

## **Activities of the English Literature Association 2023-24**

- 30 June 2023- A guest lecture on ‘Understanding different fields in Linguistics’. Karola Schmidt, a research assistant at the Chair of English Linguistics at Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany, visited our college to conduct a survey related to her doctoral research on a short-term diachronic exploration of the possibility of a South Asian epicentre of English. St. Andrew’s College was one of the four colleges she had visited as a part of her effort to understand and appreciate the English used in the Indian Subcontinent. After a short lecture introducing our third-year students to various aspects of linguistics, she conducted a small-scale sociolinguistic survey with the participants. Faculty members and students from the neighbouring National College were also invited to this event.
- 19 August 2023- The Department of English organized a national workshop on ‘Awareness about Tribal Language and Language’. Prof. Dr. Santosh Rathod from IDOL, University of Mumbai, was the invited expert who delivered a session on ‘Tribal Literature and its Challenges in India’. Prof. Sanajdar Valawake from the Department of English at Birla College - Kalyan was the resource person who delivered a talk on ‘Tribal languages and their position in India’. The workshop was attended by faculty members and students from various colleges in Mumbai.
- 27 August 2023: Pre-event to Comic Crusade with an Art Competition called ‘Create Your Own Superhero’ which allowed creativity and talent to flow together well. Along With that, it helped to publicise and advertise the main event of ‘Comic Crusade’.
- 02 September 2023- ‘COMIC CRUSADE’, an event that celebrated the love for comic books during Comic Book Month was indeed special. This was divided into three sections - Cosplay Competition, Debate Competition, and Movie Screening of the anime called ‘The Silent Voice’.

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- 21 September 2022- The department was proud to collaborate with Literature Live to co-host an intercollegiate story and poetry writing contest titled “Literature Live 360@Campus”. Some of our students won prizes at the contest –Nirupama Menon for the story writing contest and Kyra Sequeira and Stephanie Cardoz for the poetry writing contest. Vanessa D’silva and Joanna Fernandes received honorary mentions for their contributions.
- 17 February 2023- Dr. Kirti Nakhare, lecturer in the Department of Business Communication at SIWS College of Commerce and Economics delivered a lecture titled “An Overview of Traditional Versions of the Mahabharata.” Her lecture enlightened our students about the existence of different versions of the famous Indian epic from the margins and highlighted the many ways in which the lesser-known folk renditions of the epic vary significantly from the received versions of the Mahabharata.
- 6 February 2023- The department organized “Literature Week” which began with “Slam Poetry” where talented voices were provided a platform to present their selected poems in front of a lovely audience. The “Book Hunt” (9 February 2023) was conducted with great fanfare, a healthy team spirit, and loads of enthusiasm that enlivened the spirits of the organisers and the participants. Other events of the week included the “Debate Competition”, “Creative Writing Competition”, and “Costume Competition Drama.” Many ‘filler’ events captivated the students and the audience alike. This included events like literature riddles, creating art in visual form out of words, and speaking about your favorite book in under three minutes to name a few. The student organisers, volunteers, participants, and the audience for the different events had an invaluable opportunity to immerse themselves in a variety of activities while keeping their love for literature alive and kicking.

