

English Literary Society (ELitSoc) Annual Report (2023–2025)
P.G.D.A.V. College (Evening), University of Delhi

The English Literary Society (ELitSoc) is a vibrant student-led initiative that fosters a love for literature, language, and the arts. With students from diverse academic backgrounds, the society serves as a creative platform to engage in literary exploration, cultural discussions, and skill development. ELitSoc organizes debates, quizzes, workshops, discussions, competitions, and collaborative events that enrich the intellectual fabric of the college community.

Highlights of Activities (2023–2025)

Academic Year 2023–2024

- **7 Nov 2023 – Debate: “No Corruption is the Best Way to Serve the Nation”**
 - Collaboration: NSS (sponsored by Indian Oil Corporation)
 - Engaged students in critical discussion on governance
 - Vote of thanks: Dr. Puneet Chandra
- **23 Nov 2023 – Talk: “Implementation of Hindi as an Official Language”**
 - Speaker: Dr. Raghbir Sharma
 - Collaboration: Rajbhasha Prakoshth, IQAC, Fractals (Mathematics Society)
 - Insightful analysis of language policy and administration
- **16 Jan 2024 – Fiction Fusion: Short Story Writing Competition**
 - Conducted via Google Meet
 - Participants created original stories based on a surprise theme
 - Promoted creative writing and storytelling skills
- **23 Feb 2024 – Talk: “The Bard and The Indian Stage”**
 - Speaker: Dr. Vikram Singh Thakur (Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi)
 - Collaboration: Nepathy and Arundhati Centre for Bhartiya Knowledge System
 - Focus: Indian dramatizations of Shakespeare’s *King Lear* and *Macbeth*
 - Vote of thanks: Ms. Ruchita Machal
- **4 Mar 2024 – Talk: “Relevance of Geeta-based Needonomics for Viksit Bharat”**
 - Speaker: Prof. M. M. Goel (Former VC, Kurukshetra University)
 - Collaboration: Culture and Ethics Cell, IQAC, Kautilya Parishad, Viksit Bharat Committee, Phoenix
 - Emphasis on Indian economic philosophy and national development

Academic Year 2024–2025

- **5 Oct 2024 – Book Club Session: *A Thousand Splendid Suns***
 - Interactive discussion on themes and characters
 - Encouraged reflective thinking and reader engagement

- **29 Oct 2024 – Flying Lantern: Online Poetry Competition**
 - Theme: Light, hope, and celebration (Deepawali special)
 - Coordinators: Ms. Ruchita Machal & Akanksha
 - Wide participation and creative expression
- **19 January 2025 – Talk Show: Anglo-Saxon Age**
 - Speaker: Kashish Negi
 - Moderator: Ragini
 - Included Q&A session and group discussion
 - Vote of thanks: Ms. Priyanka Chatterjee
- **7 Feb 2025 – Book Fair Trip (Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan)**
 - Time: 12–1 PM
 - Students explored books across genres and publishers
 - Promoted literary curiosity and reading culture
- **19 February 2025 – Brain Battle: Grammar Quiz Competition**
 - Classroom-based multi-round quiz
 - Focused on grammar, language proficiency, and competitive learning
- **23 March 2025 – Talk: “Gender, Storytelling, and Literary Expression”**
 - Speaker: Ms. Shruti (Author & Research Scholar)
 - Collaboration: Rotaract Club (under *Chai Pe Charcha* initiative)
 - Discussed gender roles in literature and feminist narratives