

Department of English, DAV University, Jalandhar: Report (June 2017 to 1 May 2018)
Coordinator/Head of the Department: Dr. Nakul Kundra

1. General Orientation Programme

Dr. Nakul Kundra, Assistant Professor, English Department attended a four-week General Orientation programme at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar in June-July 2017. The major focus of the programme was on the basic modalities of teaching and learning process such as micro-teaching, philosophy of education, information technology, research methodology, and curriculum development.



2. FDP on Modern Methodologies for Teaching and Research (20 July 2017 to 26 July 2017)

DAV University organized a one-week faculty development programme titled “Modern Methodologies for Teaching and Research” from 20 July 2017 to 26 July 2017. Around sixty participants from the host University and other prestigious institutes attended this programme with enthusiasm and gusto. Fifteen experts from various disciplines enlightened the participants with their innovative and creative ideas.

Dr. Nakul Kundra from the department of English of DAV University attended this FDP and delivered a lecture on literary research.

3. Google Ad Campaign

Kavya Foundation, an NGO run by Dr. Kapil, participated in Google Ad Campaign and won a sponsorship worth 16000/- (approx.). The outlay was to train students in marketing practices by exploring the most fruitful ways of investing money in ad industry. In the present case, the product chosen for promotion was Kavya Foundation Youtube channel. While working on this project, the team members, namely Navjot Kaur, Pooja Garg, Sonam and Karampreet not only developed professional skills but also team work.

4. Welcome Party for the Students

The Department of English organized a Welcome party with pomp, fun and gaiety for the new students of the department on 31 August 2017. Music, dance, ramp walk and various entertainment programmes presented by the freshers kept the audience enthralled. The burst of talent exhibited by freshers was absolutely mesmerizing. Mr. Mohit won the title of Mr. Fresher, whereas Miss Ramadeep Kaur was declared as Miss Fresher. The department teachers greeted the newest members of the University family and applauded their talented performances. The occasion was graced by Dr. A. K. Paul (Vice Chancellor), Dr. Rekha Kalia Bhardwaj (Registrar), and Dr. Jasbir Rishi (Dean), who gave their best wishes to all the students and the faculty members.



5. Teachers' Day Celebrated with Enthusiasm

The Department of English celebrated Teachers' Day with enthusiasm on 5th September 2017. The department was gripped with fervour as the students made the day a memorable experience for the teachers. The teachers and the students 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 all around.



6. Recording of 'Campus-Campus' Programme

The Department of English organized a visit of Ms. Manpreet and Mr. Rama Shankar from All India Radio for recording the programme 'Campus-Campus' on 9th September 2017. The anchors interviewed DAVU students in the studio of the University. The programme gave an opportunity to the students to showcase their talents.



7. Training School Teachers

Dr. Nakul Kundra was invited to conduct a seminar-cum-workshop for the teachers of Saint Antony's Convent School, Adampur, on 16th Sept 2017. Dr. Kundra spoke on education, edutainment, creative learning, human values, and professional ethics. He said that a good teacher is first a good human being, whose words as well as actions inspire his/her students. Dr. Kundra was honoured with a memento by the school management.



8. Rally for Rivers Drive (September 2017)

Dr. Kapil initiated a campaign in the university to garner support for Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev's Rally for Rivers drive, a nationwide rally to protect dying rivers of India. Under his supervision, a team of passionate students took the responsibility of taking Sadhguru's message far and wide. From social media to class-to-class visit, all available platforms were utilized for creating awareness about this vital movement.



9. Paper Presentation Competition

The Department of English organized a paper presentation competition for the students of BA (Hons) English- 3rd Semester and 5th Semester on 17 Oct. 2017. Around sixteen students participated in the event. Akash from B.A. 5th semester bagged first prize; Suchita from B.A. from 3rd semester won second prize, whereas Haramrit kaur and Karampreet Kaur from the same class were declared third. The event aimed to give a platform to our students to speak their mind and learn through peer learning. Prof. Amneet Kaur, Assistant Professor, coordinated the event.



