

## **Annual Report 2018-19**

English Literary Society Convenor: Ms. Rashmi Govind

English Literary Society of Zakir Husain Delhi College organised a number of literary and academic activities in the academic session 2018-19. The highlight of the academic session was one-day international students' seminar on the topic "Myth and Archetypes, and Their Workings in Drama" organised by English Literary Society, Zakir Husain Delhi College, in collaboration with English Literary Society, Zakir Husain Delhi College (Evening) organised on 27 February 2019. Michelle Hensley, Visiting Fulbright Specialist and founder of the theatre company 'Ten Thousand Things', and Kira Obolensky, Award Winning Playwright and lecturer at University of Minnesota's MFA programme delivered the key-note speech. Noted theatre scholars Dr. Vinod Verma, Associate Professor, Maharaja Agrasen College, Dr. Arjun Ghosh, Associate Professor, IIT Delhi, and Dr. Payal Nagpal, Assistant Professor, Janki Devi Memorial College chaired and also judged different panels of the seminar. There were three panels in the seminar: Thematic Explorations, Working with Gender, and Interface with Technology and the Contemporary World. Students from University of Delhi, Ashoka University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and other universities presented papers in the seminar. A total of 11 papers were presented in the seminar. S. Sneha Roy Choudhury from Jawaharlal Nehru University bagged the first prize in the M Phil and PhD category for her paper "Death of a Performative Myth: A Study of Sri Krishna Parijatha of North Karnataka". Iqra Raza won the best paper award in BA and MA category for her paper titled "A disaster dramatized: Appropriation of the apocalyptic myth in Post 9/11 TV drama and the potentiality of the stereotypes to become archetypes". Rhapsody'19, the annual literary festival of English Department was held on 26 February 2019. The annual festival featured a panel discussion on "Activist Theatre: Challenges Today". Renowned theatre experts Mr. Sanjay Kumar, actor and director Pandies Theatre, Mr. Arvind Gaur, founder of the theatre group Asmita Mr. Sudhanva Deshpande, actor and director at JANAM, and Ms. Sanyukta Saha, founder of the theatre group Aaghaz were invited to speak on this topic. Other literary events such as script-writing competition, micro tales, poetry presentation, declamation, and popular culture quiz were the attractions of the fest.