



1. Title of the Events: (a) Open Mic Poetry Competition
(b) Ehsas-e-Qasida (weekly poetry presentation)
& (c) Collaboration with Your Campus Guide as Official Community Partner
& organized a Pan India Virtual Talent Quest
2. Name(s) of the Resource Person: NA
3. Number of participants: 54
4. Sponsor/Collaborator- Fine Arts Committee & IQAC, SLC
5. Report/Brief Description:

QASIDA: The Poetry Society of Shyam Lal College (M) **ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21**

Qasida is the Poetry Society of Shyam Lal College (Morning). The society was established in 2015 with an aim to bring out the hidden poet inside the students and let poetry become an escape for all. Expression of emotions has no language as a restriction, thus Qasida never limited itself to any one language, hence accepted and embraced poets and poetry in all forms and languages. Over the years, bunches of enthusiastic students have joined the poetic voyage led by this society and the exhilarating journey has been going on in the hard present times.

With this aim in view, Qasida organises various events from time to time like Open Mic and other competitions on various poetic themes, speaking sessions and the flagship event named “Mehfil-e-Qasida”. Poetry workshops and discussion sessions are also conducted time and again to brush the poetic skills of the students. Even during the pandemic, Qasida has not failed its duties and has conducted a number of events through online platforms. The Society is flourishing under the guidance of its convenor Dr. Sujata Tewatia and other faculty members such as Dr. Alka Sharma, Mr. Abbas Tapadar, Dr. Ramesh Burnwal & Mr. Mohd. Sajid Ansari who have been constantly supporting the society since its inception and it has grown by leaps and bounds since then.

AUDITIONS AND ORIENTATIONS 2020-21

Opening the opportunity to passionate students, the Society began the auditions for the session 2020-21 on 17th January. 22 students were shortlisted based on the poetic works submitted by them for the second round of audition. The second round was conducted through an online session on Google Meet on the 22nd of January 2021 from 4 pm to 7.30 pm. The participants were made to recite their poems followed by a questionnaire by the members and based on their performances, 14 students were selected officially as members.

The Society conducted an orientation programme for the new members of the society on 31st January from 11 am to 2 pm on Google Meet. The session was to formally welcome the new

members of the society and also to help the new members understand the functions and the working of the society. The programme was hosted by our Senior Member Kenisha Bathla and the session began with the formal introductions by both the senior and new members followed by informal interactions, poetry recitations and discussions between the members. The event concluded formally with encouraging words from Mr. Abbas Tapadar.

WEEKLY POETRY SESSIONS

Ehsaas-e-Qasida

Ehsaas-e-Qasida was a series of weekly poetry sessions where the members discussed poetry of different poets in different aspects. The first of the weekly sessions, Ehsaas-e-Qasida Episode 1 was conducted on the 6th of April, 2021 at 2 pm and was hosted by our Senior Member and Coordinator of the Society, Harsh Verma with a discussion on a poem of his own. The session was overall interactive and informative. Further episodes were also held in the following weeks hosted by the other members. There were discussions on various poems of various poets including ghazals by Mirza Galib, Maya Angelou's 'Still I rise' and others.

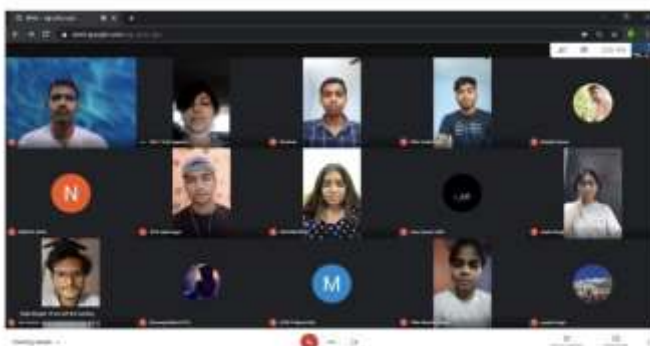
The sessions were all successful and fun. The members got to learn about more types of poetries and about many new poets and the sessions were thus, fruitful sessions. Unfortunately Ehsaas-e-Qasida was halted after a few episodes with the rising alarming situation in the country because of the 2nd wave of the pandemic. The members are hoping to continue the weekly session with more episodes and more productive discussions once the pandemic subsides.

YAMUNA FESTIVAL SLC 2021: Open Mic Poetry Competition

As part of the Yamuna Festival, Qasida organized a Virtual Open Mic Poetry Competition on the 6th Of March, 2021. The theme of the competition was Environment/ River/ Water Conservation. We received a total registration of around 60+ students from all the colleges of University of Delhi and Noida. The organizing committee shortlisted 15 students from the poems that were submitted along with the Google form for the final competition. The competition was hosted by Dishu Agarwal, Core Member of Qasida and was judged by Manish Kumar, Alumni of Qasida and a poet.



All the members of Qasida made sure that the event was conducted smoothly managing every aspect efficiently. The first position was bagged by Arpita Singh of Ramanujan College. The second position was held by Swathi Krishna of Daulat Ram College. Vipassana Gautam of Ramanujan College grabbed the third position. The participants were awarded with the cash prizes and certificates. It was a pleasure for our society to become a part of the 1st edition of Yamuna Festival. We are looking forward to participating and becoming a part of such platforms in future as well.



COMPETITIONS AND COLLABORATIONS



Qasida has collaborated with Your Campus Guide as Official Community Partner in organising a Pan India Virtual Talent Quest conducted during the 20th of May till the 10th of June with more than a thousand participants from all over India. The quest was conducted in total seven categories. The Society did its part in circulation of the message regarding the quest plus a strong participation was seen from the society with active participation of the members in many categories in the quest.

Moreover, many of the society members managed to get through to the second round and in addition to this, even managed to get a clean sweep in the Creative Writing Category with both the two winners from our own society. Our own member, Nibedita Rajkumari (BA Prog. 2nd year) was judged as the best writer in English in the Creative Writing Category and another one Mansi Sah (B.Com Hons. 1st Year) was judged as the best writer in Hindi. They competed with over 1100+ participants and came out as winners. The Society is so proud to add their achievements in the glories of Qasida. They have made our college as well as our society so proud with their achievements. The society aims to bring more such glories to the college in the future too.

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

As part of the activities of the Society, we post poems in sequence on our Instagram page with poems written and submitted by our own members. With this the Society is providing a platform for the members to showcase their talents to a large audience through our Instagram handles. This activity also allows the members to take time to practice and enhance their poetry skills and also learn from each others' write ups. This has been a very healthy practice and deemed productive for our members in brushing up their writing skills.

TEAM 2020-21

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