

Encore Report: Two Day Online Student Conference on Superheroes and Social Justice

Event	Online Student Conference
Topic	Superheroes and Social Justice
Organiser	Encore - The English Literary Society of the Department of English, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College
Date	15th March, 2022 - 16th March, 2022
Time	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Duration	6 Hrs.
Place/Platform	Google Meet
Number of Participants	80 people approximately
Guest Speaker/Trainer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Day 1 - Dr.Partha Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor of English, Amity University, Patna ● Day 2 - Mr. Gulshan Rai, a legendary doyen of the publishing business and harbinger of the comic book revolution in India.
Welcome Speech	Rabnoor Kaur Bhatia Jasmeet Kaur
Introduction to the guest Speaker/Trainer	Rabnoor Kaur Bhatia Jasmeet Kaur
Activities - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Question and answer round with the guest speakers. ● Principal's address to students, teachers and the guest chairs ● Raveen Kaur welcomed the audience and the guest chair, Ms. Sameera Mehta, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Jesus and Mary College, for the first academic session. ● The second academic session of Day 1 was opened up by Kriti Jain along with an introduction to the guest chair, Ms. Soumya Garima Jaipuriar, Associate Prof. at 	

Kirorimal College, Dept. of English.

- The third academic session of the online student conference was inaugurated by Ishika Kamboj with a greeting and welcomed the guest chair, Ms. Gorvika Rao, Assistant Prof. at Miranda House, University of Delhi.
- Niharika Agarwal welcomed the audience and the chair for the session, Ms. Ishita Singh, Assistant Prof. in the Department of English, Jesus and Mary College for the final academic session.

Main Ideas -

Day 1 -

- Dr. Bhattacharjee took up the topic “Desi Superheroes in Action: Social Justice in Comics.” He discussed how superheroes have power beyond human capabilities and thus have the responsibilities to fight against wrongs in society.
- The first paper presenters for the day were Gehna Narang and Ankita Bora who elaborated on the topic “Are Superheroes the Embodiment of Justice?”
- The topic: “Looking beyond the punches: Social justice in superhero films” was touched by Soumya Sharma. Soumya’s paper was developed on the insights such as the superhero films and their failure to address social justice.
- Vaishnavi Singh in her paper on the topic: “Written by a Man: Gender Portrayal in Superhero Movies” who argued that the media essentially markets superheroes as men or boys and that women have been used to replicate the image of an helpless human.
- KanishkRaikwar with his paper on the topic “Superheroes in fictional world v/s Superheroes in the real world.” The central idea of his paper was to discuss at length the concerns associated with the superheroes in the fictional world, and how they do not agree with the problems of the real world.
- Harshita Singh explored the topic of “Superheroes in Manga: And Impact of Superpowers on Human Life.”

Day 2 -

- Mr. Gulshan Rai discussed broadly about the various characters that have been created by him, prominently for the Indian comics book readers in four languages.
- The first paper presenter for the day was Bitan Marik with his paper focusing on “Modern Superheroes and Antiheroes: Invoking Dostoevsky’s Underground Man to Understand their Significance in Society.”
- Parneet Kaur, extensively talked about “Pop Culture: Anti-heroes and Human Sentiment” where she pointed towards the complex notions of justice and questioned morality and ethics associated particularly with the Superheroes.
- SouhardyaParmanik with his paper on “War in Peace: Unmasking Superhero Culture in James Gunn’s Peacemaker and Erik Kripke’sThe Boys” where he pointed out that superhero culture serves as a popular culture through movies, web-series, novels.
- Surabhi Srivastava took up the issue of “Queer Culture interface with Pop Culture Heroes.” and questioned the of representation of queer superhero as an actual hero or an actual queer, along with analysing if the identity bears their character, personality and heroism with justice or only tries to fit in.
- Garima Dhankar brought about the idea of “Superheroes: Realities Behind Their Shining Cape.”
- “The Racial and Gender Concerns in the Portrayal of Superheroes” was presented by Ananya Patel and Sharmilee Mitra. The paper was aimed to project the superheroes as ‘Messiah of the human race’

- Uma Martha Vaswani and Siddhidatri Pande had their paper on “Gender Dynamics in Marvel Comics.” It was an attempt on the presenter’s part to study the gender bias in the superhero world and to analyse the light in which the female heroes have been portrayed.

Vote of thanks

Day 1 - Ishika Kamboj
Day 2 - Niharika Agarwal

Opinions

The students/participants from in and outside the college largely benefited from the conference and the conference was well attended both from within and outside the college.

Meeting Link

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Feedback (Share the link of the Google Form & attach the Excel File generated therein)

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Attendance Sheet (Attach Photocopy)

Poster (Attach below)

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15TH & 16TH MARCH
"SUPERHEROES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE"

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Time: 10 am - 4 pm
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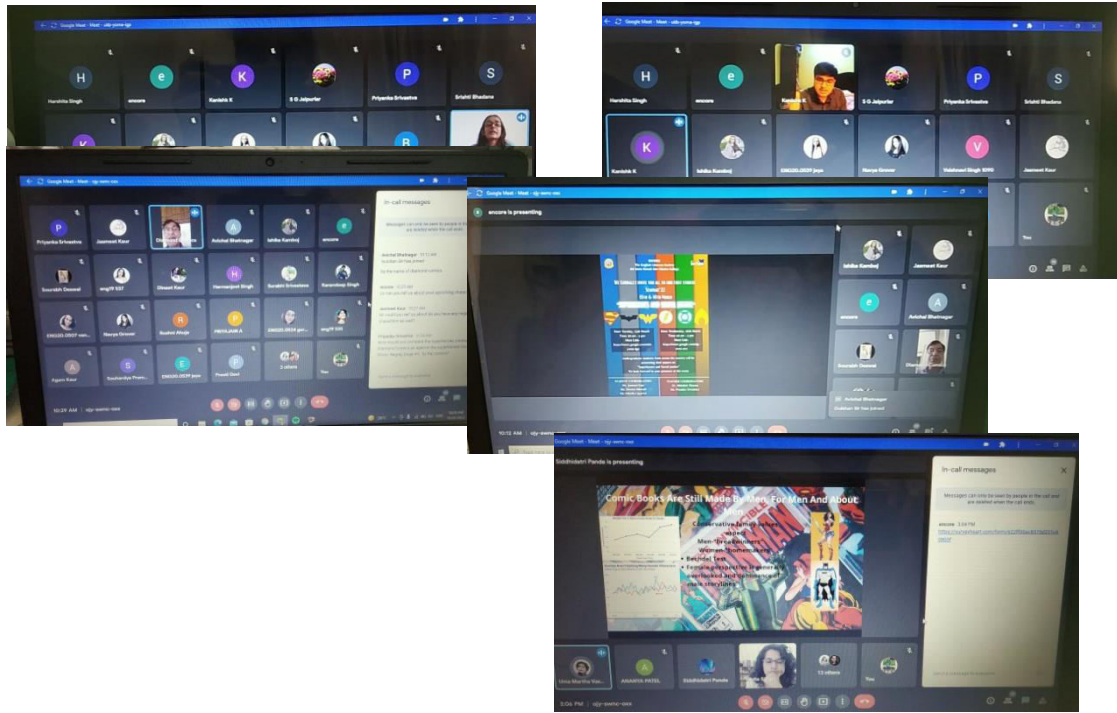
Date: Wednesday, 16th March
Time: 10 am - 4 pm
Meet Link-
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Undergraduate students from across the country will be presenting their papers on "Superheroes and Social Justice"
We look forward to your presence at the event.

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Attach Photocopy of two Certificates

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(Convenor)