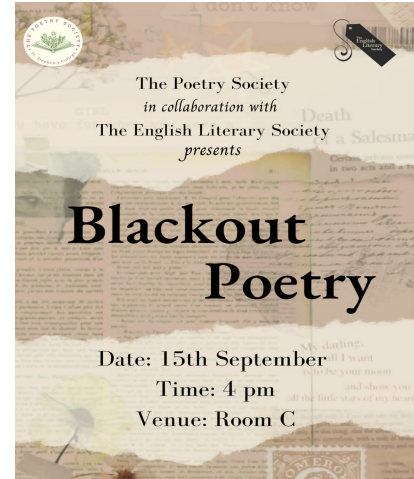


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Blackout Poetry

The Poetry Society organised Blackout Poetry in collaboration with the English Literary Society. It was held on Sept 15, 2022 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in Room C of the college. The event was open to all junior members, who were provided with the required materials at the venue.



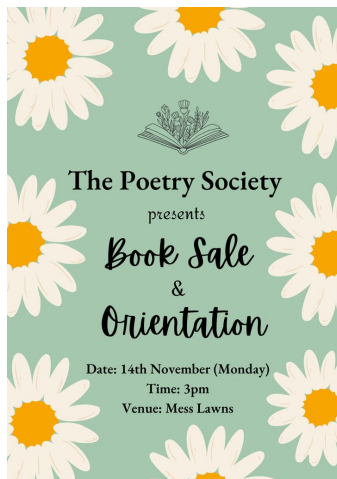
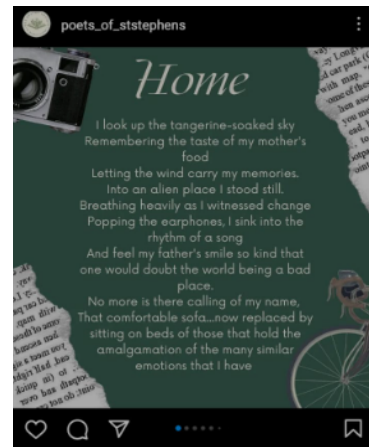
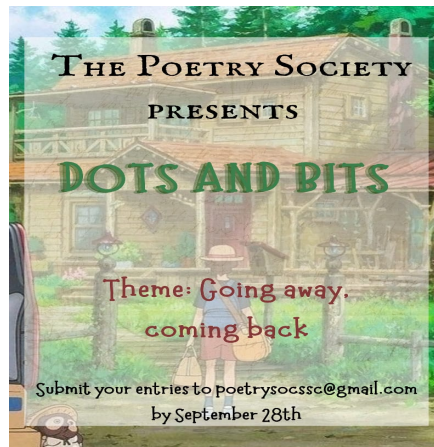
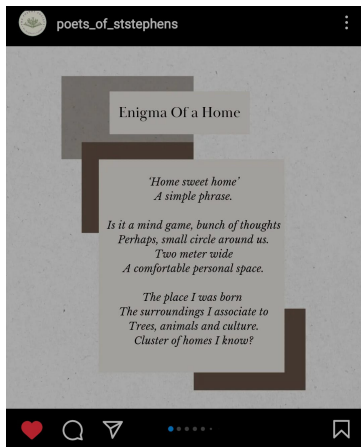
Du Coeur: Slam Poetry Competition

The Poetry Society organised the slam poetry competition in collaboration with the BA Programme Society. It was held on Sept 21, 2022 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM in the Seminar Room of the college. The event was open to all colleges and participants could register in advance to appear for the competition. Entries were accepted in English as well as Hindi and due guidelines were furnished beforehand for proper conduct during the event.

