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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

**E-NEWSLETTER**



## MESSAGES

### A Word from the Principal...

As COVID wanes away and we see the resurgence of life coming back to normal, the challenges in the modern-day world have increased manifold, be it, the personal life of our students or their on-campus life.

Dear Students, all of us have desires, aspirations and goals in our life, but only those who have a plan of action along with hard work and confidence can achieve them. Success is not only measured by what you accomplish but also by the courage with which you maintain yourself against overwhelming odds. To my mind, self-belief, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success. So surround yourself with people who have dreams, desires and ambition, work hard and create the life you are worthy of. Always remember, 'Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached.'

May India Develop and Prosper!

Dr Abha Sudarshan  
Principal

### Notes from the Head...

Dear Readers

This year reverberated with enthusiasm and energy that slowed down during the past few years owing to the pandemic. Pushing past the tipping point, we resumed our journey of teaching-learning. Trying to minimize the bandwagon effect that technology had made during the pandemic times, we tried to reinvent education. The possible trajectories that significantly helped in improving the learning process were face-to-face interactions with peers (which were typically moderated by the faculty) and imaginative pedagogies to enliven the classroom experience. It allowed plenty of room for spontaneity and creativity. Though all set to adapt to continuous change, uncertainty and volatility, the students were also prepared to remediate and collaborate and it is very well reflected in this issue of the newsletter.

Happy Reading!

Riju Sharma  
Head, Department of English

## KNOW YOUR AUTHORS



GEETANJALI SHREE

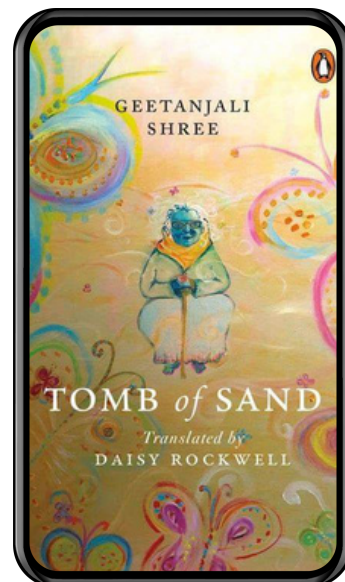
Geetanjali Shree won the International Booker Prize, an annual literary award during the year 2022 for her translated novel 'Tomb of Sand'. The novel, titled originally *Ret Samadhi*, was the first Hindi book to be shortlisted for the high-profile award, which recognizes fiction from all around the world. It has been translated into English by Daisy Rockwell, a translator, painter and writer. This book has made history by becoming the first Hindi novel – and the first from India as well as South Asia – to win the International Booker Prize for translating books published in the UK and Ireland.



DAISY ROCKWELL

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the two writers did not interact but exchanged their ideas via email. The creative terrain that the duo decided to tread came up in the form of this luminous novel with Geetanjali Shree's well-steeped insight into Hindi literature and north Indian life, and Daisy's hugely layered enjoyment of keenness in language. In her acceptance speech, Geetanjali Shree said that the book was an elegy for the world we inhabit, a lasting energy that retains hope in the face of impending doom.

The book tells the story of an 80-year-old widow who dares to brush off conventions and confronts the ghosts of her experiences during the subcontinent's tumultuous partition into India and Pakistan in 1947. A polyphonic novel of identity and belonging, 'Tomb of Sand' particularizes the old woman's experiences confronting the unresolved trauma and the destructive impact of borders and boundaries, the death of her husband and her will to resurface to gain a new lease on life. The novel's spellbinding flamboyance and strong compassion weave youth and age, male and female, family and nation into a kaleidoscopic whole.





## ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

The screen adaptation of Saadat Hasan Manto's classic *Toba Tek Singh* written and directed by Ketan Mehta, starring Pankaj Kapoor in the title role was organized for the students of Elective English of BA III on September 15, 2022. The screening was followed by an active discussion on this work of fiction that encapsulates the symbolic sundering of territory, sanity and moral order with the partition as the backdrop.

A Declamation contest was organized on the topic 'Social Media' on September 16, 2022. Eight students participated in the event. Shailendra Singh of BCA-III was declared as the best orator.

An online essay writing competition was organized on November 11, 2022. Ten students mailed their entries on the topic 'Knowledge: The New Rich' and Shrianshika Saini of BA-I, Sanjana Kumari Gupta of BA-I and Taniya of BA-II grabbed the first, second and third positions respectively.

On November 11, 2022, a hands-on activity was conducted for the students of BA-I, Functional English on 'Word Stress' and a YouTube video on 'Are You Struggling with Understanding Word Stress?' by Hadar' was screened too. The activity was conducted with a view to make the students understand that the lexical stress errors in English are frequently very damaging because of the disastrous domino effect they put into motion.

