

Zest Annual Reports for the year 2021 – 2022

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College (University of Delhi) ACTIVITY REPORT

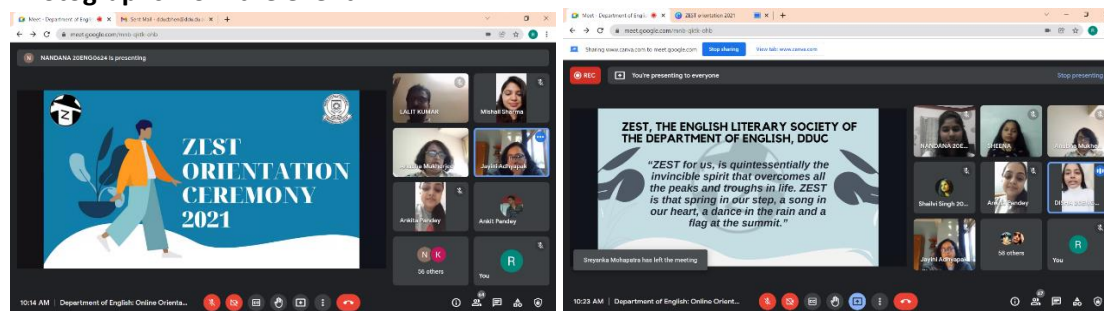
Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	: Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge	: Dr Rohith P
Type of Activity	: Orientation
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr. Jayini Adhyapak, Dr. Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr. Lalit Kumar, Mr. Ranbeer Kumar, Dr. Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, Dr. Ankita Pandey, Ms. Mishail Sharma and Mr. Chandrashekar Yadav
Date of the Event	: 22 nd November, 2021
Total Number of Attendees	: 70 Participants
Session Link (if any)	: ---
Title of the Event	: Zest Orientation 2021

“Literature is one of the most interesting and significant expressions of humanity.” On the 22nd of November 2021, Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya college, University of Delhi conducted a virtual orientation program on Google Meet for the first years.

Around 70 participants including Dr. Rohith P (our TIC), Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr. Jayini Adhyapak, Dr. Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr. Lalit Kumar, Mr. Ranbeer Kumar, Dr. Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, Dr. Ankita Pandey, Ms. Mishail Sharma and Mr. Chandrashekar Yadav, joined the event. The event was compared by Disha Nashine, Nandana P R, Nyasha, Sejal Dutta, Shailvi, Sheena and Swati R from the second year.

A PowerPoint presentation was used to describe the course structure, Zest activities and its teams and to introduce the faculty members. After the presentation all the first years from the department introduced themselves and then, the professors shared their thoughts and welcomed our new comers on behalf of the department. In our way to explore the world of literature guided by our professors and seniors, we’ve welcomed our juniors to be a part of our journey and to start their new one as well. It’s always a great pleasure to see the new members joining the Zestful community of students of English literature. The event culminated with a question-and-answer session.

Photographs from the event:



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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	: Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge	: Dr Rohith P
Type of Activity	: Election of Joint Secretary
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr. Jayini Adhyapak, Dr. Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr. Lalit Kumar, Mr. Ranbeer Kumar, Dr. Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, Dr. Ankita Pandey, Ms. Mishail Sharma and Mr. Chandrashekar Yadav
Date of the Event	: 6 th January, 2022
Total Number of Attendees	: 110 Participants
Session Link (if any)	: ---
Title of the Event	: Zest Elections

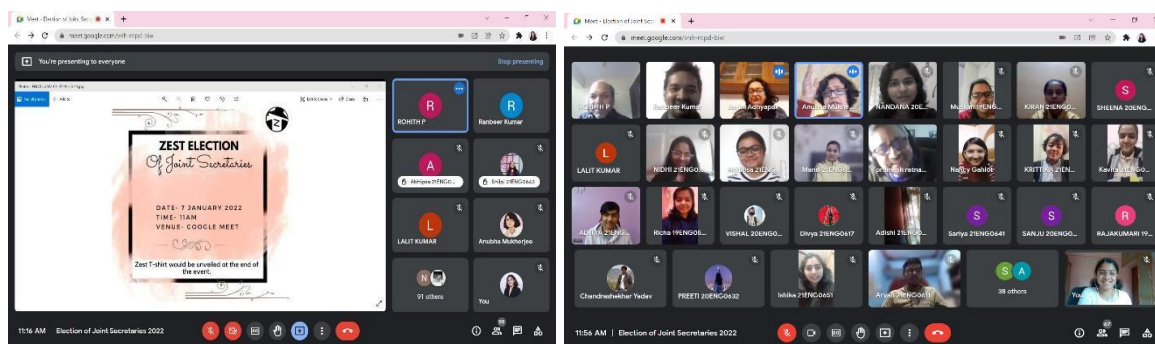
On 6th of January 2022 at 11 am, Zest conducted the election for the position of Joint-secretaries on Google Meet. Eight students from the first year, namely Abhipsa Biswas, Aditya, Arya Kaushik, Aryan P Kushwaha, Kavita Bamzai, Krittika Tripathi, Mansi Joon and Nidhi Garg, had contested for the same.

