

Annual Report: Expressions - The Creative Writing Society **(2024-2025)**

1. "कanvas aur क़alam- An Intra College Collaboration Event (2nd March 2024)

Venue: NSR

The event "कanvas aur क़alam" was conducted in collaboration with the deemed fine arts society "Luminoso". The objective was to explore the antithetical themes of war and peace via the fusion of words and colors. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from writers and artists, who came together to lay bare their talents and interpretations of the themes. The artists channeled their creativity onto canvases, while the poets adeptly conveyed the essence of their artistry through verse. The synergy between the two art forms created a rich tapestry of creativity and emotion. Substantially, "कanvas aur क़alam" was a success. Besides providing a platform to literary and illustrating artists to showcase their creativity and finesse, the event also promoted meaningful dialogue and contemplation over critical societal themes.





2. Express 24- An Annual Slam Poetry Competition (25th April 2024)

Venue: Auditorium

The English Creative Writing Society hosted the event "Express 24," featuring two prominent competitions: slam poetry with the theme "A Poem for the Humankind If You're a Dead Poet" and an open mic competition consisting of english/hindi/urdu poetry, music as well as singing. The event garnered significant participation, with numerous entries from across DU and non-DU colleges. Two judges, i.e. Mr. Priyanshu Sharma, founder of MicOn and Ananya Bansiwala, our alumni - were appointed to evaluate the entirety of the event. Each competition had three winners, who were awarded with trophies and medals, along with cash prizes, certificates and gift hampers. The quality of the pieces presented was remarkable, as one of the judges aptly remarked, "Poetry isn't to be judged; it is to be felt."



3. Society Orientation (11th September 2024)

Venue: L112

Expressions commenced the academic year (2024-25) with an engaging orientation session, welcoming both old and new members. The new core team, led by president Ananya Aneja was excited for their very first tryst with young and budding wordsmiths stepping onto the threshold of a linguistic haven. The event introduced attendees to the society's vision and the creative space it aspires to cultivate. Members were briefed on the various activities conducted, emphasizing the safe and inclusive environment that fosters creativity and self-expression. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, ensuring clarity and enthusiasm among participants. Several questions were raised and aspiring members were elated to join the society and embrace its magic.



4. Investiture Ceremony and Freshers' Open Mic (17th October 2024)

Venue: Chaupal

On this day, the society formally recognized its core team with an investiture ceremony. Badges were presented to the new office bearers by our society convener Dr. Anjana Srivastav, marking their dedication and responsibilities for the upcoming year. The event also included a "Poetic Freshers" segment—an open mic session where new recruits shared their poetic creations. This activity not only showcased the talent within the society but also encouraged camaraderie and collaboration among members. The crowd was cheerful followed by a session of group photographs. It was indeed a memorable kick start to the new session awaiting overwhelming opportunities and the joy of expression.





5. "6 ft. Deep" - Inter-College Poetry Slam (23rd October 2024)

Venue: Auditorium

Expressions, in collaboration with the Unabridged KNC's Book Club, hosted its flagship inter-college poetry slam, "6 ft. Deep." The event invited participants from all across Delhi to share their deepest, most profound pieces of poetry. The overall theme of the event revolved around unveiling one's

buried emotions hence Inspiring the event name. With riveting performances and evocative recitations, the slam proved to be a resounding success, drawing an enthusiastic audience and strengthening the society's reputation in the literary community. All the participants went back and rejoiced with such an immersive experience and the event was truly a hit!





6. Launch of the Society Blog (November 2024)

November marked a significant milestone for Expressions with the launch of its official blog. Dedicated to showcasing the works of society members, Expressions launched its own society blog—The TYPED Verses. With an objective of not letting our remarkable wordsmiths' eloquent write-ups go in vain, this venture is helping us procure the content being produced throughout the session. The blog has become a digital haven for monthly publications, including poetry, prose, and essays. The initiative has not only provided a platform for budding writers but also enhanced the society's online presence and engagement.



7. "If You Allow I May" - Open Poetry Recitation (20th November 2024)

Venue: L112

This intimate event invited society members to recite their poetry in a supportive setting. The activity aimed at purging out raw and vulnerable emotions that rarely find a vent in public showcases. The recitation served as an opportunity for members to express themselves, gain confidence, and receive constructive feedback. It was a celebration of raw talent and personal narratives, fostering deeper bonds within the group. Students felt at home and fostered a renewed sense of belonging with this newfound liberation to speak their hearts out without being judged. The activity was truly something that will remain etched in all our memories forever.