Dots and Bits

The Poetry Society released periodical prompts for poems under Dots and Bits. The prompts were not only released but also expounded in English as well as Hindi. All junior members were encouraged to send in relevant entries which were then published on the society's Instagram page. Prompts included popular themes like "going away, coming back" and

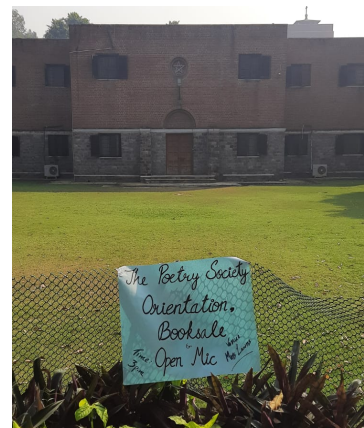
“anybody have a map?” Dots and Bits was carried out for much of the year, pausing only during examinations.

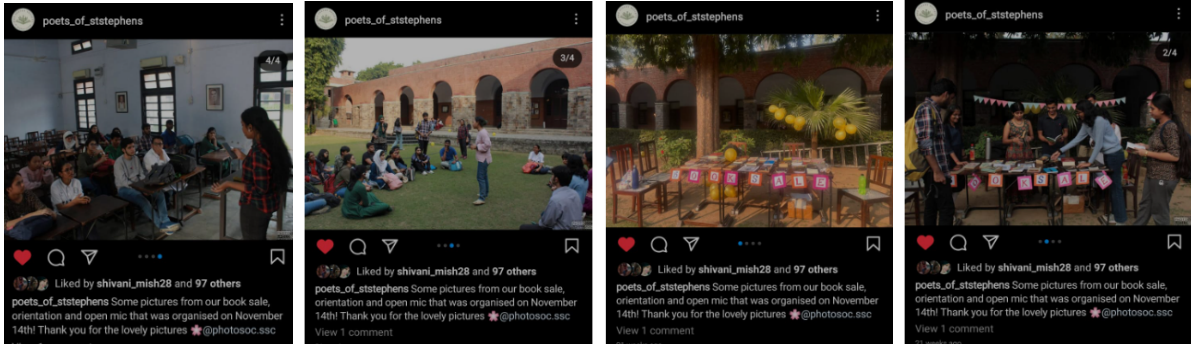


Orientation, Open Mic and Book Sale

The Poetry Society organised an orientation session for the new members of the poetry society, especially the first year junior members (batch of 2026). It was held on Nov 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM in the Mess Lawns of the college. The event was open to all junior members who wanted to interact with the newly formed society council and learn about the functioning of the society.

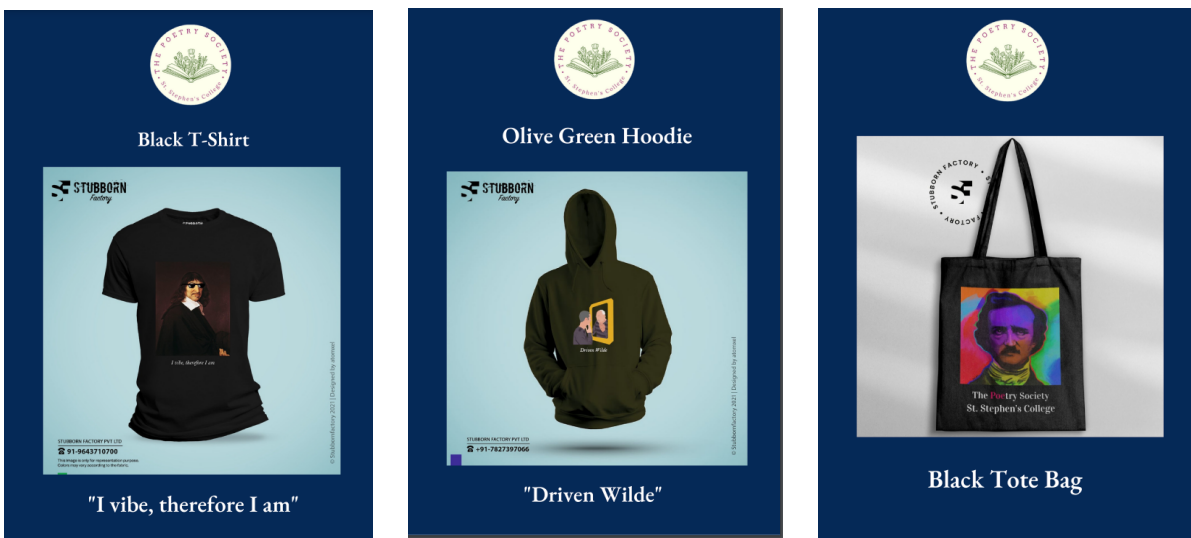
The orientation was followed by an Open Mic where junior members from different departments could participate by registering beforehand. It was organised in Room B of the college at 3:30 PM. The society hosted performances in different languages and literary styles. The last event for the day was the book sale. The society had set up a stall in the Mess Lawns of the college where books were sold under MRP. This was to encourage reading and library building and to make books available, accessible and affordable for junior members.





