## **English Dept Annual Reports of 2019-20**

Nearing the end of the semester, a few weeks before the examinations, on 13 November, the English department of Shyam Lal College organized an intra-departmental Skit Competition in the College seminar hall. The competition, with its enthusiastic participants and enchanted audience, far surpassed the expectations of the students as well as the entirety of the audience. The competition kick started with a welcome speech by Sugandha and Komal, the humorous anchors of the competition. By the time of the start of the performances, the entire seminal hall was full, with cheers and claps echoing throughout the hall indicating a lively welcome to the actors and actresses into the stage. The plays were then performed in the following order: *The Way Of The World* written by William Congreve, played by third year students; *Pot Of Gold* written by classical playwright Plautus, played by the second year students; and finally, *Pride And Prejudice* written by Jane Austen, theatrically adapted (from fiction) & played by the first year students.

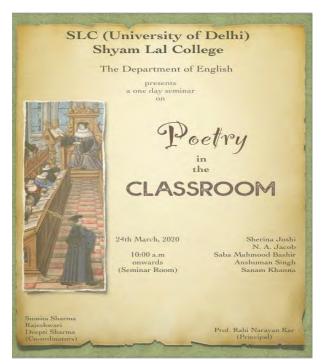
The Way of the World: This was the first skit of the evening presented by the third year students. The story revolves around the characters - Mirabell, Mrs. Millament and Lady Wishfort. It was surely challenging for the performers to find the correct balance between humor and seriousness while delivering the dialogues of the play. However, the cast not only did an excellent job in doing so, they even performed their roles with zeal and individualistic style befitting their given roles. The costumes were glamorous and well-chosen befitting the roles played. The play was very well-timed and innovative.

Pot of Gold: With their lively and believable performance, the characters in this play were brought to life on the stage by the second year students. The play provided a serious commentary on the vices of greed and wealth. The expressions by the actors in the skit were commendable and are worthy of serious praise. The soundtracks were very well time and appropriately selected. The costumes worn by the actors were beautifully suited to the character assigned to them.

*Pride and Prejudice:* Written by Jane Austen and here adapted theatrically for the skit competition, the actors aced their performances. The ballet scene where about a dozen students danced to the tune of a violin was a spectacular sight to gaze upon, and it also showered light upon the team's hard work and group collaboration. The music was well chosen, and the cast was

flawlessly expressive in their delivery of dialogues and other dealings. This play performed by the first year students deemed the end of the performances of the day. The intra-departmental skit competition was an all-out success. The audiences reveled at the almost-stellar performances by the performers, who showed off their weeks of practice to the best of their abilities with profound zeal and style. Total 27 students participated in the event.

The program ended with the award distribution ceremony, the awards having been chosen by the prize-distribution committee composed of departmental teachers. Best costume design - Divya Best music - Nibha Jain and Ishita Panwar Best direction - Kaveri Tripathi Best script writer - Disha Malik Best actress - Shreya Chandran and Greeshma Gopi Best actor - Amartya Sen and Ashraf Ray Best play - Pot of Gold (2nd year) The audiences left the hall with a satisfied look on their faces, congratulating the winners as well as the performers on their way out





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