10. Radio Interview

Dr. Nakul Kundra was invited by All India Radio, Jalandhar, for a live programme on 'Career in English' on 26 Oct. 2017. He talked about the scope of the English language and literature nowadays. He responded to listeners' queries also and guided them to opt for academic programmes keeping in view their aptitude and academic interests.

11. Yuvva Theatre Festival

Theatre gives language its full meaning and use. It teaches everyone the art of speaking as well as the art of listening. It grooms us to become better human beings and makes us more responsive towards our social, political and economic atmosphere by training us to observe more.

In order to show how a literary text is presented creatively in live theatre, we took our students to Yuvva Theatre Festival on 28 Oct. 2017. As a part of the drama series of the one month national festival, Dr. Faust was staged by a team from National School of Drama (New Delhi) at K. L. Sahgal Hall, Jalandhar. This play helped our students develop a sense of critical appreciation of performing art and culture. Notably, Yuvva is one of the most active multilingual theatre performing groups of Punjab that performs plays in Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu and English. It has been consistently performing plays in all of these languages since 2008. It performs existing texts, devised plays and new plays by upcoming writers.



12. Visit to Jang-E-Azadi Memorial

Jang-e-Azadi Memorial is a memorial and museum in Kartarpur, built in the memory of contributions and sacrifices made by the Punjabi community in the Indian independence movement. On 21 Nov. 2017, the Department of English organized a visit to Jang-E-Azadi memorial to familiarize the students with the rich history and legacy of Punjab. The visit was proposed and planned by Ms. Namita Jain, Assistant Professor (English).



13. Film-Making Project

The Department of English, DAV University, Jalandhar, has made a movie titled *Anubhuti, A Tale of Quest*. The movie is written and directed by Dr. Kapil. It is a biopic that explores the life of a student struggling to find a supervisor for PhD in an unknown and rather apathetic academia only to meet the greatest surprise of his life. The movie is scheduled to be released on 11/4/2018 on the Youtube channel Astitva Cine Club.



14. Invited Lecture on “Interview Skills” at DAV International School, Amritsar

Dr. Nakul Kundra delivered lecture on Interview Skills at DAV International School, Amritsar, on Dec 08, 2017. He spoke on preparation for interview, non-verbal communication, first impressions, interview nerves, types of interview, typical questions at traditional interviews, and socio-cultural factors that influence interviews. Dr. Kundra was honoured with a memento by the school principal.



15. Interactive Sessions at Different Schools

Dr. Nakul Kundra held career-counselling sessions in a number of schools in Phagwara on 8 Jan 2018. These sessions were conducted to guide students about different professional courses and their scope in India and abroad.





16. Ms. Nivedita Gupta's Achievements

Ms. Nivedita Gupta, Assistant Professor in English, submitted her doctoral thesis titled *Negotiating Spaces: A Study of Women's Marginalization and Resistance in Selected Accounts of Civil Conflict* in January 2018. She has carried out her research under the guidance of Prof. Runima Sethi, who is a renowned Cambridge University (UK) scholar. Besides attending a FDP "Psychometric Testing Behavioral Assessment", Ms. Gupta published a paper titled "The Middle Eastern Crisis: Where are the Women?" in *Literati: A Peer Reviewed Journal devoted to English language and Literature*.

Ms. Gupta is a member of Women's Empowerment Cell, D.A.V. University, and has been instrumental in organizing various intra-university events to promote woman empowerment and gender equality. Also, she was one of the event co-ordinators for the celebration of Basant Panchmi on January 22, 2018. As the co-ordinator of Artistia Club which is endowed with promoting and encouraging various media of art like painting, sketching, drawing etc., she organized various competitions like Rangoli, face painting, T-shirt painting, nail painting and mehendi in which around 80 students participated. Under her supervision, the university's art room was designed.