The voting took place through a Google Form that was circulated by one of the faculty members to maintain the secrecy and decorum. Almost 110 people including Dr Rohith P (TIC), Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Adhyapak, Dr Lalit Kumar, Mr Ranbeer Kumar, Miss Mishail Sharma, Dr. Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, Dr Ankita Pandey and Mr Chandrashekar Yadav joined the event. The event began with the address of Dr Rohith P and the other teachers after which the candidates addressed the participants.

The Google Form was then released and ten minutes were given to the students from all the three years to fill the form. Later the results were made public; Abhipsa Biswas and Nidhi Garg won the elections with 44.3 percentage majority each.

Before the adjournment of the meet, designs for ZEST T-Shirt were launched.

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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society : Zest, the English Literary Society
of the Department of English

Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge: Dr Rohith P

Type of Activity : Alumni Meeting and Interaction

Faculty Members of the Organizing Team : Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr.

Jayini Adhyapak, Dr. Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr. Lalit Kumar

Date of the Event : 8th January, 2022

Total Number of Attendees : 101 Participants

Session Link (if any) : <https://youtu.be/kE4P-bISRd4?t=706>

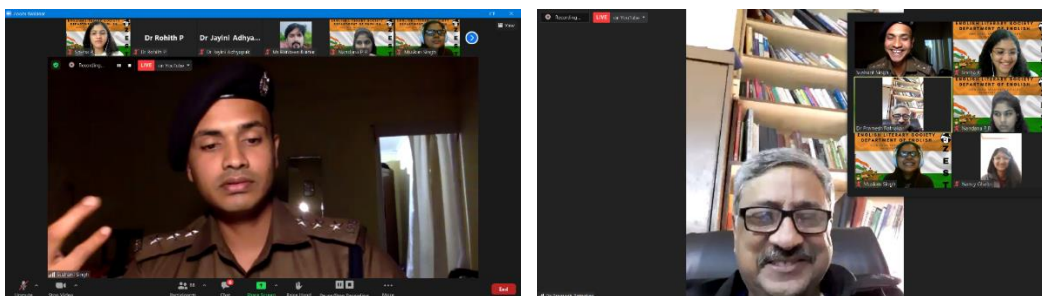
Title of the Event : “Civil Services: The Labour and the Reward”: A Webinar on Civil Service Preparation with Sushant Singh, IPS”

On the 8th of January 2022, Zest, the English Literary Society of the department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya college, University of Delhi organized it’s first Career Counseling webinar of the year on the topic “Civil Services: The Labour and The Reward” on Zoom. The speaker of the webinar was Zest Alumnus, Sushant Singh IPS (CSE-2018, AIR- 189).

There were a total of 101 attendees for the event including the TIC Dr. Rohith P and the other faculty members. The session was streamed live on the Zest YouTube channel with the help of Mr Rajkumar from the Computer Centre of the College.

The session started with a welcome address by Sneha R, President of Zest. The zoom platform was then taken over by the speaker Sushant Singh, who discussed the most important points to concentrate on when preparing for civil service examination. He has also been successful in pointing out the common myths that aspirants would come across during their preparation and suggested ways for tackling such challenges in the examination. The speaker also provided information to check upon while choosing study materials and also filled the minds of the aspirants present in the webinar with great enthusiasm and courage. There was then a Question-and-Answer session during which the participants were given a chance to interact with the speaker. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Nandana P R, Vice-President of Zest.

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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society : Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English

Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge : Dr Rohith P

Type of Activity : ZEC Inaugural Ceremony

Faculty Members of the Organizing Team : Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr. Jayini Adhyapak, Dr. Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr. Lalit Kumar

Date of the Event : 21st January, 2022

Total Number of Attendees : 50 Participants

Session Link (if any)

: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0215i9cv3uQ&t=835s>

Title of the Event : “Introducing ZEC”: Inaugural Ceremony of ZEST Enabling Cell

On 21st January, 2022, Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, inaugurated Zest Enabling Cell (ZEC), the new cell within the department, at 4:30 pm on Zoom. This cell has been created to ensure that the differently abled students within the department can study literature better.

The program was attended by about 50 participants, including the Principal Prof. Hem Chand Jain, the Teacher-in-charge, Dr. Rohit P, Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar and Dr. Anubha Mukherjee and the other faculty members. Sanjana Goyal, President of Indian Association of Muscular Dystrophy, and Vipul Goyal, Secretary of Indian Association of Muscular Dystrophy, were our esteemed guests and chief speakers.