Merch Sale

The Poetry Society released an interest form for merchandise which included t-shirts, hoodies, tote bags and bookmarks. All merchandise bore original designs prepared by the society council. Junior members could place their orders with the society and collect them on the designated days in the SCR Lawns of the college.



Poetry Under the Sun

The Poetry Society organised a poetry session open to all junior members. It was held on Jan 27, 2023 at 3:30 PM in the SCR Lawns of the college. The event aimed to alleviate the stress faced by the batch of 2026 before their first semester examinations. It was a modest event where



participants could read, recite or just listen to poetry and unwind under the sun.

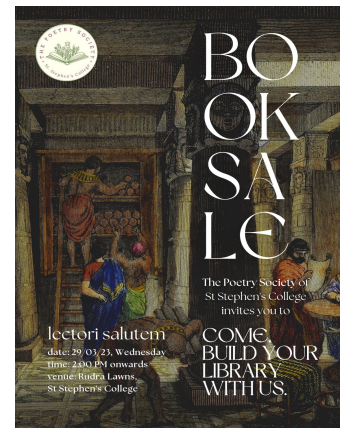
Stellar 2023

The Poetry Society in collaboration with Tape A Tale organised Stellar 2023, a nationwide story-telling competition. Members could participate by registering with the society and appearing for an online preliminary round. Shortlisted members were then offered an opportunity to perform live in Mumbai. The competition took place during Feb 2023.



Book Sale

The Poetry Society organised another book sale. It was held on March 29, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the Rudra Lawns of the college. This was the society's first intercollege booksale meaning that students from different colleges could engage with the book stall after due registration. Books for sale included works across genres, languages and were priced under MRP.



Talk with Arundhati Subramaniam

The Poetry Society organised a talk with Sahitya Akademi Award winning poet Arundhati Subramaniam. The talk was planned like a special

Poetry Under the Sun meeting but owing to unfavourable weather forecast it was moved to Room XD of the college. It was held at 2:00 PM on March 31, 2023. Members were encouraged to interact with the prestigious poet, which proved to be an enriching exercise.

Traverse: Chapbook and Slam Poetry

The Poetry Society organised Traverse, the society's annual fest. It sent out calls for translators and designers for the annual chapbook where members could register online. The theme for the fest was Rebirth, referring to the bustling college life that had resumed on the college campus after lockdown.



In addition, the fest also entailed a Slam Poetry Competition adhering to the same theme. It was held on April 03, 2023 at 3:00 PM in Room G of the college. The inaugural address for the fest was delivered by Akhil Katyal of Ambedkar University, Delhi, who had kindly obliged to grace us as the judge for the competition.

Talk with Sumana Roy



The Poetry Society organised the pre-fest talk in collaboration with The English Literary Society for the latter's annual fest LOGOS'23 delivered by Sumana Roy of Ashoka University. The topic of the talk was "Breaking, Bending, Branching: Shapes of Trees and Hidden Knowledge Systems". It was held on April 5, 2023 at 3:30 PM in Room B of the college. Members from different colleges were invited to register with the society prior to attending the talk.

Talk with Sampurna Chattarji

The Poetry Society organised an interactive session with poet, translator, editor and lecturer, Sampurna Chatterji. The talk was about the importance of poetry in the contemporary era. It was held on April 15, 2023 at 2:00 PM in Room M of the college. Junior members could register with the society prior to attending the talk.

