

## Department of English

### First Annual English Literature Festival on the theme of The Magical World of Harry Potter

The English Literary Society, Dept. of English, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda organized the first edition of the Annual Literary Festival on the theme of "The Magical World of Harry Potter" on Friday, 16 December 2022. Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, the Vice-Chancellor, CUPB and Dr. Girish Pawar from the University of Hyderabad were the chief guest and the speaker of the day, respectively.

Anusha Hegde, a PhD scholar in the department, was the stage moderator. Medlina Jolish, MA second-year student delivered the welcome address. Rishab Malik, MA second-year student briefs about the fest and activities.

Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, stated that such events provide a platform for students to showcase their creativity, develop their critical thinking to understand the creative text and inspire them to express their views creatively for the upliftment of society. Dr. Girish Pawar, an eminent speaker of the day, delivered a lecture on the topic "Muggle fans lost and found: From page to screen" wherein he discussed the significance of emerging digital literary forms. Harry Potter is a series of seven fantasy novels written by British author J. K. Rowling. The novel series features the struggle of a young wizard, Harry Potter, and his friends against Lord Voldemort, a dark wizard who intends to become immortal.

The honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R.P. Tiwari, Prof. Monisha Dhiman, Director IQAC, Dr. Shahila Zafar, Head of the Department, and the faculty members of the department released the magazine titled "The Ornate Circle". Dr. Shahila Zafar, Head of the department, delivered the vote of thanks.

The first event was Fancy Dress and Acting Competition, which began at 11:15 a.m. till 1 p.m. followed by the lunch recess. Meme and Book Cover Competition was conducted in online mode, the judgement of which was done after displaying the copies on the noticeboard in the activity hall. The third event was the Battle of Wits (Quiz) competition in which students participated forming a team of four from their own departments. The next event was the Word Search Competition crossword puzzle, which began at 4 p.m. At last, in Quest for Hallows (Treasure Hunt) competition, ten selected teams participated.

The programme concluded with a valedictory function in which prize winners of all competitions were given certificates and gifts by Prof. Ramakrishna Wusarika, Dean, In Charge Academics, and Dr Shahila Zafar. And towards the end, Dr. Shahila Zafar, HoD, Dept. of English, thanked the CUPB administration and participants for providing the needed support to make this programme a huge success.