The event commenced with a welcome speech by Sneha R, the President of Zest after which Dr Rohith P welcomed Prof. Hem Chand Jain who unveiled the ZEC logo. This was followed by a short welcome acknowledgement of the guests by Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar. The main event started with unveiling of the ZEC logo through a video. The ZEC logo was designed by Swati R (Second Year). The video, designed by Vanshika Mishra (Second Year) broke down various symbols in the ZEC logo through a voice-over recorded by Sneha R, President of Zest. The platform was then taken over by the speaker Vipul Goyal who, then, introduced the Indian Association of Muscular Dystrophy (Est 1992), Solan, Himachal Pradesh, through a PowerPoint presentation. He explained the workings of the association, their goals, achievements and various initiatives taken for the hundreds suffering from the rare disease of muscular dystrophy. Then, the speaker, Sanjana Goyal proceeded to enlighten us about the world of muscular dystrophy patients - from education and family to work life

- all the difficulties and challenges faced by them. This was followed by a question-and-answer session in which the students' queries were addressed by the guest speakers and professors. The program culminated with a melody sung by speaker Vipul Goyal, followed by the vote of thanks proposed by Nandana P R, Vice-President of Zest.

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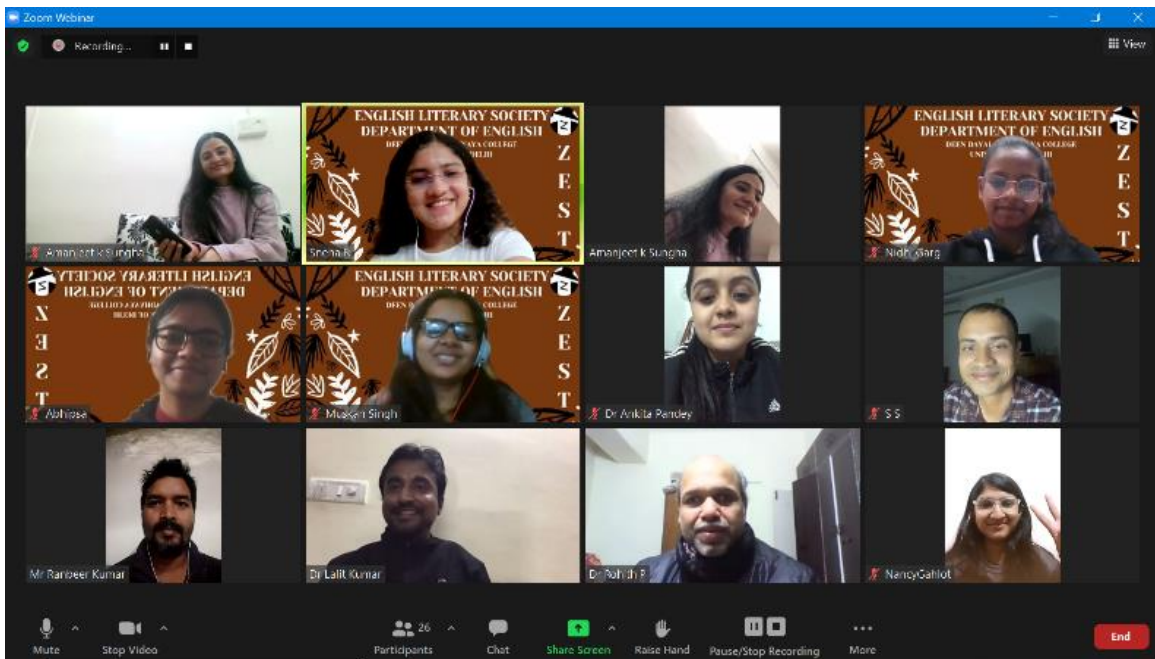
Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	: Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge	: Dr Rohith P
Type of Activity	: Webinar
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr. Lalit Kumar, Mr. Ranbeer Kumar and Dr. Ankita Pandey.
Date of the Event	: 22 nd January, 2022
Total Number of Attendees	: 45 Participants
Session Link (if any)	: https://youtu.be/nxb7kNoryEM
Title of the Event	: “ <i>Leaves of Fall</i> : A Conversation with Amanjeet Kaur”

Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, held a session titled “*Leaves of fall*: A Conversation with Amanjeet Kaur” on 22nd January 2022 at 5 pm on Zoom. There were about 45 participants including Dr Rohith P, the Teacher-in-charge, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr. Lalit Kumar, Mr. Ranbeer Kumar and Dr. Ankita Pandey. Sushant Singh, IPS, the Zest Alumnus was also present during the session.

The event commenced with the welcome speech presented by Sneha R, President of Zest. Amanjeet Kaur, IPS, then introduced *Leaves of Fall*, her book of poetry published by RUPA. She then read out a few poems from the text, explained the lines and the intention of the theme behind those introspective words. She then shared her experience of writing poetry as an IPS officer and how her occupation as a police officer dictated her writing. She foregrounded one of the intentions behind her book and the philosophy that dictates all that she does as an IPS officer, that, as a police officer, one must be gentle and harsh depending on the circumstances; just like her poems convey strong emotions and societal messages through the soft and gentle autumn leaves. This was followed by a question and answer session in which students asked questions regarding her background as an IPS officer and poet.

The concluding remarks were delivered by Dr. Lalit Kumar after which a vote of thanks was proposed by Nidhi Garg, Joint Secretary of Zest.

