment to ethics and values.

DAV University is one of the most vibrant universities in Punjab, which has established its identity as an excellent centre for learning in socio-cultural contexts through education and entertainment. We believe in the ideal 'democratic' environment of 'learner-fronted' classrooms where we arouse our students' interest to know and explore more through active learning, which is a process whereby students engage in activities, such as reading, writing, discussing, or problem solving that promote analysis, synthesis and evaluation of class content. Since our focus is on the multidimensional growth of our students, we try to strike a perfect balance between curricular and co-curricular activities, theoretical knowledge and practical knowledge, and material requirements and inner peace/contentment. We are committed to providing our students with the best possible learning environment and highest possible standards of support and guidance. We believe that every student matters and deserves a first-class education.

As the chief editor of the first issue of the university year book, I express my gratitude to Dr. Sushma Arya ji, worthy Registrar madam, for reposing her trust in me for carrying out this responsibility. I am thankful to the university authorities for their consistent support and



blessings. This year book could not have seen the light of day without the enthusiasm and unrelenting support of the editorial team. I am grateful to my team members. Special thanks are due to my dear students whose sparkling eyes and cheerful smiles are a source of divine inspiration and encouragement to me.

At DAV University, we celebrate that we are blessed with such beautiful surroundings and wonderful facilities; we celebrate the joy of learning as we develop in mind, body and spirit; and we celebrate the bond that we share with the members of DAV family.

May our joyous celebrations go on more abundantly in the future! May God grant us strength to tread on the path of honesty, dedication and truthfulness, shown by Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati ji and Mahatma Hans Raj ji, in the future also.

The spirit in me honours the spirit in you.

Thanks.

Dr. Nakul Kundra
Head, Dept. of English

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41. Shefali Qualified NTA-NET (English) Exam

Shefali Bassi, a student of M.A. (English), qualified NTA-NET (English) in her first attempt in June 2019.



42. Dr. Kundra Invited for a Lecture

Dr. Nakul Kundra was invited to deliver a lecture on “Life Skills” in a one-week FDP on “Personal growth Through Competency Enhancement” at Sant Baba Bhag Singh University, Jalandhar, on 8th July 2019.



43. Membership of Professional Body

Dr. Nivedita Gupta and Dr. Nakul Kundra became the members of English Language Teachers’ Association of India (REGTD. S. No. 169/74), Chennai.

44. Other Achievements

Ms. Parvanshi Sharma, Assistant Professor, completed online NPTEL course on “Introduction to Literary Theory” with Gold Medal. Besides, a number of students of B.A. (Hons.) English cleared entrance tests for admission in PG programmes, conducted by prestigious universities. Gurkirpal Singh qualified the tests conducted by Delhi University and Punjabi University; Sakshi and Tanya cleared the entrance test conducted by Guru Nanak Dev University; and Nitya took admission in Central University of Haryana after clearing the national level entrance test.