8. "Metaphorical Memoirs" - Memory Writing Activity (27th November 2024)

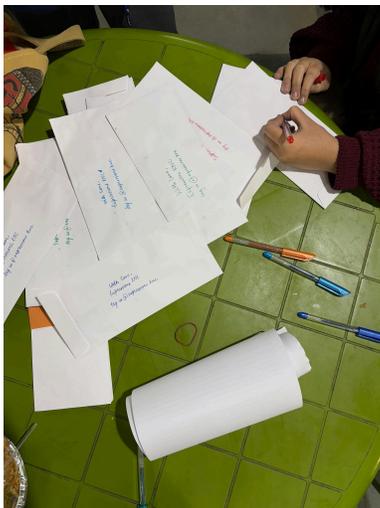
Venue: OSR

A creative twist on memory writing, this activity encouraged participants to explore and articulate their recollections through metaphor. The event proved to be both reflective and imaginative, allowing members to experiment with new writing techniques while delving into their personal experiences. Participants delved into their innate memoirs, walking down the memory lane in order to cradle those moments etched upon their conscience.



9. Secret Santa - Love Letter Writing and Distribution (26th December 2024)

To spread festive cheer, the society organized a Secret Santa event with a unique twist—love letter writing. Members anonymously penned heartfelt letters to strangers, which were then distributed across the college campus. This initiative fostered a spirit of kindness, creativity, and connection, making the festive season truly memorable. It was a unique experience for members to write letters wishing goodness for their unknown recipients while it was equally wholesome for those who received a letter full of positivity and hope on a grey winter noon.



10. Quilliberation - A Letter to my Future Self (20 January '25)

Venue: L112

In order to inaugurate a new year with cheer and renewed hopes, A lively and fun filled activity was conducted where participants wrote a letter to their self who has made it to the end of this year. It was indeed a bliss watching every person present in the room writing with a heart so full of manifestations, love and gratitude. The fun part of the activity was when one of the core team member collected all the letters and they were promised to be return at the end of the year to realise all that truly unfolded the way it was predicted. This letter to self in a time capsule activity was indeed quite amusing and was rejoiced by everyone.



11. Sista's Stereo- An Open Mic Competition (14 February '25)

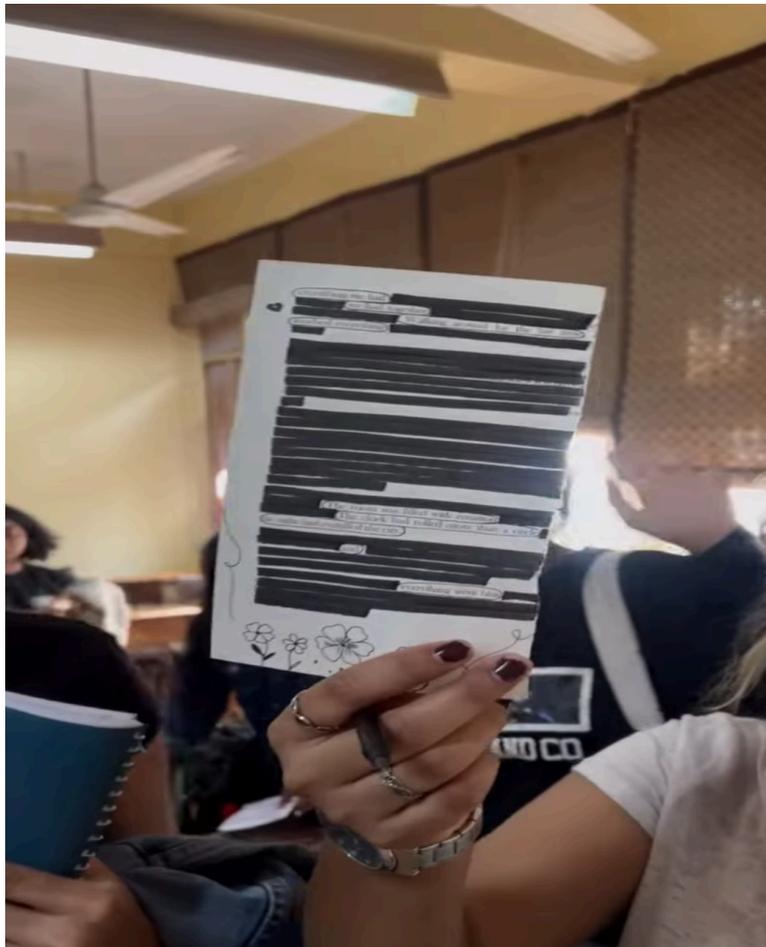
Venue: Chaupal

Expressions conducted a fun inter college open mic competition in collaboration with Enactus KNC. In order to uplift the mellow spiris of galentine's day and promoting sisterhood, the open mic was solely based around celebrating female friendships. Several participants from various colleges took the stage with their mesmerising musings and left the audience speechless. The final decision of the winner was made on the parameters of audience response and stage presence solely. Tanisha Singh from LSR College bagged first position while Shatakshi Maurya was the first runner up. Overall the event was a huge success and etched in memories.

