

The Poetry Society

The academic year 2023-24 was exceptionally rewarding for The Poetry Society. The society hosted diverse array of interactive, engaging, and enlightening events, all geared towards expanding the reach of poetry. Key highlights included the debut of 'Ars Poetica,' a three-day annual mini-festival celebrating poetry in various languages and genres. Additionally, TPS launched its new website, *Ellipsis*, and introduced the 'Poet of the Year' contest. The society saw increased participation from students at both inter and intra-college levels, successfully fulfilling its larger objective of fostering an embrace and appreciation of the nuances of poetry.

The Poetry Society successfully organized the following events in the academic year 2023-24:

1. For the session 23-24, the society had its **Orientation**, which had a huge number of attendees, followed by an **Open Mic session**, which brought forth many fellow poets reciting their beautiful poems. Dated 14th September 2023, this happened to be the first event of the society.
2. On 25th September 2023, the first '**Poetry under the Sun**' session was conducted in the JCR. Poetry under the Sun provides a laid-back platform for the junior members of the college and invites them to recite their poems, ideas, and thoughts on poetry in one big circle.
3. The Poetry Society also had a collaboration with the Social Service League, and organized '**Consuo- The Poetry Writing Competition**' on 10th of October 2023. This event was held as a part of the Social service League's Mental Health Fest - Kintsugi.
4. The Poetry Society put together its intra-college **Book Sale** on the 19th of October 2023 from 3:00 P.M. on the SCR Lawns. The event featured a curated selection of books, available to junior members at prices below the Maximum Retail Price. In addition to the literary offerings, the society also offered a variety of custom-designed stationery, including bookmarks, postcards, and stickers, all crafted by the society members for the occasion.
5. The Second '**Poetry under the Sun**' was organized on the 26th of October 2023 at 3:00 P.M. on the Chapel Lawns. **The Junior Members** gathered in the open lawns to recite their poetry.
6. As part of its mini-fest, '**Ars Poetica**', the Poetry Society organized a '**Talk on Urdu and Persian Aesthetic**' in the Seminar Room. This event was conducted in collaboration with the Hindi Sahitya Sabha. Dr. Shamim Ahmed, the Head of Department for Urdu and Persian was the speaker for the event. He enlightened the students on the uniqueness and complexity of poetry in the Urdu and Persian languages.
7. The Poetry Society, as a part of its mini-fest, organized the inter-college '**Soliloquy Delivery Competition**' on the 1st of November 2023 in collaboration with the Shakespeare Society. The competition was held in the SCR Lawns. It was judged by Dr. Ashley N P.

8. **Blackout Poetry** is the art of blacking **out** words from texts to create new pieces with unique meanings. This event was conducted on 2nd November at 2:00 P.M. in the Seminar Room. There was a general discussion on the piece *Zong!* by M. NourbeSe Philip.

9. The Poetry Society conducted a **Haiku Poetry Workshop** in collaboration with the Japanese Society on **the** 3rd of November **at** 3:00 P.M in Room C. The speakers were Dr. Nabin Panda and Dr. Unita Sachidanand. They provided the students a deep insight into Haiku, a form of Japanese Poetry.

10. '**Du Coeur**' is an inter-college slam poetry competition conducted by The Poetry Society in collaboration with the BA Programme Society. The event was held in room NPLT from 4:00 P.M. The event saw a very vibrant participation from students of multiple institutions. There was participation from English as well as Hindi.

11. The Poetry Society launched its very own website titled *Ellipsis* during the academic year 2023-24. The website was launched in the month of November 2023 as part of the Ars Poetica minifest. The website holds the Dots and Bits entries and is a repository of **all** the **poetic** works we receive from our junior members.

12. The Poetry Society hosted a **creative non-fiction workshop** on the topic 'Rage' organized by *Proserity* on **the** 29th of February 2024 from 4 PM onwards in NPLT. Aastha D, **the** founding editor **of** Proserity **facilitated** the workshop that intended to look closely at the visceral emotion of Rage and its nature through the lenses of art, literature and philosophy.

13. The Poetry **Society** organized an **Open Mic on** the 12th of April 2024 from 2:30 PM onwards in Room C. The event was open for students across the Delhi University. The afternoon was filled with **poetic** and musical fervour with several spectators who enjoyed listening to beautiful poetries recited **by** the participants. This was followed by an inter-college **Book Sale** on the same day in **the** Mess Lawns of the college. The society offered a collection of handpicked books and its self-designed stationery including Polaroids for students to buy at prices below the Minimum Retail Price.

14. The Poetry Society organized a talk on '**Contemporary poetics**' by Dr. N P Ashley and Dr. Ashutosh Shukla. This event was organized as a part of its annual fest,

"**Traverse**". It began at 4:00 PM with the speakers sharing their insights about how the poetic landscape of the world has changed throughout the decades.

15. The Poetry Society organized a talk and Workshop on '**Urdu Spoken Word**' at 3:00 P.M, in Room M. Mr. Tasneef Haidar was invited to address the gathering of attendees. He enlightened **the** students on the origin of Urdu poetry with an emphasis on the evolution of Shayari.

16. A '**Poet of the Year**' award was declared during the closing ceremony of the Traverse Annual Fest to a junior member who has remained consistent in submitting commendable poetic works **to** the society.

Overall, the year 2023-24 marked a period **of** vibrant growth and engagement for TPS, leaving a lasting impact on the poetry community and setting a strong foundation for future endeavors.

Haiku Poetry Workshop

Organized by The Poetry Society in collaboration with the Japanese Society 3:00 P.M, 3rd
November, Room C

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