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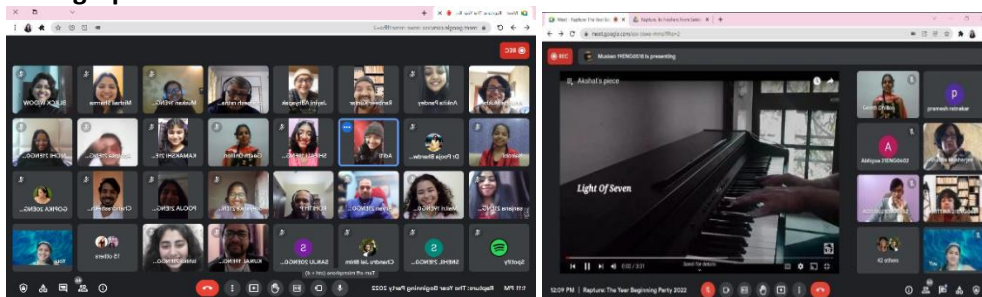
Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	: Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge	: Dr Rohith P
Type of Activity	: Rapture: The year beginning party
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Adhyapak, Dr Lalit Kumar, Mr Ranbeer Kumar, Miss Mishail Sharma, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, Dr Ankita Pandey and Mr Chandrashekhar Yadav.
Date of the Event	: 28 th January, 2022
Total Number of Attendees	: 70 Participants
Session Link (if any)	: ---
Title of the Event	: Rapture: The Year Beginning Party 2022

On 28th of January 2022, Zest conducted Rapture, its Year Beginning Party, at 11 am on Google Meet. With “Cinema” as its dress-up theme, the event witnessed an approximate strength of 70 participants including Dr Rohith P (TIC), Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Adhyapak, Dr Lalit Kumar, Mr Ranbeer Kumar, Miss Mishail Sharma, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, Dr Ankita Pandey and Mr Chandrashekhar Yadav.

Hosted by the second and third years, the party commenced with the Welcome Address delivered by Sneha R, the President of Zest followed by musical, dance and poetry performances by Akshat Mahajan, Nyasha Mishra and Disha Nashine respectively. The first years were called up to introduce themselves as well as their characters to the audience. Games like “Guess the Translated Dialogues” were also played. The Seniors gave several tips to the first year students about studies and college lives.

The faculty members then gave their views on the event and this was followed by the Vote Of Thanks presented by the Vice-president and the Treasurer of Zest, Nandana P. R. and Sheena respectively.

Photographs of the event:



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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society : Zest, the English Literary Society
of the Department of English

Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge: Dr Rohith P

Type of Activity : Lecture

Faculty Members of the Organizing Team : Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr. Jayini
Adhyapak, Dr. Lalit Kumar,
Ankita Pandey
Dr. Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma and Dr.

Date of the Event : 4th October, 2021

Total Number of Attendees : 80 Participants

Session Link (if any)
: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlTnbAvz8pE&t=17s>

Title of the Event : From NSD to “Unpaused”: What Next in
the Post-Pandemic
World? With Geetanjali Kulkarni

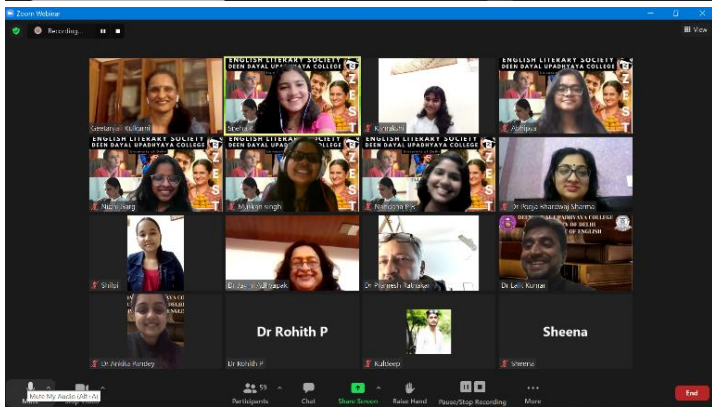
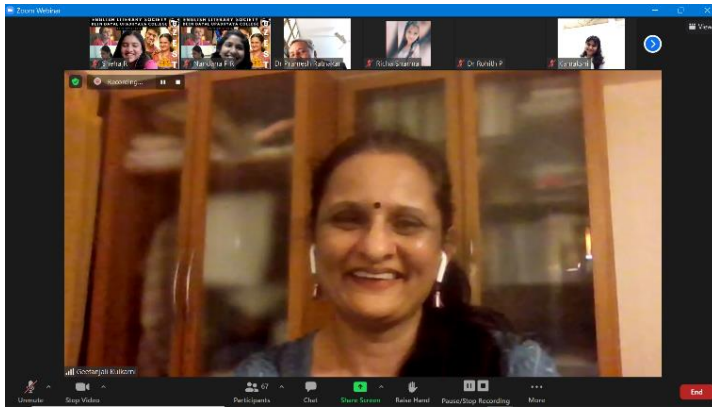
On 4th October, 2021, Zest, the Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, started a lecture series titled ‘Post-Pandemic World: From Pandemonium to Paradise?’ wherein guest speakers were called to enlighten the students on their area of expertise and what they think would be the post-pandemic selves of themselves and their professions. As conclusion to this series, Zest successfully organized the last lecture on 5th February, 2022, titled ‘From NSD to “Unpaused”: What Next in the Post-Pandemic World?’ at 6 pm on Zoom.

