

**Department of English**  
**DAV University**  
**Report 2020-2021 (July 2020 to July 2021)**  
**Coordinator/Head of Department: Dr. Nakul Kundra**

1. Vidushi Vidhu, a student of B.A. Hons. in English-III, was appointed as the student coordinator of Artistia- the art club of DAV University, Jalandhar.



**(Vidushi Vidhu)**

2. Many students from the department actively participated in Spectrum-2020 (An Online Talent Hunt Competition), held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November, and they brought laurels to the department. The winners are as follows:



Doodling, First Prize: Vidushi Vidhu (B.A. Hons. in English-III)



Paint the Canvas, First Prize: Vidushi Vidhu (B.A. Hons. in English-III)



**(Shaurya Pathania)**

- Short Story Writing, First Prize: Shaurya Pathania (B.A. Hons. in English-III)

3. DAV Utsav gave a platform to the university students to showcase their talent from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The winners from the department are as follows:

- Elocution, Second Prize: Kirti (B.A. Hons. in English-I)



**(Kirti)**

- Kavita Kunj, Second Prize: Randhir (B.A. Hons. in English-I)



**(Randhir)**

- Audio Advertisement, Second Prize: Nazia Parween (B.A. Hons. in English-I)



**(Nazia Parween)**

4. Kirti, a student of B.A. Hons. in English-I, got third prize in an online inter-college essay writing competition held at Bebe Nanaki University College, Mithra (Kapurthala), on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
5. Vidushi Vidhu, a student of B.A. Hons. in English-III, presented two of her research papers in two international conferences - *International Conference on Changing Paradigms of Individual and Society: Conflicts, Negotiations, and Growth* on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and *International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture: Challenges and Opportunities* on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
6. Vidushi Vidhu, a student of B.A. Hons. in English-III, got second prize in Udaan 3.0 (Sub Category - Sketching), held at Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar.




**(Art Work by Vidushi Vidhu)**

7. Dr. Nakul Kundra organized an online lecture on “Introduction to Literary Theory” by Dr. Sunil Kumar (Assistant Professor of English, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya) for the students of DAV University, Jalandhar, during the COVID-19 pandemic (18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021). Dr. R. K. Seth (Dean, Academics) welcomed Dr. Kumar.

The students who attended the lecture derived much benefit from the resource person’s views on the subject. Dr. Jasbir Rishi (Honourable Vice-Chancellor, DAV University) expressed her gratitude to Dr. Kumar for his lecture. Dr. Nakul Kundra, Coordinator of the Department of English, gratefully acknowledged the support of the Vice-Chancellor ma’am for her encouragement and all-time support in all academic and extracurricular activities.

**DAV UNIVERSITY**  
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Department of English  
organises an Online Guest Lecture on  
**Introduction to Literary Theory**



Resource Person  
**Dr. Sunil Kumar**  
Assistant Professor (English)  
Central University of South Bihar


18th February 2021, 11:00 am  
Link: <https://meet.google.com/xyj-sqdy-jnn>




8. Dr. Nakul Kundra organized an online lecture on “Adaptation Theory, Narrative, and the Story Drive” by Dr. Patrick Corbett (Assistant Professor of English, City University of New York System [CUNY], USA) for the students of DAV University, Jalandhar, during the COVID-19 pandemic (6<sup>th</sup> April 2021). Around 270 students attended this lecture and derived much benefit from the resource person’s views.

Dr. Corbett looked at the Messianic story of Jesus Christ through several lenses to understand how it has evolved from the sacred to western world passion plays (medieval and modern), stage shows, movies, parodies, video games, and memes. Then he looked at the modern Black Panther movie as a way of expanding that lens and seeing how the Christ story is just one of many retellings of a suffering savior.

Dr. Jasbir Rishi (Vice-Chancellor), Dr. R. K. Seth (Dean, Academics), and Dr. K. N. Kaul (Registrar) expressed their gratitude to Dr. Corbett for his precious time and sharing his knowledge with the students; they congratulated Dr. Nakul Kundra (Coordinator, Department of English) on the successful organization of the lecture.