12. Striked Out- A Blackout Poetry Session (19 February '25)

Venue: L112

One of the most awaited and loved activities, Striked out left us mesmerised with an outstanding array of ideas, thoughts and musings that made a mundane Wednesday beautiful. Each member was provided with a ransom page from a book and the task was to strike our words and phrases in order to compose something that makes an altogether different sense. Each participant came up with a beautiful verse moulded out of a random book page. The final results left everybody spellbound and the wholesome day ended with a round of group pictures and applause



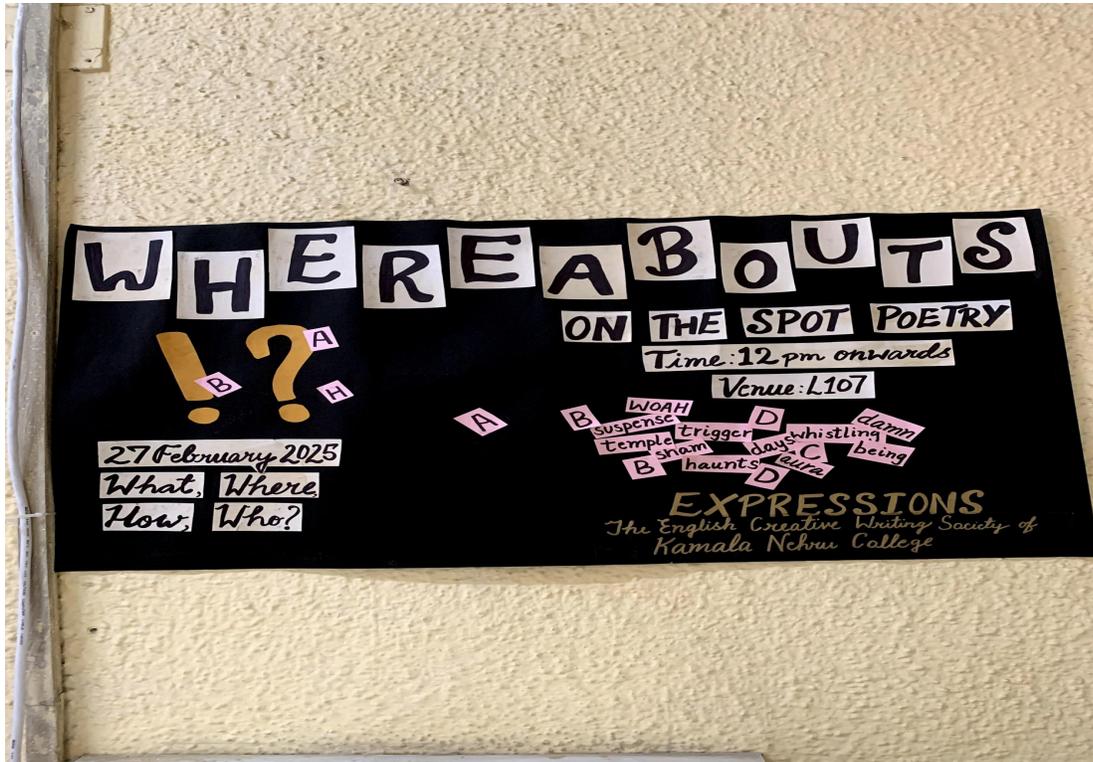


13. Whereabouts - An On the Spot Poetry Slam (27 February '25)

Venue - L110

Under the aegis of Ullas '25, Expressions conducted its flagship poetry slam — Whereabouts but with a twist. Unlike the conventional slam poetry events, this one was a unique adventure inviting writers to pick up a chit with 'what', 'where', and 'how' prompts. With over 60+ entries from colleges all across the city, top ten finalists were filtered and invited for the final round in Kamala Nehru College campus. Selected participants received their prompts through a lottery chit system and wrote their poems employing the themes in 30 minutes. Finally the real task was to orate these pieces. Judges made the final decision on the basis of content, stage presence and usage of prompts. R. Harini from Hansraj College bagged first position, Anika Joshi from Miranda House bagged second position and Vansh Wadhwa from MAIT bagged third position. Certificates along with cash prizes were awarded to the winners. Overall the event was an unforgettable affair of poetry, magic and thoughtfulness





The year 2024 was a dynamic and enriching one for Expressions. Through these activities, the society not only provided a platform for creative expression but also strengthened the bonds within its community. Moving forward, Expressions aims to continue inspiring, nurturing, and celebrating the creative spirit.