The lecture noted an attendance of 80 participants, which included our Teacher-In-Charge Dr. Rohith P, Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr. Jayini Adhyapak, Dr. Lalit Kumar, Mr. Ranbeer Kumar, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma and Dr Ankita Pandey. Actress Geetanjali Kulkarni, one of the founders of Drama School, Mumbai, was our esteemed guest and chief speaker.

The event commenced with a welcome address by the Zest President Sneha R. Organized in an interview format, the lecture started off with questions from the panellists that speaker Geetanjali Kulkarni proceeded to answer in detail. Her lecture gave an insight into the world of drama, theatre and acting – what goes on behind the screens, struggles and improvements. Then, a surprised planned by the students for the actress was unveiled, which was a haiku written by Pawan Kumar Soni and template designed by Neesha Kumari. This was followed by a short question-and-answer session, where the speaker proceeded to address all queries from the audience.

The program culminated with a short theatrical performance by our honoured speaker, followed by a vote of thanks proposed by Abhipsa Biswas, Joint Secretary of Zest.

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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society : Zest, the English Literary Society
of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge: Dr Rohith P
Type of Activity : Workshop
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team : Dr. Jayini Adhyapak and Dr. Anubha
Mukherji Sen

Date of the Event : 7th March, 2022

Total Number of Attendees : 32 participants

Session Link (if any)

: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDG9eq45eBw>

Title of the Event : ZEC Workshop on Disability Rights

The Enabling Cell of Zest, The English Literary Society, the Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, held a workshop on Disability Rights with honourable speaker Professor Krishan Mahajan, Advocate: Supreme Court of India, on 7th March 2022 from 2:30 pm onwards in the college, room no. 509.

We were joined by almost 50 students and Dr Rohith P, the Teacher-in-charge, respected professors, Dr. Anubha Mukherji Sen and Dr. Jayini Adhyapak. The event commenced with Dr Rohith P, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen and Dr Jayini Adhyapak presenting the honourable speaker with a bouquet, followed by a welcome speech by Sneha R, President of ZEST. Then followed Professor Krishan Mahajan's introduction to the Indian Constitution and its history. He then proceeded to explain the roots of the Disability Rights in the Indian Constitution, how they're put into force and how society can improve to better implement the Rights for the Disabled. He then shared his experience as an advocate and how schools and universities need to revisit its implementation of the Rights for the Disabled. This was followed by a short question and answer session in which students' queries were answered by the speaker.

The session came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by Nidhi Garg, Joint Secretary of ZEST.

Photographs from the Event:



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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society : Zest, the English Literary Society
of the Department of English

Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge: Dr Rohith P

Type of Activity : Open Mic

Faculty Members of the Organizing Team : Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr. Anubha
Mukherji Sen, Dr. Jayini
Adhyapak, Dr. Lalit Kumar and Mr.
Ranbeer Kumar

Date of the Event : 8th March, 2022

Total Number of Attendees : 50 participants

Session Link (if any)

: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tye5sIV75s8> (part 1)
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcVntWGzfpI
&t=1644s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcVntWGzfpI&t=1644s) (part 2)

Title of the Event : Zest Open Mic on the International
Women's Day

To celebrate the International Women's Day, Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, conducted an open mic event with the theme "For all the women in our life" in room no 513 from 12 pm onwards. It was attended by almost 50 participants including Dr. Rohith P, the Teacher-In-Charge, and our respected professors Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr. Anubha Mukherjee Sen, Dr. Jayini Adhyapak, Dr. Lalit Kumar, and Mr. Ranbeer Kumar.

The event commenced with a welcome speech by Sneha R, the President of Zest, and the host for the day was Richa Sharma, the General Secretary of Zest. Eight people presented themselves for the Open Mic, namely, Mansi, Krittika, Aryan, Ishika, and Abhipsa from the first year and Sree Aadithyan and Nandana P.R. from the second year. Following that, all the professors addressed the gathering. Dr Shashi Saxena from the Department of Chemistry, who attended the event was then presented a Zest Badge by the teachers and students of Zest.

The event culminated with a vote of thanks delivered by Nandana P R, Vice President of Zest.

Photographs from the session:



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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society : Zest, the English Literary Society
of the Department of English

Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge: Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar (Moderator)

Type of Activity : International Workshop

Faculty Members of the Organizing Team : Dr. Anubha Mukherji Sen and Dr. Rohit P

Date of the Event : 10th March, 2022

Total Number of Attendees : 60 participants

Session Link (if any)

: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yck5GNtG410&t=655s>

Title of the Event : Post Pandemic Worl: Re-Evaluating
Evaluation

Zest, the Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, organized an international workshop “Post Pandemic World: Re-Evaluating Evaluation”, which was an interactive answer-writing session in hybrid mode, moderated by Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar on the 10th of March, 2022 at 10 am.

