

SWOC ANALYSIS OF THE DEPARTMENT

STRENGTHS

- The department has a well-knit, committed and vibrant faculty, who apart from being proficient teachers are also instrumental in maintaining a strong bond and a high level of interaction with students at all levels.
- The faculty of the department has adopted varied teaching methodologies to make the classroom environment receptive and non-oppressive for its students.
- **Even without initiating an overt division of classes into weak and strong students**, it addresses the needs of the ‘**weak**’ by holding special remedial classes for them. Besides, special attention is paid to such students during tutorials, where they are taught how to write an answer to a question, how and what to look up in a reference book, what is the relation between a text and its form/ structure etc.
- It uses Language Lab as a useful teaching tool to cater to language learners across board.
- The students are encouraged to explore beyond their prescribed curriculum by exposing them to various seminars, extension talks, lecture series etc., which are a regular feature of the department.
- ‘Encore’, the English Literary Society, is a very important feature of the English department. Under the supervision of a teacher convenor and a core team of student representatives with the rest of the English Honours students as its members, the society remains active throughout the year. Some of its activities this year involved holding the annual inter-college Literary Fest, *Literatus*, and other activities like *Students’ Panel Discussion*, *Poetry Writing* etc.
- The department is committed to provide varied exposure to students and encourages them to not only participate in seminars in other colleges but also exposes them to the larger world of literature (e.g. organising visit to events like Jaipur Literary Fest).
- It also uses audio-video media to make the works of literature come alive within the college premises and also help students relate their course work with experiential knowledge regular through visits to screening of the plays.

WEAKNESSES

- Large classes. At times have to struggle to find improvising ways to engage students to a course (English Honours, in particular), in spite of the numbers.

OPPORTUNITIES

- English department sees opportunities in being at the epicentre of the college’s many wide-ranging collaborative enterprises, like, holding student-serving events, like, guest-lectures, poetry and fiction readings by writers of repute, holding inter-disciplinary seminars, panel discussions, film screenings etc. All these impart to students new energy and cultural vision.
- Strategic position of the college could be utilized to undertake more professional English Language Courses to equip students better.

CHALLENGES

- It is a challenge to generate interest of students, who come from diverse backgrounds, in an altogether new discipline (Literature).
- Equally challenging is to expose such students to the discipline's course content, its synergetic diversity and coherence.
- Both these and related challenges are well taken by the Department.