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Department of English

Report

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2019-2020:

1. William Shakespeare's birth celebration-

23rd April 2019- The department of English celebrated English language day on 23rd April, 2019 to commemorate the birth anniversary of William Shakespeare. Head of the department, Dr. R. K. Mishra addressed the gathering after garlanding the portrait of Shakespeare. He also elaborated the work of Shakespeare along with the importance it holds in student's life. Faculty members: Dr. S. N. Pandey, Dr. R.P.Singh, Sanjeev lakra and a good number of students participated in the program. Students also quoted some most popular lines from one of the greatest tragedy of Shakespeare- hamlet, "To be, or not to be, that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, Or to take arms against a sea of troubles and by opposing end them." The context in which it was originally quoted by prince hamlet and the present scenario is compared and contrasted.

2. Book discussions-

22 October 2019- Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy: Discussion conducted in the presence of faculty members and students of English literature. *Anna Karenina* by Russian author Leo Tolstoy was first published in its complete form in 1878 after having been published in instalments between 1875 and 1877. Nagma khatun initiated the discussion with character portrayal, Priya das and Jyoti Bhattacharya told about the plot of the novel, Shweta Mishra and SwetaKundu discussed about the complex themes of love, morality, social norms in 19th century imperial Russia as well as the blessings of family life, and the philosophical value of farming present in the novel.

3. Poem recitation-

10 December 2019— The Waste Land by T. S. Eliot: The event was organized on behalf of English literary association of college under the guidance of Dr. R. K. Mishra, Head of the department and other faculty members including Dr.S.N. Pandey, Dr.R.P. Singh and Sanjeev Lakra. Different sections of the poem were taken up by different group of students for recitation. Akanksha Mishra, Elias Ekka and DeepjyotiEkka read aloud the first section- *THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD*.PrakashTigga, Jyoti Bhattacharya and Sunil Kumar recited the second section- *A GAME OF CHESS*, SwetaKundu recited *THE FIRE SERMON*, shweta Mishra quoted death by water and the last section was enunciated by AnjuKerketta.

2020-21:

1. William Shakespeare's birth celebration-

23rd April 2020- The department of English celebrated English language day on 23rd April, 2020 to celebrate the birth anniversary of William Shakespeare. Head of the department, Dr. R. K. Mishra began the program by lighting the candle in front of the portrait of William Shakespeare. He also explained about the life and works of Shakespeare along with the importance it holds in student's life. Next, Dr. R. P. Singh came on the stage. He began his speech by linking literature with life. Other Faculty members: Dr. S. N. Pandey, Sanjeev Lakra and many students participated in the program. The play *tempest* was to be briefed today, students recited certain quotation from the play itself - "We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with a sleep."

2. Book discussions-

22 October 2020- To kill a mockingbird by harper lee: Dr. S. N. Pandey initiated the discussion by introducing the novel of the day i.e., to kill a mockingbird by harper lee. Deepjyoti Ekka and Prakash Tigga discussed the theme of *To Kill a Mockingbird* is the book's exploration of the moral nature of human beings—that is, whether people are essentially good or essentially evil. Shweta Mishra and Sweta Kundu brought out how the novel approaches this question by dramatizing Scout and Jem's transition from a perspective of childhood innocence, in which they assume that people are good because they have never seen evil, to a more adult perspective, in which they have confronted evil and must incorporate it into their understanding of the world.

3. Poem recitation-

10 December 2020- Because I could not stop for death by Emily Dickinson : The event was initiated by Dr. R. K. Mishra , Head of the department. Other faculty members including Dr. S.N. Pandey, Dr. R.P. Singh and Sanjeev Lakra also recited some of their favorite poems. Aditya ,Antima and Anurag did pretty well among all the students. The themes and background of the poem was also talked about during the recitation.



2021-22

1. William Shakespeare's birth celebration-

23rd April 2021-- In this program, the faculty members and students paid tribute to the portrait of William Shakespeare by garlanding it. The head of the department along with other faculty members gave speech on William Shakespeare's importance in literature as well in life. Students chose the play *Romeo and Juliet* for discussion and began the event by quoting the popular line -"What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other word would smell as sweet."

2. Book discussions-

22 October 2021- *Animal farm* by George Orwell: Dr. R.P. Singh initiated the discussion by introducing the novel of the day i.e., *To kill a mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Auriliya Ekka started the discussion by telling about the author. Farhat Yasmin discussed the plot along with Kuldeep Kumar. Shahin Parveen discussed the grand theme of corrupt politics and desire for power. *Animal*

Farm Orwell attempts to reveal how those in power—Napoleon and his fellow pigs—pervert the democratic promise of the revolution.

3. Poem recitation-

10 December 2021- Song of myself by Walt Whitman: The event was organized on behalf of English literary association of college under the guidance of Dr. R. K. Mishra, Head of the department and other faculty members including dr. s.n .pandey, dr. r.p.singh and sanjeevlakra. *Song of myself* has 52 stanzas, abhishekverma begin the recitation and it was concluded by vikashviswakarma. The themes and background of the poem was also talked about during the recitation.



2022-23

1. William Shakespeare's birth celebration-

23rd April 2022- In this program, the faculty members and students paid tribute to the portrait of William Shakespeare by garlanding it. Later, The head of department shared his views on importance of English education. The head of the department along with other faculty members gave speech on William Shakespeare's importance in literature as well in life. Students recited certain sonnets of Shakespeare particularly sonnet no. 18 and sonnet 116.

2. Book discussions-

22 October 2022- The inheritance of loss by Kiran Desai: Dr. R. K. Mishra initiated the discussion by introducing the novel of the day i.e., the inheritance of loss by Kiran Desai. Abhishek Verma and Akanksha Yadav started the discussion about the plot arrangement and analysis of the themes. Shikha Mishra questioned the theme of Diaspora and Post-colonial.

3. Poem recitation-

10 December 2022- Poetry by W. B. Yeats: The event started with the arrival of the chief guest, Dr. Xavier Kujur, Head of the Department of English, Government Science College. Pankaj Behra started recitation with the poem Sailing to Byzantium, other students recited Byzantium, The Second Coming, etc.



2023-24

1. William Shakespeare's birth celebration-

24th April 2023- The event started with welcoming of the chief guest, Dr. Xavier Kujur, head of the English department, government Science College, Ambikapur. HoD of the English department, faculty members and students of both the semesters participated in the program. They read from their favourite works of Shakespeare. Dr. Kujur and Dr. Mishra praised the participants for their creativity and eloquence, highlighting the significance of such programs in fostering a love for literature and self-expression.

2. Book discussions-

23 October 2023- The namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri :Dr. R.K. Mishra began the book discussion by stating general themes in Jhumpa Lahiri's works in general. Ankita Yadav continued with character portrayal, Diksha Kumari continued with plot discussion. The key themes in *The Namesake* were discussed by Aparna Singh the Indian immigration experience, identity, and family.

3. Poem recitation-

10 December 2023- Poetry by Jayanta Mahapatra: The event was organized on behalf of English Literary Association of the College under the guidance of Dr. R. K. Mishra, Head of the department and other faculty members including Dr. S. N. Pandey, Dr. R. P. Singh and Sanjeev Lakra. Aseet Minj recited Dawn at Puri with great enthusiasm. Poems were also analysed critically along with recitation. Ayushi Sinha read aloud the poem Hunger.