All the panellists, Prof. Johnathan Arac (Professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh), Sunil Tandon (Former IAS officer, former President and CEO of GMR Infrastructure), Jagriti Gupta (Alumni, Department of English, DDUC, teaching at the Netaji Subhash University of Technology), Mehul Rawat(Alumni Department of English, DDUC, Assistant Professor, The Department of English, DDUC), Chandra Shekhar Mayanil (Paediatric Neurosurgery at Children’s Memorial Hospital) and Dr. Anubha Mukherjee (Professor of English at DDUC) had joined the session through zoom and around 60 people had joined the session in offline space including students from B.A. program.

The session commenced with a welcome speech by Sneha R, the President of Zest. Following that, Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar addressed all the panellist members and offline attendees and then invited students on the stage to describe the way they had marked the answer sheets provided. Abhipsa Biswas from the first year was the first one to describe her critical reviews followed by Nandana PR from 2nd year. The program was being streamed live on YouTube. Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar read a few critical points himself, following which, all the panelists commented and expressed their views on the same.

The concluding comments were put forth by Dr. Anubha Mukherji Sen, after which the vote of thanks was presented by Nandana PR, the Vice President of Zest.

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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	: Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge	: Dr Lalit Kumar
Type of Activity	: Career Counselling Program
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr Rohit P and Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma
Date of the Event	: 18 th April, 2022
Total Number of Attendees	: 35 Participants
Session Link (if any)	: ---
Title of the Event	: Career Counselling Session with Shashwat Panda

ZEST, the English Literary Society of the Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, organised a Career Counselling Session on 18th April, 2022 in room number 509 from 10 AM onwards. The guest speaker for the session was Shashwat Panda (Assistant Professor, Department of English, MSCB University, Odisha).

The session commenced with a welcome speech by Sneha R, President of Zest. Following this, Dr Lalit Kumar, Teacher-In-Charge, addressed the audience and invited the guest speaker Shashwat Panda to begin the session. The speaker covered the counselling and career opportunities regarding M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. and other entrance tests like UGC NET. He also shared his own experience in the field which provided a deeper insight to the students regarding post-graduate studies. This was followed by a Question-and-Answer session where the speaker cleared any doubts forwarded by the students.

The event culminated with a vote of thanks by Nandana P R, Vice-President of Zest.

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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	:	Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge	:	Dr Lalit Kumar
Type of Activity	:	Annual Departmental Festival
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	:	Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Kumar, Ms Mishail Ankita Pandey Yadav
		Adhyapak, Dr Rohith P, Mr Ranbeer Sharma, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, Dr and Mr Chandrashekhar
Date of the Event	:	24 th April, 2022 to 26 th April, 2022
Total Number of Attendees	:	140 participants
Session Link (if any)	:	---
Title of the Event	:	Who's Afraid of The Ides of March? – Annual Literary Fest

2022

ZEST, the English Literary Society of the Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, organised its Annual Departmental Fest "Who's Afraid of the Ides of March" from 24th of April, 2022, to 26th of April, 2022.

The three-day fest included inter-college competitions on the first two days, followed by a theatre production and a showcasing ceremony on the third day. On 24th April, the competitions that were organised include 'Dionysia' – The Mono-Acting Competition, 'Eloquence' – The Creative Writing Competition, and 'To Bee or Not To Bee' – The Spelling Bee Competition. The competitions that were held on the 25th of April include 'Footloose' – The Western Solo Dancing Competition, 'Snapshots' – The Photography Competition, 'Seize the Day' – The ZEC Open-Mic Competition, 'Intervals', The Solo Singing Competition, and 'The Beat Generation' – The Slam Poetry Competition.

The festival came to an end on the 26th of April, with the organization of the Zest Showcasing Ceremony, which opened with the ZEST Theatre Production on Eugene Ionesco's play 'The Bald Soprano'. This was followed by cultural performances by Zestians, the much-anticipated releasing of 'Spectator', the Annual Literary Bulletin of ZEST for the academic year 2021-2022, the Annual Report Presentation by the Zest Council and lastly, the Prize Distribution Ceremony for the various competitions held throughout the first two days.

Photographs of the Event:





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Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge	: Dr Lalit Kumar
Type of Activity	: Movie Screening
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Adhyapak, Mr Ranbeer Kumar, Ms Mishail Sharma, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, and Mr Chandrashekhar Yadav
Date of the Event	: 21 September 2022
Total Number of Attendees	: 45 participants
Session Link (if any)	: ---
Title of the Event	: Movie Screening of Old Man Goriot

On 21 September 2022, the Zest Film Club, Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College organised a movie screening for the third and fifth semester students. The chosen movie was *Le Père Goriot* (2004) directed by Jean-Daniel Verhaeghe, adapted from the novel by the same name (also known as *Old Man Goriot*) written by Honoré de Balzac. Since the novel is a part of Semester 5 curriculum, the students were too excited to watch this gripping story of human relationships. In total, around seventy students joined this screening which went on for two hours. It was a wonderful and fun experience for everyone.