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JALANDHAR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
organises  
a guest lecture on

## Adaptation Theory, Narrative, and the Story Drive



Dr. Patrick Corbett is a tenured Assistant Professor of English at New York City College of Technology, the designated college of technology in the City University of New York system, a global leader in public education. Professor Corbett regularly teaches courses in first-year writing, language and thinking, film through literature, and technical writing. He serves as the college's grants development liaison, a leadership role devoted to increasing the competitiveness of individual grant applications and the college's overall grants strategy. He is a 2020 Fellow of the Center for Research Impact in Society (ARIS) coordinated at the University of Missouri. His current research focus is the cultural infrastructure of institutional development in equity-oriented institutions. He had worked previously in diverse fields including textile manufacturing, information technology, healthcare policy research, and motion picture development before moving into higher education.

**Resource Person:**  
**Dr. Patrick Corbett**  
Assistant Professor of English  
City University of New York System  
(CUNY)  
Brooklyn, New York

Date- 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Time- 10:00 am (IST)

Link: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83870488209?pwd=SHdTcUJ5a21sdEpsU2hmeVpXbWZQQT09>

9. Dr. Mrinmoy Pramanick, Assistant Professor, Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature, University of Calcutta (Kolkata), delivered an online guest lecture on “Comparative Literature in India: Discipline and Discourses” to the students of DAV University, Jalandhar, on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021. More than 100 students attended this lecture and derived much benefit from the resource person’s views. This lecture was organized by Dr. Nakul Kundra.

Dr. Pramanick spoke about the idea of comparative literature, world literature, translation studies, and cultural studies. He shared his views on different schools and the methodology of comparative literature. He also highlighted the contribution of the Indian school of comparative literature. All the participants highly appreciated Dr. Pramanick for his thought-provoking lecture.

Dr. Jasbir Rishi (Vice-Chancellor), Dr. R. K. Seth (Dean, Academics), and Dr. K. N. Kaul (Registrar) expressed their gratitude to Dr. Pramanick for his precious time and sharing his knowledge with the students; they congratulated Dr. Nakul Kundra (Coordinator, Department of English) on the successful organization of the lecture.




The poster is for an online guest lecture organized by the Department of English at DAV University, Jalandhar. The title of the lecture is "Comparative Literature in India: Discipline and Discourses". The resource person is Dr. Mrinmoy Pramanick, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature at the University of Calcutta. The lecture is scheduled for May 11th, 2021, at 11:00 am IST. A Google Meet link is provided for joining the lecture.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
Organizes  
An Online Guest Lecture on

**Comparative Literature in India:  
Discipline and Discourses**



Resource Person  
**Dr. Mrinmoy Pramanick**  
Department of Comparative  
Indian Language and Literature,  
University of Calcutta

Dr. Mrinmoy Pramanick is Assistant Professor in the Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature, University of Calcutta. His areas of interest are Translation Studies, World Literature, Dalit Literature, Indian Narrative Tradition, and Concept of Indian Literature. Currently, he is working on India and South East Asia literary and historical dialogues. Recently, he has completed a major research project on India-Burma relations. He has presented papers in several national and international conferences and workshops and received grants to visit abroad. Besides, he has delivered more than 25 invited lectures on different topics related to his field. He writes in Bengali and English and translates from Bengali, Hindi and English. He edits two academic journals and works as a reviewer for and an editorial board member of a number of journals. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Comparative Literature Association of India. He is actively involved in academic-administrative work in addition to teaching and research.

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**Time: 11:00 am (IST)**

**Link : Join Google Meet**  
<https://meet.google.com/xyj-sqdy-jnn>

10. Dr. Shahzad Aasim, Research Head, Neuro Psychoacoustic Research Centre, Cluster University of Srinagar, delivered an online guest lecture on “Clinical Aspects of Music, Sound and Acoustics in Context of Neuro-Psycho, Neuro-Physio and Neuro-Acoustic Mechanism” to the students of DAV University, Jalandhar, on 17th May 2021. More than 75 students attended this lecture and derived much benefit from the resource person’s views.



