

Poetry Society St. Bede's College, Shimla

POETRY SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

2023-24

Inter-Ship Poetry Writing Competition under G20 and Yuvamanthan 20, 2023

Date: October 12, 2023

Objectives:

- The theme of the program was kept with the objective of inspiring students to promote equality, inclusivity, peace and harmony for a better citizenry.
- It also aimed at celebrating India's diversity in terms of culture, language, religion, caste, gender and creed thus, building a nation based on equality and justice.
- This activity was held to inspire young minds to ponder upon contemporary social issues and addressing them through creative writing.

The Poetry Society of St. Bede's College, Shimla organized an Inter-Ship Poetry Writing Competition on October 12, 2023. The theme of the event was "Celebrating Differences, Cultivating Unity" in special context of India's presidency of G20 Summit and Yuvamanthan 20, 2023. The topic of the poetry writing competition was "Promoting Equality and Inclusivity". Students from INS Vikas, INS Chirag, INS Himmat and INS Vikrant participated enthusiastically in the competition.

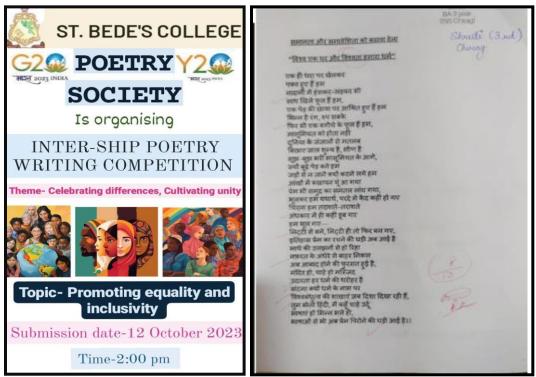
It helped to create a positive learning environment where students expressed their views on how to build a better social set up based on equal and inclusive footing. Students were encouraged to submit their self-composed poems and the entries were submitted in both Hindi and English. The results of the competition were as follows:

- English 1stRitvika Sharma (INS Chirag)
 2nd AnanyaRanta (INS Vikrant)
- ➤ Hindi 1stShruti (INS Chirag)

2nd – Samridhi Pathak (INSHimmat)

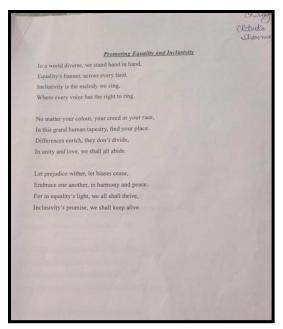
Outcomes:

- The objective of the event was achieved successfully as the students understood how social ethos based on equality and inclusivity may help in shaping a better nation based on egalitarian, united and harmonious ground.
- Students also understood the Indian motto "VasudhaivKutumbakam" which inculcates the values of 'unity in diversity'.
- After being motivated to pen down their ideas freely, students not only expressed their views on the given topic but also explored their hidden creative writing skills.



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Poem by First Winner for Hindi



Poem by first winner for English

Poetry Recitation Session held by Keekli Charitable Trust, Shimla

Date: October 28, 2023

Objectives:

- To encourage students to express their views through creative writing
- To enhance their speaking skills while facing the audience and building their self-confidence.

A book launch ceremony – 'Gantavya', was conducted by the Keekli Charitable Trust, Shimla on October 28, 2023 in the Conference Hall, Gaiety Theatre, Shimla wherein a poetry recitation session was also held. Students of the Poetry Society of St. Bede's College Ms Shruti and Ms. Samridhi Pathak (BA 3rd year) were invited to recite their self-composed poems to express their views on contemporary issues faced by the youth viz education, unemployment, career concerns etc. as depicted in the book 'Gantavya' written by Gupteshwarnath Upadhyay.

Outcomes:

• Students got a platform to express their vies on contemporary issues faced by today's youth through their own creative writing

 Students availed from a public platform where they could present themselves and their writings thus having an enriching exposure to their literary activities being held outside the college premises.