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Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge	: Dr Lalit Kumar
Type of Activity	: Lecture
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Adhyapak, Mr Ranbeer Kumar, Ms Mishail Sharma, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, and Mr Chandrashekhar Yadav
Date of the Event	: 28 September 2022
Total Number of Attendees	: 45 participants
Session Link (if any)	: ---
Title of the Event	: Career Counselling session on 'Academic Opportunities at IIT Madras'.

On 23 September 2022, Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi organised a vibrant and interactive career counselling session on 'Academic Opportunities at IIT Madras'. Prof. Jyotirmaya Tripathy, the H.O.D. of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras was invited to guide the students about their future prospectives. The workshop was attended by around 50 people including some staff members of the department; namely, Dr. Jayini Adhyapak, Dr Lalit Kumar (TIC), and Mr Ranbeer Kumar.

The session began with the welcome address by Abhipsa Biswas, a second year student of the department. Prof. Tripathy then took to addressing the second and third-year students about the Masters programs at IITM, specifically for humanities courses such as English, Economics, and Development Studies.

The workshop gave the students a detailed insight into the history of IIT, its foundations and methods, the course structures of their Masters programs and how to get admission into them. There was then a question and answer session after which Anubhuti Baliyan, a second year student of the department, gave a vote of thanks to the guest speaker for his enlightening words and to all the attending teachers and students.

Photographs of the Event:



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ACTIVITY REPORT

Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	: Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge	: Dr Lalit Kumar
Type of Activity	: Lecture
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Adhyapak, Mr Ranbeer Kumar, Ms Mishail Sharma, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, and Mr Chandrashekhar Yadav
Date of the Event	: 17 October 2022
Total Number of Attendees	: 35 participants
Session Link (if any)	: ---
Title of the Event	: Negotiating Modernity: Fakir Mohan Senapati's Chaa Mana Atha Guntha with Animesh Mohapatra

On 17 October 2022, Zest, the English Literary society, Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College organised a guest lecture for the third and fifth-semester students on the novel, *Six Acres and a Third*. Dr. Animesh Mohapatra was invited as the speaker. He teaches English literature at Delhi College of Arts & Commerce, University of Delhi, India. His research interests include literary history, modernity studies, translation and print culture. His experience in this field allowed the students to broaden their horizon and understand the text in greater detail. The lecture was attended by students of fifth and third semesters of the department. It was an interesting and enlightening discussion on a foundational text of Indian literary history.

Photographs of the Event:



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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	: Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge:	Dr Lalit Kumar
Type of Activity	: Workshop
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Adhyapak, Mr Ranbeer Kumar, Ms Mishail Sharma, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, and Mr Chandrashekhar Yadav
Date of the Event	: 11 November 2022
Total Number of Attendees	: 50 participants
Session Link (if any)	: ---
Title of the Event	: Gender Sensitization Workshop with Breakthrough Organization

Zest, the department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, organized a gender sensitization survey and workshop on 11th November, 2022 from 9am onwards in room no.513 and 509 in collaboration with Breakthrough India organization. Around 50 students from all three years took part in the survey and were also rewarded with a sum of Rs. 100 each by the organization. The title of the workshop was: "Stand Up Against Street Harassment" Around 45 students joined the workshop and they were taught various techniques of self-defence and methods of how to protect others from predators via a presentation. The workshop was conducted by members of Breakthrough India organization and it was overall a very interactive and informative session.

Photographs of the event:



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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	:	Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge:	:	Dr Lalit Kumar
Type of Activity	:	Zest Orientation
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	:	Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Adhyapak, Mr Ranbeer Kumar, Ms Mishail Sharma, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, and Mr Chandrashekhar Yadav
Date of the Event	:	23 November 2022
Total Number of Attendees	:	35 participants
Session Link (if any)	:	---
Title of the Event	:	Zest Orientation

Zest, the department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, conducted an orientation for the first-year students on 23rd November, 2022. It was conducted by the second- and third-year students as a welcome for the new batch. Around 25 new students attended the orientation along with their parents. We started off the event with a welcome speech from our president, followed by a speech from TIC, Dr. Lalit Kumar and an address from Dr. Anubha Mukherjee Sen. The first years were introduced to their curriculum via a presentation prepared by the second years. This was followed by a quick ice breaking game that allowed the first years to get to know their classmates.

Photographs of the event:



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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	: Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge:	Dr Lalit Kumar
Type of Activity	: Movie Screening
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Adhyapak, Mr Ranbeer Kumar, Ms Mishail Sharma, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, and Mr Chandrashekhar Yadav
Date of the Event	: 17 January 2023
Total Number of Attendees	: 35 participants
Session Link (if any)	: ---
Title of the Event	: Movie Screening: Pride & Prejudice

Zest, the department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, organised a movie screening on 17th January, 2023 from 9am onwards in room no. 513. Around 30 students came in the morning to attend the screening. It was conducted with the permission of our department's TIC(Teacher In Charge), that is ,Professor Lalit Kumar. The screening started when enough number of students arrived in the room. This movie is based on the novel 'Pride and Prejudice' written by Jane Austen. This screening made the novel reading more easy and interesting. The students who were finding it difficult to understand the text, they are benefitted immensely.