A Quiz competition was organized on January 23, 2023, in collaboration with the Department of Economics to create awareness about G-20 and its working among the students of the institution as India assumes the G-20 presidency this year. Five teams of three students per team participated with great zeal and enthusiasm in the said event. The five-round competition included Objective, Direct answer, visual and tie-breaking rounds, which engaged the students for one and a half hours. The competition was won by Team E.

A group discussion on "International Cooperation and the Challenges of Climate Change" was organized on January 24, 2023, to familiarize students with the issue of climatic change, keeping in mind the G20 Summit 2023. More than 30 students participated in the discussion and raised their viewpoints on the topic. The event concluded with a speech by Dr Ch. Anupama. She highlighted the importance of staying educated and informed about climate change as she believed that climate-related jeopardies to health, livelihoods, food security, human security and economic growth are expected to escalate with global warming.

An Inter-college Declamation contest was organized in collaboration with Aruna Asaf Ali Memorial Trust, Sector-44, Chandigarh on the topic 'Man makes Character, Character makes a Man' on February 2023. Students from various colleges participated in the event. The running trophy was won by Post Graduate Government College, Sector-46, Chandigarh. The individual first, second and third prizes were won by Arjun of Post Graduate Government College, Sector-46, Ansh Tyagi of Post Graduate Government College, Sector-46 and Vatika of Post Graduate Government College, Sector-42 respectively. A consolation prize was given to Shailendra Singh of Post Graduate Government College, Sector-46.

## FACULTY NEWS HOOK

- **Ms Riju Sharma** attended One-Day International e-Conference on 'Lang Lit Teaching, Learning and Innovations: Pedagogic Issues and Remedies' on February 25, 2023, organized by the Centre for Language Studies, PP Savani University, District Surat, Gujarat.
- **Dr Pooja Garg** was elected as a member of the Undergraduate Board of Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh.
- **Dr Ch. Anupama** presented a paper titled 'From the WW-I Trenches to the Walls in Urban Cities: Graffiti as a Linguistic Legacy of Conflict' in an international conference organized by the Department of English, Rajasthan University on January 27-28, 2023.
- **Dr Sumeet Gill** delivered a lecture at Dev Samaj College for Women, Sector-45, Chandigarh in a workshop on Personality Development on September 29, 2022. and another lecture on 'Personality Development' for the Differently Abled students of the college on November 09, 2022; November 09, 2022.
- **Dr Ranjeet Singh** translated five poems of Sumana Roy which were published in *Kritya: An International Journal of Poetry*, December Issue, 2022; published three Hindi poems in *Kritya: An International Journal of Poetry* on March 15, 2023, and published a poem titled 'My Father in a Self-portrait' in *Tint Journal: An Online Literary Magazine* on March 20, 2023.



### Common Idioms and Their Origin



**Pull Someone's leg** (To trick or fool someone)

**Origin:** Street thieves in 18th and 19th century London often worked in pairs. One thief, known as a "tripper up," had to trip up an innocent victim using a cane, rope or piece of wire. In the meanwhile, the other thief would rob the victim as he lay on the ground. Pulling your leg originally referred to the way the "tripper up" tried to make someone stumble. Now-a-days, it only refers to tripping someone metaphorically.



**Butter him up** (To flatter someone)

**Origin:** In ancient India, a usual holy act involved devotees throwing balls of butter at the statues of their gods to ask for the gods' mercy and favour.



## WHAT DOES SUCCESS MEAN TO YOU?

Success is a journey which begins when a person sets a target in his life and tries to achieve it.

-Sandeep Kumar, BCom-I, Roll No. 941

The inner peace that makes one at ease with one's work is called success.

-Rishab Jalla, BA-I, Roll No. 1705

Success is not about accumulating wealth and attaining high social status. It manifests in being less stressed, less worried and more peaceful and happy.

-Meera Kumari, BA-III, Roll No. 6008

Success is the achievement of spiritual peace along with wealth and health.

-Afrina Khaton, BA-I, Roll No. 1565

In life, success is the achievement of a goal which one wants to achieve.

-Aryan Kubar, BA-I, Roll No. 1508

Success is a feeling when you realize that all hard work has paid off.

-Tina, BA-I, Roll No. 1610

To gain respect from everyone is to be successful.

-Aswani Kumar, BA-I, Roll No. 1852

Achieving one's goals is what defines success. Each person's interpretation and application differs and depends solely on his or her perspective. Success comes when the inner voice whispers to the person, "You have achieved what you set out to accomplish"

-Yasbik Garg, BCom-I, Roll No. 1011

Neither success nor failure is final. Courage is what counts.

-Jubi Srivastava, BA-I, Roll No. 1541

To be successful, set a definite goal, unite with others for assistance, overcome fears and doubts, maintain faith and confidence, strive to learn and persist.

-Abbisbek, BA-III, Roll No. 6293



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