17. Workshop on NPTEL

Dr. Nakul Kundra attended a one-day workshop on NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning) at JCDAV College, Dasuya on 18 January 2018. NPTEL, a project by MHRD, Govt. of India, is a joint initiative of the IITs and IISc. Through this initiative, NPTEL offers online courses and certification in various topics. The workshop was about the registration of new chapters.



18. FDP on Psychometric Testing and Behavioural Assessment

Ms. Nivedita, Ms. Amneet Kaur Bhatia and Dr. Nakul Kundra attended an **FDP on Psychometric Testing and Behavioural Assessment** from 22 Jan. 2018 to 27 Jan. 2018.

The programme, an initiative of the Department of Psychology, aimed to teach counsellors, psychologists, teachers, teacher trainees, and other professionals about the administration, scoring, and the interpretation of various psychometric tests like intelligence, personality, aptitude, attitude and projective tests.



19. Book on Dr. Kapil

Influenced by Dr. Kapil's teachings, a student, Navjot Kaur (M.Com) wrote a book titled $2+2\neq 4$ (Two Plus Two is not Equal to Four) on him. The book is published by Aab Publication, Patiala (Punjab). $2+2\neq 4$ is based on the experiences of some of Dr. Kapil's students. It is a thoughtful reflection on education system and suggests innovative ways of redefining it. The book was released by the eminent scientist, economist and Padmabhusan awardee Dr. Sardara Singh Johal on 27/01/2018.



20. Literary Week 2018

The Department of English organised a week-long event from 15th-21st February 2018 which focused on encouraging literary talent among the students of the university. The event was marked by widespread enthusiasm and zest on the part of the students.

The week was coordinated by Dr. Kapil Chaudaha and Ms. Amneet Kaur with the support of all the teachers of the Department of English. The aim of this annual event of the English department was to unveil the hidden creative capacities and faculties of the students. Many competitions, viz. Creative Writing, Poetry Recitation, Declamation, Literary Quiz, Spell Bee, Group Discussion Photography, and Role Play were organised.

The teachers lauded the efforts of the student coordinator Gurkirpal Singh and other volunteers who worked hard to conduct the week smoothly. They also expressed their gratitude to Dr. R. K. Mahajan, Vice Chancellor; Dr. Sushma Arya, Registrar; and Dr. Jasbir Rishi, Dean Student Welfare, for their perpetual support and encouragement to organise such vivacious activities for the students.

The following is the list of winners of various events:

1. Creative Writing:-

First Prize: Suchita

Second Prize: Prabhjot

Third Prize: Supan

2. Poetry Recitation:-

First Prize: Balwinder

Second Prize: Manish, Karanpreet

Third Prize: Anmoljit, Tejbir

3. Declamation:-

First Prize: Kartik

Second Prize: Gurpreet

Third Prize: Jaskiranjit

4. Literary Quiz:-

First Prize: Abhishek, Akash, Jaskiran

Second Prize: Hemant, Kajol, Shobhit

5. Spell Bee:-

First Prize: Jaskiranjit

Second Prize: Hemant

Third Prize: Sabi, Harnoor

6. Group Discussion:-

First Prize: Gurpreet

Second Prize: Saadiq

Third Prize: Kartik

7. Photography:-

First Prize: Tanisha

Second Prize: Vikas, Agam

Third Prize: Prabhjot

Consolation: Sakshi

8. Role Play:-

First Prize: Kratika

Second Prize: Sakshi

Third Prize: Simranpreet



21. Art of Living Camp

Sri Sri Ravishankar's Art of Living Foundation organised a three day "Faculty Special Happiness Programme" from 13th March to 15th March 2018 in DAV University Jalandhar. Ms. Nivedita, Ms. Amneet, and Dr. Nakul Kundra attended this programme.

The Happiness Programme is an introduction to the world of meditation and stress free living. A central feature of the programme is the unique and intense breathing technique, the Sudarshan Kriya, which has transformed millions of lives across the globe.



22. Peer-Learning

Students learn a great deal by explaining their ideas to others and participating in activities in which they can learn from their peers. Keeping it in view, the Department of English started a peer-learning project in February 2018.