Dr. Aasim explored how music affected different groups of people and how it could play a role in health care. He clearly explained the mechanism behind sounds and opened up the scientific secrets of music. He revealed how music therapy worked and how experts in this field could diagnose and treat depression, anxiety, neurological disorders, heart ailments, and the like with the help of music, sound, and acoustics. All the participants highly appreciated Dr. Aasim for his thought-provoking lecture.

Dr. Jasbir Rishi (Vice-Chancellor), Dr. R. K. Seth (Dean, Academics), and Dr. K. N. Kaul (Registrar) thanked Dr. Aasim for sharing his pearls of knowledge with the students; they congratulated Dr. Nakul Kundra (Coordinator, Department of English), Dr. Harjot Kaur (Coordinator, Department of Psychology), and Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Najjar (Assistant Professor, Department of English) on the successful organization of the lecture.



**DAV UNIVERSITY  
JALANDHAR**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**  
Organize  
An Online Guest Lecture on

**Clinical Aspects of Music, Sound and  
Acoustics in Context of Neuro-Psycho,  
Neuro-Physio and Neuro-Acoustic Mechanism**



Dr. Shahzad Aasim is concerned with the scientific research in the field of Music, Philosophy, Sound and Acoustics. Verily, it is the most neglected part of Music in India, which compelled him to shoulder the responsibility of decoding the conflation of Music and Science. Dr. Shahzad Aasim has opted for the most crucial part (clinical part) of it, i.e. how Music Therapy works and how experts in this field can diagnose and treat depression, anxiety, neurological disorders, heart ailments and the like with the help of music, sound and acoustics.

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**Time: 11:30 am (IST)**

Resource Person  
**Dr. Shahzad Aasim**  
Ph.D. in Music (Sound and Acoustics) and Philosophy

**Link : Join Google Meet**  
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11. The Department of English along with the Department of Psychology organized an international conference on “Changing Paradigms of Individual and Society: Conflicts, Negotiations, and Growth” on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Jasbir Rishi, officiating Vice-Chancellor of the University. She welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. Ramesh K Arya, Vice-President, DAV College Managing Committee (DAV CMC), New Delhi.

Dr. Ramesh K Arya lauded the initiative and said that quality research was significant for the sustainability and development of academic institutions. The researchers must imbibe innovation to excel and keep pace with the changing dynamics of the academic and social setup.

Dr. R K Seth, officiating Dean Academics, introduced Dr. Paul T. Corrigan (visiting Assistant Professor, University of Tampa), keynote speaker, and Ms. Namita Kandhola (Consulting Psychologist, Vancouver, Canada), the resource person, to the audience. The conference was held in eight parallel sessions, each facilitated by a chairperson and three teacher coordinators.

More than one hundred participants from different states and countries presented their papers. The chairpersons of different sessions included Dr. Rubal Kanojia (Central University of Punjab), Dr. Sunil Kumar (Central University of South Bihar), Dr. Sudeep Ahlawat (Central University of Haryana), Dr. Sudhir Kumar (MDU, Rohtak), Dr. Navdeep Singh Tung, (GNDU, Amritsar), and other dignitaries.

Dr. Jasbir Rishi congratulated Dr. Nakul Kundra (Department of English) and Dr. Harjot Kaur (Department of Psychology), Conveners of the conference, for putting in exemplary efforts to make the conference a grand success.

Dr. Punam Suri, a noted academician and the Chancellor of DAV University, motivated the organizing team by appreciating their efforts to promote research and the exchange of knowledge between different stakeholders.

