

## RUPELA - Ruparel English Literary Association

### Report of activities for the year 2020-2021

The activities of RUPELA were inaugurated on the 2nd of November 2020 by conducting the event **The Plays Of Vijay Tendulkar: A Critical Overview**. The event was a webinar conducted by Dr. Girish Pawar, hailing from the Department of English, of the University of Hyderabad, on the plays of Indian playwright Vijay Tendulkar. Vijay Tendulkar's texts are prescribed in the syllabus. He presented a detailed lecture on the themes, symbols, background and importance of Tendulkar's plays. More than 95 students, from both Arts and Science stream, enjoyed the enlightening talk, along with the teachers. The audience then interacted with the speaker by asking relevant questions which were satisfactorily answered. The feedback was positive and everyone enjoyed the talk.

**DE-5 THE CLOCK:** On Tuesday, 10th November 2020, RUPELA hosted a competitive game for the students of D. G. Ruparel College. The game was based on the English language along with other literary and pop culture references. Ms. Meherunnisa Khateeb from SYBA, won the competition in a healthy spirit. All participants along with teachers enjoyed participating and watching the competition unfold.

**Disenchanted: A Short Story Writing Competition:** On the 2nd of March, Disenchanted: A Short Story Writing Competition was announced. The competition consisted of various prompts that required the participants to give a modern twist to traditional fairy tales of Snow White, Sleeping Beauty and Princess and The Pea. The judge Mr. Ashwin Acharya was called upon to evaluate the students' entries. A deadline of 2 weeks was provided to the participants, during which many entries were collected. Ms. Amarja Sonavane received the first prize for the best short story, as declared by the judge Mr. Ashwin Acharya who heartily enjoyed reading the short stories.

**Poetry Club 2020-2021:** Poetry Club, held under the aegis of RUPELA, commenced its activities on the 29th of October 2020, with the event *Songs of Spooktober*, based upon gothic and horror themes for poetry writing. The next session was held on 16th of January 2021, called *To Quote or Not To Quote*. Participants were given lines from a selected number of books at random and had to write a poem on the same. The next session, held on 6th of March 2021, was called *What In The Word*. In this session, participants were handed out letters from the English lexicon and were supposed to write a poem making maximum use of said letter. The response for the Poetry Club 2020-2021 was great, with members coming together from various streams of Degree College. All sessions of the Poetry Club were conducted on the online video-sharing platform Google Meet for a maximum of two hours per session.

**CARPE DIEM 2021:** Carpe Diem 2021 took place on the 26th of March 2021. The One-Day Intra-collegiate Annual Literary Festival, held under the aegis of RUPELA, consisted of two events this year. *To The Letterbox* and *Let Me Stop You Right There* were the two events that were conducted on the online video-sharing platform Google Meet. The judges for the events were Ms. Gouri Chavan, Ms. Chanchal Vinod and Ms. Rudra Mulmule. Throughout the day, the participants showed enthusiasm and skill in letter writing, language and spontaneity. The events started at 12pm and ended at 4pm, along with the winners announcement and a final vote of thanks.