Every week, the department teachers arrange sessions on language skills for the weaker students with the help of the class toppers and those who have flair for English. The department would award certificates titled “I Support Peer-Learning.” to the participants towards the end of the semester. The initiative of the peer-learning project is taken by Dr. Nakul Kundra, HoD, English Department.

23. Educational-cum-Cultural Tour of Dalhousie

The Department of English organized a two-day educational-cum-cultural Tour of Dalhousie from 9th April 2018 to 10th April 2018. Around 40 students along with Sh. Digvijay Singh and Ms. Nivedita, Assistant Professors, visited the hill station with a lot of excitement and curiosity. Scottish and Victorian architecture are prevalent in the bungalows and churches in the town. Dalhousie is a gateway to the ancient Chamba Hill State, now Chamba District of the state of Himachal Pradesh of India. This hill region is a repository of ancient Hindu culture, art, temples, and handicrafts preserved under the longest-running single dynasty since the mid-6th century. Chamba is the hub of this culture. Bharmour, the ancient capital of this kingdom, is home to the Gaddi and Gujjar tribes. It has 84 ancient temples dating from the 7th–10th centuries AD.



24. Prize Distribution Ceremony and Screening of Anubhuti

On 11th April 2018, the department of English, DAV University, Jalandhar, organized a prize distribution function to honour the winners in different events of The literary Week-18, a week-long literary festival held from 15th-21st February 2018. Dr. Kapil's movie Anubhuti was also screened.

The prize distribution function and the screening of "Anubhuti" was marked by widespread enthusiasm and zest on the part of the students. Dr. Nakul Kundra, Head of the English Department, expressed his gratitude to Dr. R. K. Mahajan, Vice Chancellor; Dr. Sushma Arya, Registrar; and Dr. Jasbir Rishi, Dean Student Welfare, for their consistent support and encouragement to organise such vivacious activities for the students.

साहित्यिक सप्ताह के विजेता किए सम्मानित डीएवी यूनिवर्सिटी में अंग्रेजी विभाग ने पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह करवाया

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विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा युवा प्रतिभाओं को साहित्य से जोड़ने के लिए साहित्य सप्ताह मनाया गया था। जिसमें अंग्रेजी विभाग की ओर से विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताएं आयोजित कि गई थीं। विजेताओं को विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति डॉ. आरके महाजन ने ट्रॉफी देकर सम्मानित किया। उन्होंने कहा कि इस तरह की प्रतियोगिता के माध्यम से युवाओं में साहित्य के प्रति लगाव बढ़ता है। पिछले कुछ समय में युवा पीढ़ी साहित्य के क्षेत्र से दूर होते जा रहे हैं। इसलिए समय-समय पर इस तरह की प्रतियोगिताएं जरूरी हैं।



कुलपति डॉ. महाजन ने कहा, ऐसी प्रतियोगिता से युवाओं में साहित्य के प्रति लगाव बढ़ता है।

क्रिएटिव राइटिंग कंपीटिशन में सुचिता फर्स्ट

रजिस्ट्रार डॉ. सुषमा आर्या ने विजेताओं को शुभकामनाएं देते हुए आगे बढ़ने के लिए प्रेरित किया। क्रिएटिव राइटिंग प्रतियोगिता में सुचिता प्रथम, प्रभजोत द्वितीय और सुपन तृतीय, कविता पाठ में बलविंद ने पहला, मनोष और करणप्रीत ने दूसरा, डेकलामेशन में कार्तिक ने पहला, गुरप्रीत ने दूसरा, जसकिरणजीत ने तीसरा, साहित्यिक प्रश्नोत्तरी प्रतियोगिता में अभिषेक,

आकाश और जसकिरण ने पहला, हेमंत, काजल और शोभित ने तीसरा, स्पेल बी में जसकिरणजीत ने पहला, हेमंत ने दूसरा, साबी और हरनूर ने तीसरा, ग्रुप डिस्कशन में गुरप्रीत ने पहला, सादिक ने दूसरा और कार्तिक ने तीसरा, फोटोग्राफी में तनीषा ने पहला, विकास और अगम ने दूसरा, प्रभजोत ने तीसरा और साक्षी ने सांत्वना पुरस्कार प्राप्त किया।

25. Inter-Class Competitions During the Foundation Day Celebrations

The Department of English organized inter-class competitions during the foundation day celebrations of the University. The students displayed their talent through their paintings, posters, and sketches.