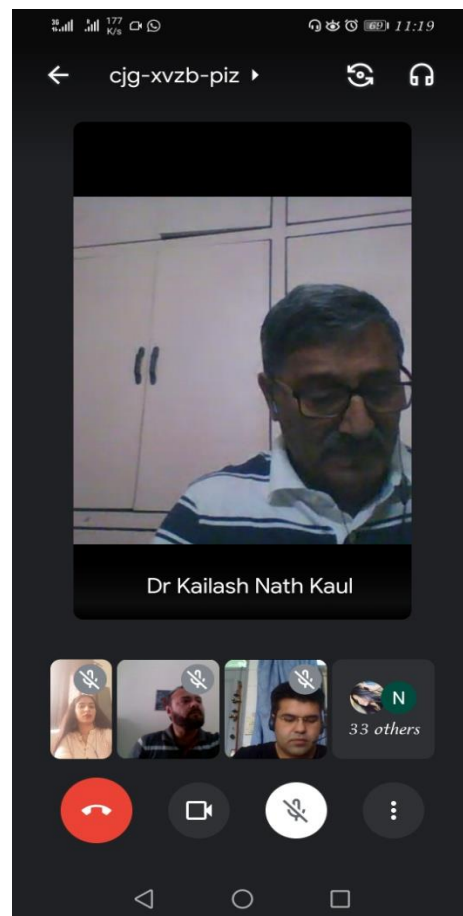
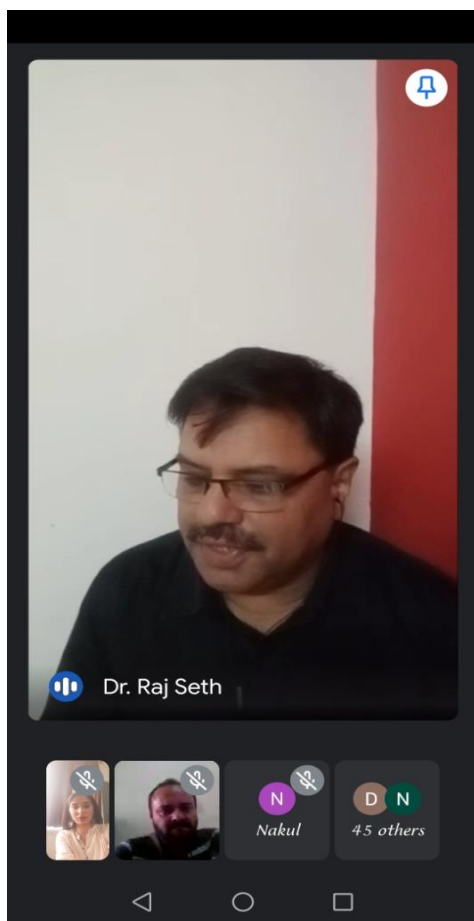




**(Organizing Team)**

**12.** The Department of English organized a virtual Alumni Meet on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to reunite with its former students. The event began with the recitation of Gayatri Mantra. Dr. Nakul Kundra welcomed the former students. There were about 80 alumni from all around the globe, who actively participated in the meet with a lot of gusto. Some of the students, as of today, are actively involved in the teaching of English as a language. The meet lasted for about an hour and a half and the students thoroughly enjoyed their interaction with one another and their teachers.

Dr. Jasbir Rishi, Vice-Chancellor, DAV University, blessed the alumni and apprised them of the growth and development of the university. She said that the alumni are the brand ambassadors of our University. Dr. Nakul Kundra shared the highlights of the achievements of the department. Mr. Digvijay Singh and Namrata Sanghwal from the Department of English organized a number of cultural events during the meet. Monika Supahiya and Simrat Kaur concluded the meet by extending the vote of thanks to the authorities of DAV University and the alumni for sparing their valuable time and making the alumni meet a grand success.



(Alumni Meet)



**(Alumni Meet)**

13. Ms. Akanksha Nautiyal presented a paper titled “Delineating Indianness of Post Independent India: A Post Colonial Study of Shrilal Shukla’s Raag Darbari” at an *Online International Conference on Literature Reflections of Society* on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The conference was jointly organized by the Dept. of English of Kongunadu Arts and Science College and BODHI International Journal of Research in Humanities, Arts and Science.



(Ms. Akanksha Nautiyal)

14. Ms. Akanksha Nautiyal participated in a National Short Story Writing Competition-2021 on “Create your own Mythic Fiction”, conducted by the Hoshiarpur Literary Society in collaboration with the Amaryllis Publishing House. Mr. Ashwin Sanghi, a bestselling author of mythic fiction, announced the prizes, and Ms. Akanksha’s short story “The Origin of Salt and Jaggery” secured her second position.
15. The Literary Club of DAV University, Jalandhar, celebrated International Mother Language Day (21<sup>st</sup> Feb.) on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2021. The students from different states of India enthusiastically participated in the celebrations; they recited poems, shared their personal experiences and views, and delivered speeches to highlight the importance of their respective mother tongues

in their lives. The participants hailed all those heroes who put in efforts to popularize their mother tongues; they also paid tribute to the Bangla activists of 1952 and the Punjabi Suba Movement activists.