Professor Jagriti Gupta insisted the students to take initiative and do the screening. So that everyone has an audio-visual impression of the text in their mind and they could enjoy the process of falling in love with literature. During the screening students discussed the theme, plot and characters with each other. This made the screening interactive and outcome based. The students brought their snacks to enjoy while watching the movie, while some of the students took notes during the screening. This screening was conducted successfully by the help of all the zest members and students. Students clapped at the end and appreciated the movie as well as analysed and compared it to the novel. Due to this the motive of the screening was worth working for.

Photographs of the Event:



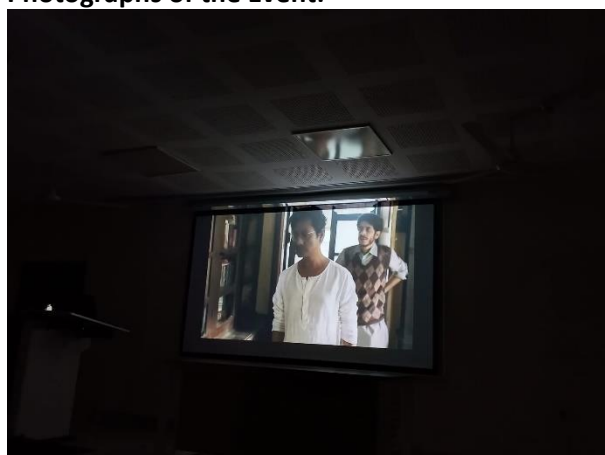
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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	: Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge	: Dr Lalit Kumar
Type of Activity	: Movie Screening
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Adhyapak, Mr Ranbeer Kumar, Ms Mishail Sharma, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, and Mr Chandrashekhar Yadav
Date of the Event	: 25 January 2023
Total Number of Attendees	: 30 participants
Session Link (if any)	: ---
Title of the Event	: Movie Screening: Manto

Zest, the department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi, organized a movie screening on 25th January, 2023 from 9am onwards in room no.513. Around 30 students came in the morning to attend the screening. It was conducted by taking the permission of the TIC (Teacher-in-Charge), that is, Professor Lalit Kumar. The screening started when enough number of students arrived in the room. The movie was set in the times of post-independence era. The hardship, trauma, separation, love, and the partition. This movie gave us an audio-visual perspective

of that time, like the political, social, economic, and historical background of it. The students discussed the theme, the plot, the characteristics and analysed as well as questioned some instances and matter. The motive of the screening was to give students an overview of post-independent literature and understand the literature. The students enjoyed the whole movie and made the screening interactive as well as productive. The successful presentation happened with the help of zest members and students. Students clapped at the end, appreciating the piece of art and literature. Due to this, the motive of the screening was worth working for.

Photographs of the Event:



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Name of the Subject Society/Student Society	: Zest, the English Literary Society of the Department of English
Name of the Convener/Coordinator/Teacher-in-Charge	: Dr Lalit Kumar
Type of Activity	: Freshers Party
Faculty Members of the Organizing Team	: Dr Pramesh Ratnakar, Dr Anubha Mukherji Sen, Dr Jayini Adhyapak, Mr Ranbeer Kumar, Ms Mishail Sharma, Dr Pooja Bhardwaj Sharma, and Mr Chandrashekhar Yadav
Date of the Event	: 28 January 2023
Total Number of Attendees	: 50 participants
Session Link (if any)	: ---
Title of the Event	: Rapture: The Year Beginning Party

Zest, the English Literary Society, Department of English of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, University of Delhi organized the year beginning party for the new batch, that is the fresher of the department. It was held on 28th January, 2023, Saturday from 10am onwards. The zest council members and seniors worked hard to make the day memorable and special for the fresher. The theme of the party was-*'An afternoon to remember, A black and white Masquerade Ball.'* Students were told to pair up with friends or partners for the waltz or set the ball rolling alone. Teachers also

joined the party, gave their speeches to cheer the students up and made the environment inclusive. The TIC (Teacher-In-Charge), that is, Lalit Kumar gave a warm welcome to all the students of English department. The President of zest- Disha also gave a heartfelt welcome to all the students of first years. There were various events arranged for the new comers in the department. The line of events started with an auction. In the auction, the anchors gave us fictional fifty thousand rupees and first year participants were given names of fictional characters, movie characters and character from different novels and the person who could collect the most number of characters will win a prize. Then first year students were called for the ramp walk and introduction. Teachers also came to judge the further events like the Mr. and Ms. Fresher, Mr. and Ms. well-dressed, along with Mr. and Ms. Talented. Then the title winners were announced and presented with hampers. After the completion of these events, music was played at the venue and everyone ball-danced with each other. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the party and after spending so much time in fun activities, students were provided with lunch coupons to have their meal. The smile and the sense of inclusiveness in everyone fulfilled the motive of organising the year beginning party.

Photographs of the Event:

