

## LEARNING OUTCOMES OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

English literature has been a part of our lives since childhood. English Literature courses in the Department of English expose the students to various other writings ranging from British, American, Australian, Canadian, African, Afro-American traditions. As a result, the students learn to analyze different writing styles and get acquainted with different social themes – racial discrimination, gender inequality, slavery, complexities in relationships, etc. The English Literature course designed by the University of Calcutta provides the students the golden opportunity to know and learn linguistics which they can later pursue for higher studies.

The prescribed texts help the students to analyze and critically think for the marginalized sections of the society and as a result the students grow empathy towards their plight. The students become aware of patriarchal dominance during the course of their study through texts such as *Rajmohan's Wife* by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, *Silence! The court is in Session* by Vijay Tendulkar, etc. Reading and understanding many texts with social problems help them build their courage, self-confidence and understanding of their own selves and potentialities.

UG courses of Muralidhar Girls' College introduce them to various genres like fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama and literary essays. The Skill Enhancement course incorporated in

the UG syllabus builds the skills of the students to write Curriculum Vitae, Minutes of Meeting, Emails, and Travelogue – exercises which are crucial for career enhancement.

English reading and writing help the students to prepare themselves for competitive examinations like UPSC, WBCS, PSC, NET, etc. Students who wish to pursue their career in teaching in schools can also opt for B.Ed. and M.Ed. courses. Students who wish to join private sector may utilise the skills gained from Communicative English which they learn in the UG course. On the other hand, literary theories and research methodology prepare them for pursuing higher studies.