26. Yoga Camp

The Department of English organized a one-week yoga-meditation camp from 23/4/2018 to 28/4/2018. Around 70 students and faculty members participated in it. Some basic yogic asanas and pranayamas were taught to the participants. In addition, several meditative methods were also included in the programme. Dr. Kapil from the department acted as the instructor in the camp.

The aim of the camp was to impart the yogic-meditative energy to the students/faculty for their holistic growth. In the modern times, most people suffer from several physical and mental health issues that seriously hinder their growth. These barriers having been removed, human potential can be fully realized.

The success of the camp demanded that such events be conducted more often. The department will try its best to meet this demand.



27. Workshop on Creative Writing

The Department of English, DAV University, Jalandhar, organized a one-day workshop on Creative Writing. The resource person was Prof. Rajesh Sharma, Department of English, Punjabi University, Patiala.

Dr. Sharma focused on the theoretical and practical aspects of creative writing; he said that creative writing expresses the writer's thoughts and feelings in an imaginative, often unique, and poetic way. It is a form of personal freedom.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mahajan, VC, thanked Dr. Sharma for his valuable contribution. Dr. Nakul Kundra, HoD, said that the department is committed to organising such workshops in the future also to ensure the overall development of the students. This workshop was coordinated by Ms. Nivedita Gupta, Assistant Professor, in the department of English



28. Farewell Party

The Department of English, DAV University, Jalandhar, organised a farewell party for the final year students on 1st May 2018. The event was full of music, dance, fun, and revelry.

The juniors went an extra mile to make their cherished seniors feel special by giving them quirky titles, engaging them in some kickass games and taking them down on a memory lane by bringing the university life alive through choreography.





29. Students' Achievements

A. Spectrum

Abhishek Bhou of BA (Hons.) in English stood second in Spectrum in Solo Song Category. He made a rocking performance.





B. Miss Echelon

Ankita Rana of BA (Hons.) in English was selected as Miss Echelon at Hostel Night. Ankita impressed the event judges with her beauty and wisdom alike.



C. Competition Organised by 'Change This India organization'

Gurkirpal Singh of BA (Hons.) English participated in the Declamation Contest on the topic "Role of Youth in Indian Politics" organized by 'Change This India organization'

on 28 Feb. 2018. His humorous style of expressing his views won many a heart. He won the consolation prize.



D. Achievements of Jaskiranjit Kaur

Jaskiranjit Kaur, the student of B.A.(Hons) English, participated in Poetry Recitation Competition-cum-Workshop held in November at Doaba College and bagged third prize for her poem titled "The Unfurled Bun". She was guided for this event by Mr. Digvijay Singh, Assistant Professor in English. Of special mention is the appreciation she received from Prof. Tejinder Kaur from Punjabi University. She also actively participated in the Declamation Contest held at Punjab University on 26th February 2018, where she spoke on 'Is Suicide a Protest or a Sign of Submission?'



E. Achievements of Riya Dadhwal

Riya Dadhwal :

- (a) received appreciation letter at Manali Camp conducted by Youth Leadership NSS wing. In addition, she was designated as vice leader of the group of Jalandhar.
- (b) got 3rd position at PEC fest in JAM (just a minute) competition, Chandigarh.

(c) stood first in Riddler Competition in INCEPTION DAV University, Jalandhar.

(d) stood first in Poster-Making Competition on the occasion of blood donation camp at DAV University, Jalandhar. promoted as NSS coordinator of DAV University.

