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Interactive Session - September, 2024

Department of English and Centre for Research had organised an **Interactive Session in collaboration with Nostalgia- The Alumni Association** of P.G.G.C.G-11, Chandigarh in the Seminar Room, P.G.G.C.G- 11, Chandigarh on **23rd September, 2024**. Ms. Neha Bansal, IAS and author of *Six of Cups*, and Ms. Manvika Yadav, CJM, Government of Haryana, both alumnae of P.G.G.C.G-11, Chandigarh, were invited as the speakers for this session. Around 125 students of BA Elective, BA English Honours and MA (English) attended this session. Professor Maninder Sidhu from the Department of English, P.G.G.C.G-11, Chandigarh coordinated this session. She was in conversation with Ms. Neha Bansal on her recent collection of poems *Six of Cups*. This anthology has been published by Hawakal Publishers, New Delhi and has nostalgia as its core theme. Ms. Neha Bansal described her writing process and spoke on how both collective and individual memories inspired her to compose these poems. She read one of her favourite poems “Nani House In Delhi-6” from her book and also revealed her future plans as a writer.



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Prof. Maninder Sidhu introducing the speakers



In conversation with the speakers

The talk was followed by a Question/Answer session in which both the speakers participated. They answered queries of students regarding competitive-exam preparation and UPSC interviews. While answering these questions, the speakers emphasised the importance of reading in student life. Sharing their own stories of struggle, they spoke on the importance of study skills and time management skills. The speakers also gave their invaluable tips to students and encouraged them to work hard.

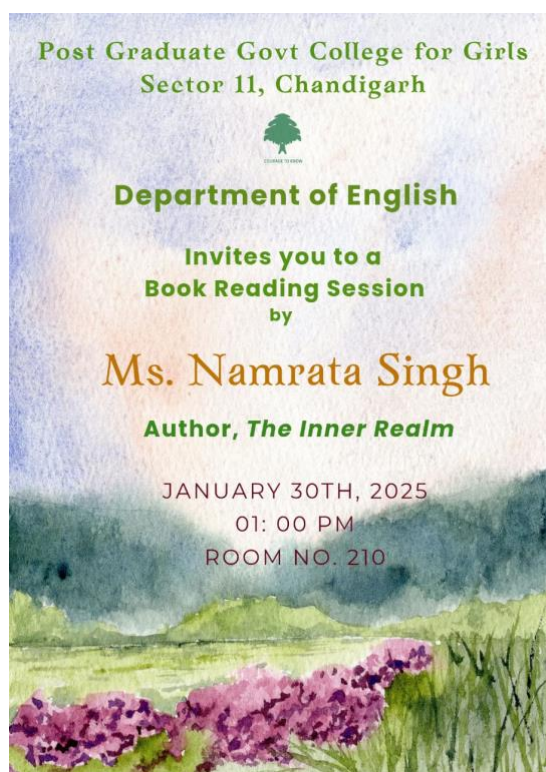


Interaction with Students



Book Reading Session- January, 2025

A **Book Reading Session** was organised by the Department of English, P.G.G.C.G-11, Chandigarh in room no. 210 on January 30th, 2025. Ms. Namrata Singh who is an author and a former journalist from Mumbai was invited for this session. She recited a few poems from her book *The Inner Realm*. The author has dedicated her book to her mother, Jasbir Kaur, who was an alumna of P.G.G.C.G-11. She also talked about her poetic process and how she followed her life's calling to pursue writing and tarot card reading. The poems she read from her anthology were engaging, evoked varied emotions in the listeners and invigorated the young budding poets. It was followed by an interactive session in which the faculty and students shared their thoughts on her poems, and asked questions about her journey as a poet. Approximately 75 students of BA Elective, BA Honours and MA English attended the session. Ms. Jaspreet Wasu presented a note of thanks to the author.



E-invite of the Session

Poetry Reading Session in Progress



Workshop on Television Journalism for Functional English Students - April, 2025

A one-day workshop on 'Television Journalism' was organised by the Department of English, P.G.G.C.G-11, Chandigarh in the Functional English lab on the 9th of April, 2025. Dr. Jeesu Jaskanwar Singh who is an Assistant Professor and Coordinator/HoD in the Department of Education, CDOE, Panjab University, Chandigarh, was invited as a Guest Speaker for conducting this workshop. Dr. Singh is also a former photojournalist and news reporter having extensive experience in the field of electronic as well as print media. There were two sessions in this workshop covering a wide range of topics. Dr. Singh began the morning session with an introduction to the stages of television production and acquainted students with different types of equipment used in television studio. He also explained the use of tripods, reflectors and light diffusers that are essential for television production. In the afternoon session, he engaged the students in an outdoor shooting activity in the botanical garden of college and introduced the basics of mobile photography.



E-invite of the Workshop

Workshop in progress



The workshop provided our students with experiential learning and practical understanding of television studio equipment. It concluded with a Question/Answer session in which the participants clarified their doubts regarding documentary making and camera handling. Approximately 30 students of BA II Functional English and Functional Hindi along with the faculty attended the workshop.