Dr. R. K. Seth, Dean (Academics), was the chief guest at this event. He was welcomed by Dr. Nakul Kundra, Teacher Coordinator, Literary Club. Dr. Seth shed light upon the significance of understanding diverse cultures and languages for the welfare of humankind.



**(International Mother Language Day Celebrations)**

16. Ms. Navdeep Kaur defended her Ph.D. thesis titled "Healing in Literature: A Thematic Study of the Selected Works of Gopinath Mohanty" on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021. She expressed her gratitude to her supervisor, Dr. Kapil.

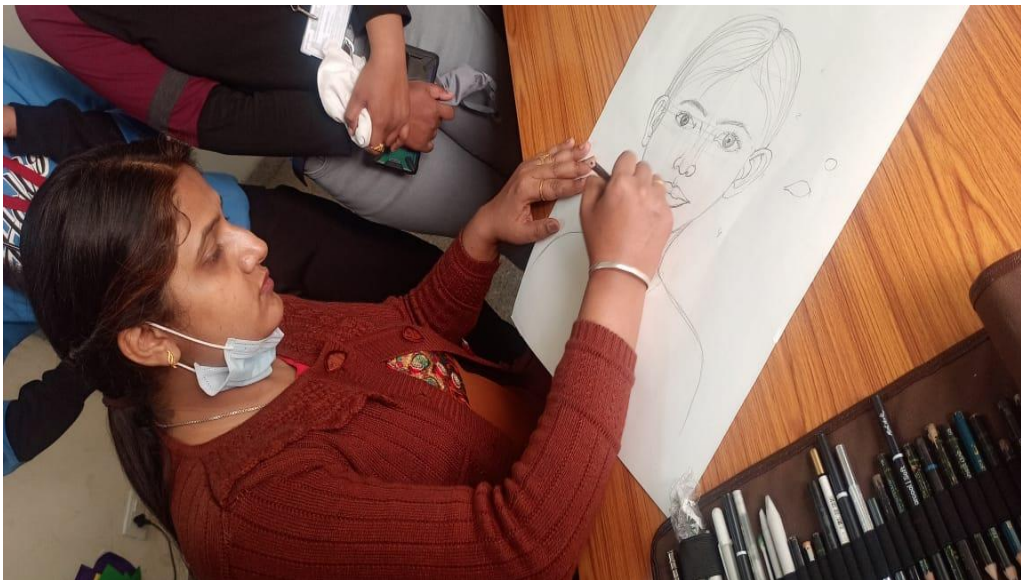
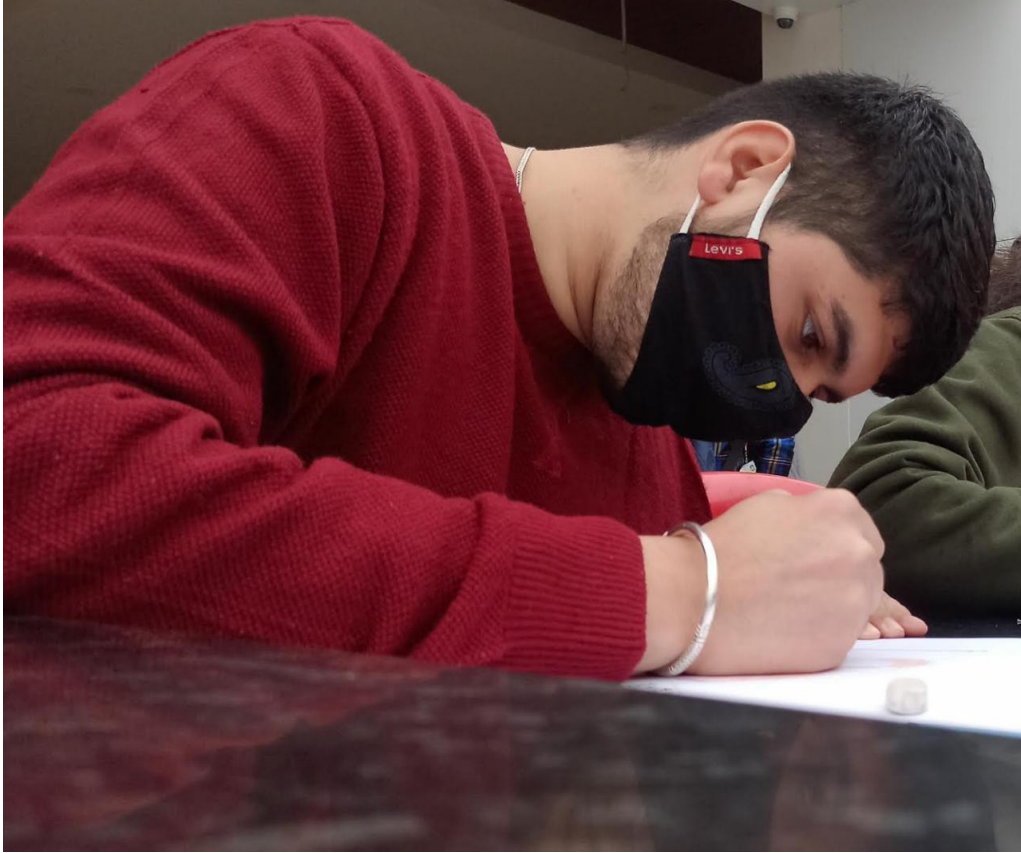




