

# Eclectica Annual Report

## **Core Team 2023-24**

Ms Nancy Khera (Convenor)

Dr Mukesh Bairva (Co-Convenor)

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Vartika Singh- General Secretary

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## Report

Eclectica- The English Literary Society of PGDAV College (M) continued its legacy of supporting literary pursuits and giving students a stage to express themselves. In the academic year 2023-24, Eclectica organised enriching successful events.

The society began its journey with the **Fresher's Icebreaker Session**, where the faculty and the core team collectively welcomed the new batch of English Honours and introduced them to college life. The event was filled with games, songs and a lot of interactive rounds of questions by juniors which were diligently answered by the seniors.

In November, Eclectica held an insightful academic talk with Prof. Ajay Navaria who is an author and professor at Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi. He delivered a very detailed lecture on "Discourses of Identity in Modern Indian Literature". The seminar was attended by the students from all the departments. He concluded the session by answering the questions of the curious minds.

The event was followed by a small friendly competition of Just A Minute, wherein participants were given prompts based on literature and they had to speak on the given prompt for a minute with 30 seconds of thinking time. The three best speakers were announced and they were appreciated with prizes.



**Eglantine'24**

Team Eclectica conducted the second edition of its Annual Literary Festival, ***Eglantine***, on Friday, April 12th, 2024. The event began with the “What If...? An Alternate Ending Writing Competition,” which welcomed participants from various universities and colleges. Short clips from the films *Tamasha* and *3 Idiots* were screened for the 25 participants at 10:40 AM. Following the screenings, the participants were given 30 minutes to craft a different and creative ending for one of the two movies. The audience found the concept intriguing. The judges for the event were Ms. Shrutipriya, Mr. Dharmendra, and Mr. Gokul, all from the English Department. They enjoyed the participants' unique entries and concluded with the winners of the competition after an hour of deliberation.

The first-place winner was Shubhmay from PGDAV College. Shubham from Zakir Hussain Delhi College took second place, while the third-place winner was Mehul Bhatt from Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi.

Following the writing competition, the Annual Alumni Association Speaker Session, Illumni, began at 11:40 AM after a musical performance by Raaga's member Udhbhav. The alumni speaker was Anubhav Tekwani, Batch of 2020 and former President of Chanakya—The Intellectual Society. Illumni opened with a welcome speech by Ms Nancy Khera, Eclectica Convenor, who warmly welcomed Anubhav and highlighted his achievements. The session continued with a felicitation ceremony conducted by Prof. Renu Kapoor, Teacher-In-Charge of the English Department. Anubhav discussed contemporary poetry and his experiences in PGDAV College and postgraduation at Hansraj College. The session lasted an hour and was concluded by a vote of thanks by Dr Mukesh Bairva, the convenor of Eclectica. Illumni became one of the most well-attended events of Eglantine.

Followed by Anubhav's enlightening talk, Eclectica organised the Annual Slam Poetry Penchant'24 which had 15 participants from all the disciplines of PGDAV college. Students presented their heartfelt pieces on stage. The brilliant performances of participants were judged by Dr Urvashi Sabu and Ma'am Uma Gupta from the English Department. The competition prize winners were Vartika (1st Prize), Sanskriti (2nd Prize), Parijat (3rd Prize) and Shivang Joshi (Special Mention). The event was concluded by a vote of thanks by the General Secretary Vartika.

Overall the year was filled with fun as Eclectica aimed to bring forth the best in their events and with an ever-increasing social presence.