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Students reciting their poems

Panel Discussion - 'Our Nation's Literary Freedom Fighters'

Date: December 11, 2023

Objectives:

- To highlight the literary contributions of eminent Indian poets who fought during the freedom struggle of India via their pen.
- To help students understand the multilingual and multicultural features of India's literary figures who always underlined the essence of plurality, diversity and unity in the process of nation-building.
- To help students explore facts about literary works which contributed in the freedom struggle of India and to also encourage them to enhance their reading, writing and speaking skills and build their self-confidence on stage while facing the audience.

On December 11, 2023, the Poetry Society of St. Bede's College, Shimla conducted a panel discussion on the theme 'Our Nation's Literary Freedom Fighters' to mark the 75thday of the *Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav 2023*. The panel discussion was upon the relevant writings of four celebrated Indian poets across various parts of India, who wrote for the same cause, that is freedom of India during the colonial and post colonial times, although with different linguistic backgrounds. The following were the poets -

- Subramania Bharti -Tamil
- Maithilisharan Gupta Hindi
- Amrita Pritam Punjabi
- Rabindranath Tagore Bengali

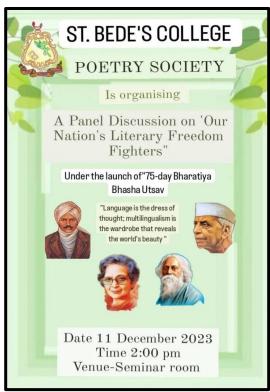
The participants were as under –

- Radhika (BCOM 1st year)
- Yashasvi (BA PsychologyHonors 3rd year)
- Shruti (BA Pass Course 3rd year)
- Devanshi (BBA 2nd year)

Students participated in the event with great enthusiasm, commemorating the literary contributions of the eminent writers of their country in forming one nation.

Outcomes:

- > Students came to know about various literary works of Indian poets and their contributions in the freedom struggle of India and the detrimental impact of Partition especially on women.
- > Students understood the relevance of art and literature in attaining a certain aim, be it political, social or cultural.
- > Students understood the concept of multilingualism and multiculturalism in building a harmonious and prosperous nation.
- > Students found a platform where they could express their views on the given topic, enhance their intellectual thinking and writing skills and also got an opportunity to build their self-confidence while giving their stage performance and facing the audience.



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Participants during the panel discussion

Book Review Writing Competition

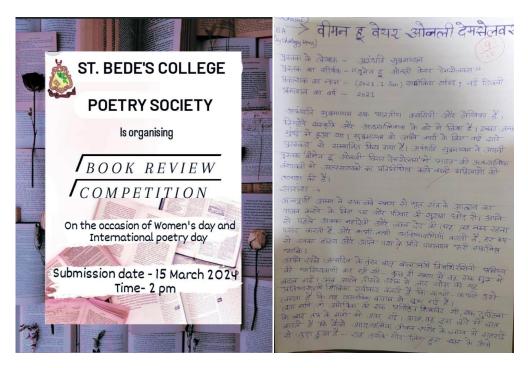
On March 15, 2024, the Poetry Society of St. Bede's College organized a Book Review Competition on occasion of International Women's Day and World Poetry Day 2024. The theme for the book review competition was "Contemporary Women Poets Paint the World with their Words." The book review was based on any anthology written by a contemporary poetess, which explores various themes like compassion, freedom, social issues, identity and existence. Students from B.A and BBA participated in the competition. Ms. Yashasvi Sharma of B.A Hons. Psychology won the first position.

Objectives:

- To make students aware of contemporary women's writings.
- To develop their writing skills with a critical approach.

Outcomes:

- Students learnt about anthologies written on gender issues by women writers.
- They got an opportunity to enhance their writing skills and develop their critical thinking vis a vis gender issues.



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Book Review written by First Winner

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