(e) attended an NCC camp at Kinwat, Maharashtra. NCC units from 18 states took part in it. She topped in the Declamation Contest. Besides, she won gold medals for Writing Caption, Tug of War, and best anchoring.

(f) was designated Under Officer in CATC (Combined Annual Training Camp) at Ropar.



F. Achievements of Siddartha

Siddartha from BA (Hons) English attended a SSB camp held by NCC. Further, he attended CATC (Combined Annual Training Camp). The most thrilling part of the camp, according to him, was his meeting with Maj. P. Chandawat who inspired him to get into defense sector as profession.



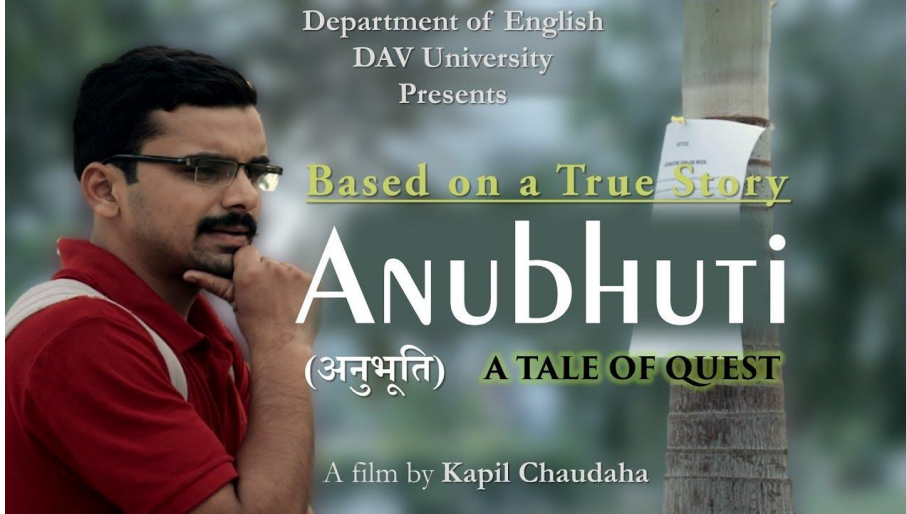
G. Literary Fest-18 at HMV College

The students of the department of English performed well in Literary Fest-18, organized by HMV College, Jalandhar. The skit performed by the students bagged second prize, whereas the quiz team won third prize.



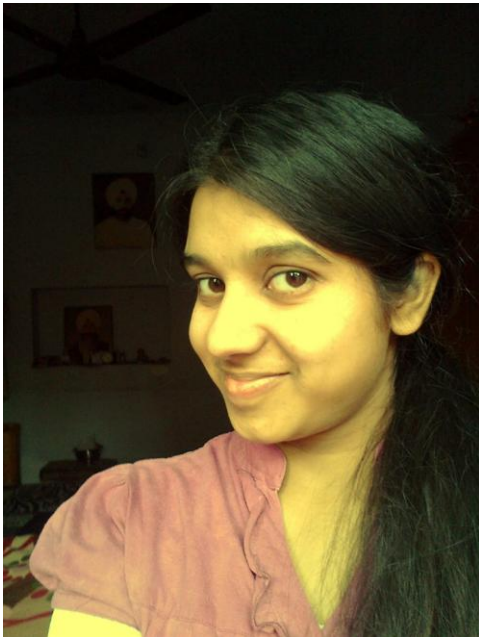
H. Best Theatre Artist of DAV University

The Best Theatre Artist award for the session 2017-18 was bagged by Abhishek Bhou, a student of B.A. (Hons.) English. He played the main role in the film *Anubhuti*. This award was given to him for his consistence performance on stage and screen.



I. Best Literary Artist of DAV University

The Best Literary Artist award for the session 2017-18 was won by Jaskiranjit Kaur, a student of B.A. (Hons.) English. The student is a blogger and has won many prizes in inter- and intra-university competitions.



The link to one of jaskiranjit's write-up is as follows:

<https://jaskirangoraya.wordpress.com/2018/03/24/tea-totalers/>