17. Mr. Rajneesh Kumar successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis titled “Themes of Love, Violence and Identity in the Novels of Arundhati Roy and Kiran Desai: A Comparative Study” and became the first research scholar to complete Ph.D. (English) from the Dept. of English, DAV University. He thanked his research supervisor, Dr. Nakul Kundra, for his valuable guidance, help, and substantial input throughout this doctoral project.



18. Ms. Parvanshi (Assistant Professor) and Vidushi Vidhu (a student of B.A. Hons. in English-III) organized a workshop on sketching and origami with Prof. Bhawna Bangar Ghera on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021





(Art Workshop)

19. Vidushi Vidhu (a student of B.A. Hons. in English-III) was elected as the Department Representative of the Department of English. She was honoured with a badge in the badge ceremony on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Class representatives for the session 2020-21 are as follows:

B.A. Hons. in English-I: Sukriti

B.A. Hons. in English-II: Aryan Thakur

B.A. Hons. in English-III: Vidushi Vidhu

M.A. in English-I: Surbhi

M.A. in English-II: Ankita Rana



(CRs and DR with Prof. Namrata)

20. Dr. Nakul Kundra was appointed as Deputy Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, DAV University, Jalandhar, on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021.



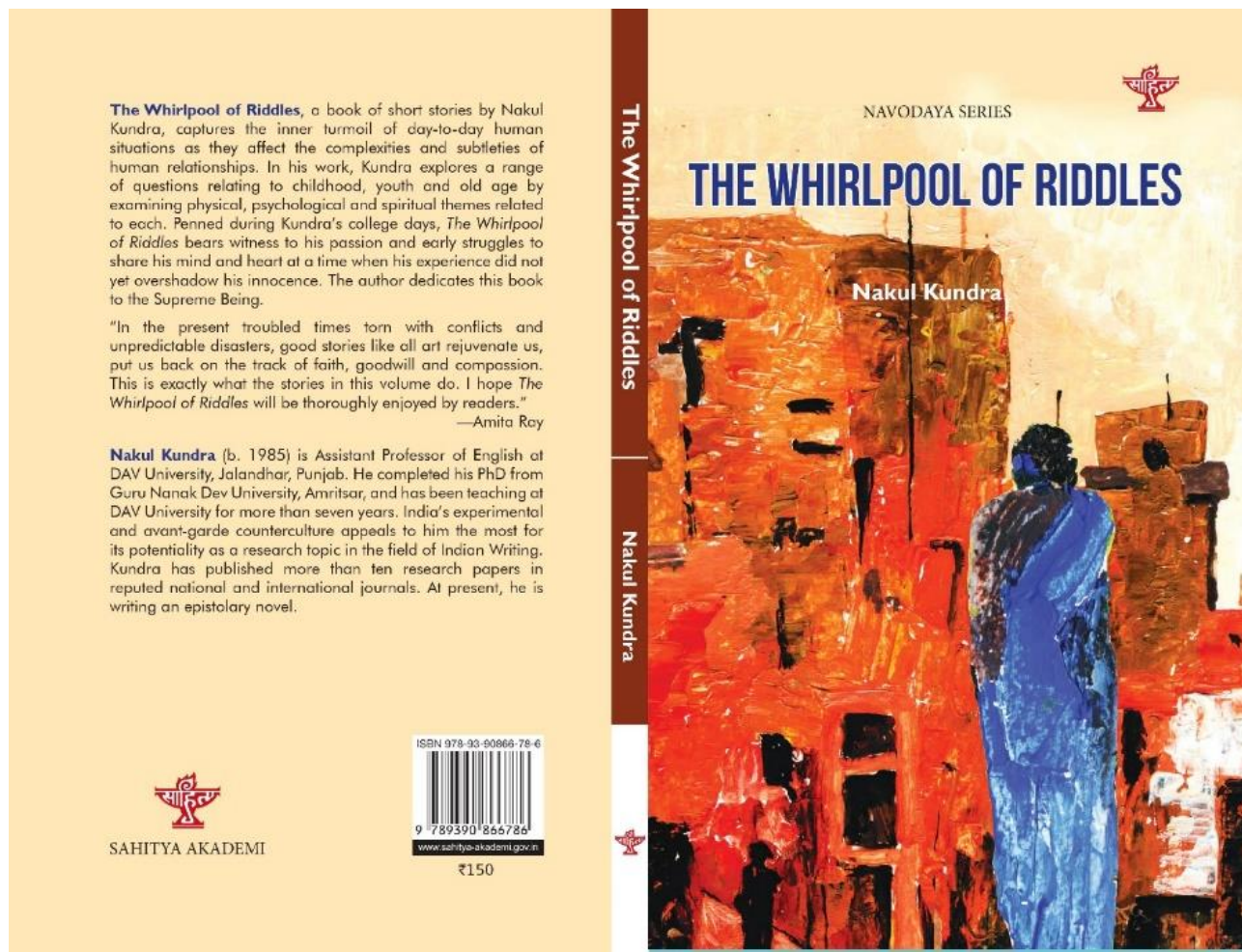
21. Dr. Nakul Kundra's paper "Politics of Political Representation: Gandhian Nationalism vs. Nehruvian Socialism in Raja Rao's *Kanthapura*" has been accepted for publication in *South Asian Review* (**SCOPUS INDEXED**), a refereed journal of the South Asian Literary Association (est. 1976), published by Taylor & Francis (Routledge), USA.

22. Dr. Nakul Kundra's paper "Vaiṣṇava Nation and Militant Nationalism in Bankimacandra Chatterji's *Ānandamāth, or The Sacred Brotherhood*" has been published in *Journal of Religion and Violence* (**SCOPUS INDEXED**), a peer-reviewed academic journal published by the **Philosophy Documentation Center (USA)** and edited by Professor Margo Kitts of **Hawaii Pacific University (USA)**.

23. Dr. Nakul Kundra's paper "Representation of Women in *Anandamath* and *Gora*: Redefining the Female Sphere" was published in **Literary Voice**, a journal published by Prof. T. S. Anand (Canada), in March 2021. (**Journal Listed in the UGC CARE List and indexed with WEB OF SCIENCE: Emerging Sources Citation Index by Clarivate**).

24. Dr. Nakul Kundra attended a webinar on “Role of E-Learning in Implementation of NEP-2020”, organized by DAV University, Jalandhar (7<sup>th</sup> April 2021).

25. Dr. Nakul Kundra’s book of short stories titled *The Whirlpool of Riddles* has been published by **Sahitya Akademi (Ministry of Culture, Government of India), New Delhi.**



26. Dr. Nakul Kundra was appointed as an Observer for the Term-End Examinations- June 2020 and the Term-End Examinations- December 2020, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

Indira Gandhi National Open University is a Central Open Learning University located at Maidan Garhi, New Delhi, India. Named after former Prime Minister of India Indira Gandhi, the university was established in 1985, after the Parliament of India passed the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985 (IGNOU Act 1985). IGNOU is run by the central government of India; it claims to have a total active enrolment of over 4 million students.

27. Dr. Nakul Kundra gave a PowerPoint Presentation on “Communication Skills for Teachers” in a webinar organized by **Doaba College, Jalandhar**, on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**Doaba College**  
Jalandhar

**Department of Education**  
invites you to join a webinar on  
**Communication Skills for Teachers**

**Webinar**

**CHIEF PATRON**  
Sh. Chander Mohan  
President  
Doaba College Managing Committee  
Jalandhar

**PATRON**  
Dr. Naresh Kumar Dhiman  
Principal  
Doaba College  
Jalandhar

**Dr. Nakul Kundra**  
Coordinator / Head  
Department of English  
DAV University, Jalandhar

on  
**24th July, 2020**  
(Friday)  
**12:00 noon onwards**

**Zoom**  
Join Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID : 5925146257  
Password: 562699

**Prof. Manjeet Kaur**  
Moderator

**Dr. Avinash Chander**  
Head  
Department of Education

28. Dr. Nakul Kundra delivered an online lecture on “Literary Research” for the post-graduate students of **Guru Nanak College, Moga**, on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



**(Dr. Nakul Kundra)**

29. Dr. Nakul Kundra delivered a lecture on “Communication Skills” for the students and faculty at **Dayanand Ayurvedic College, Jalandhar**, on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.







**(Dr. Nakul Kundra)**

30. Dr. Nakul Kundra completed the “Teaching Grammar Communicatively” course. This course is provided by World Learning, as part of the Online Professional English Network (OPEN). This program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. government and administered by FHI 360.



## The Online Professional English Network

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**Nakul Kundra**

*has successfully completed*

### Teaching Grammar Communicatively

*a 64-hour online teacher training course delivered by*

**World Learning**

April 13 – June 8, 2021

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Katherine Bain  
OPEN Global Program Officer



Handwritten signature of Radmila Popovic in black ink.

Radmila Popovic  
Course Developer

World Learning The logo for World Learning, consisting of a green circle with a white outline.  
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31. A meeting of the BOS of the department was held online on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021. 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 programs for the 2021 batch: B.A. (Hons.) English, M.A. (English) and Ph.D. (English). Dr. Nakul Kundra (HoD), Mr. Digvijay Singh, and Prof. B.P.S. Bedi expressed their gratitude to the external experts for their guidance and support.



(Prof. Deepti Gupta)



(Prof. Rajesh Sharma)

32. Ms. Amita Dhawan's paper titled "A Sociolinguistic Analysis of the Impact of Emerging Diversities on Students' Writing Skills" has been accepted for publication in *Working Papers on Linguistics and Literature*, a peer-reviewed journal listed in the UGC-CARE.
33. Ms. Amita Dhawan's paper titled "Demography as the Basis of Analyzing Students' Attitude towards the Emerging Diversities in the English Language" has been accepted for publication in the GNA Journal of Management and Technology, an open access, bi-annual, multi-disciplinary journal.
34. Ms. Amita Dhawan participated in a TEQIP-III sponsored one-week online short-term course on "Communication Strategies and Statistical Applications", organized by the Department of Humanities and Management, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
35. Ms. Amita Dhawan attended the CURAJ Linguistics Talk series on "Linguistics and Other Perspectives on the Syllable", organized by the Central University of Rajasthan, on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

36. Ms. Amita Dhawan attended CURAJ Linguistics Talk Series on “Local and Global Linguistic Diversity – What is it and what can we do about it?”, organized by Central University of Rajasthan, on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.