



## **DJ LIT**

**Literary Society**

**Dwarkadas J. Sanghvi COE**



### Maharashtra Summit Model United Nations (2019)

DJ LIT, in association with Maharashtra Summit (an independent student organization) organised DJ Sanghvi College of Engineering's first Model United Nations (MUN) conference. Not only does an MUN develop one's leadership skills but also hones one's thinking ability, public speaking and teamwork attributes.



Held on August 17th and 18th, 2019, the maiden edition of Maharashtra Summit convened four dynamic committees namely the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), Disarmament and International Security Council (DISEC), the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and lastly, a stimulating All India Political Parties Meet (a simulation of Lok Sabha).

In addition to this committee, the International Press Corps was formed with a network of reporters and photographers covering the conference. At the end of each day, a compiled newsletter was circulated to every committee and Council so as to educate them about every day's proceedings and where they stand on an agenda.

The UNHRC discussed the right to privacy in the modern age with a special emphasis on mass surveillance whereas DISEC debated the use of artificial intelligence in drone and cyber warfare. The Security Council deliberated over the establishment of Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in the Middle East whereas the AIPPM convened over the transparency and accountability in funding of political parties.

Over 300 delegates from various colleges and universities attended the MUN held over two days. The MUN gave them a platform to showcase their abilities and ignite a passion for International affairs and resolution of world issues so as to validate our nation's diplomatic stronghold as a superpower in the near future.



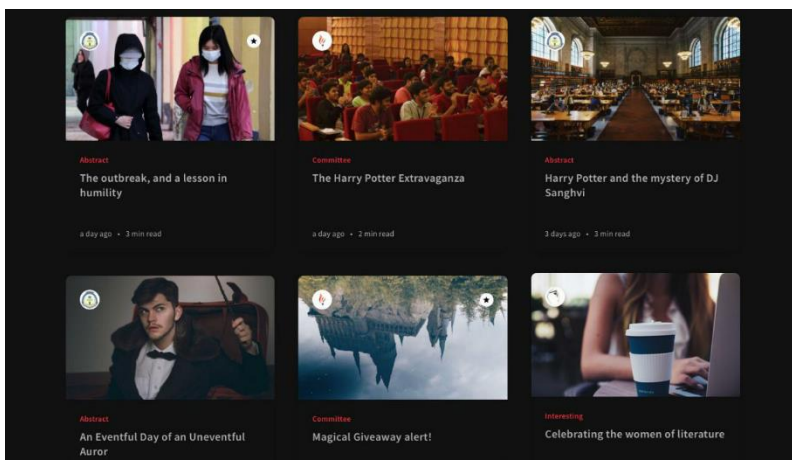
## DJVU Website Revamped

DJVU is the official website of DJ Lit - the Literary Society of DJ Sanghvi College of Engineering. Initially, it was recognised as the official newsletter of college. Developed in 2016, the newsletter comprised of detailed reports about the events conducted by the various committees, alongside write-ups submitted by the students of the college.

The traffic witnessed by the newsletter was very low because people weren't so keen about reading the reports of events happening in college. Besides, the website was slow and clumsy which demotivated people from revisiting. In 2019, 3 years after its inception, DJ LIT worked to revamp the website.

With careful study and detailed analysis of user behaviour, it was noted that users wanted a more mobile-friendly and attractive website. This was achieved by shifting the website from WordPress to Ghost which resulted in improved design and performance. Further, DJVU has its own logo and brand value.

DJVU has evolved and emerged out as a potential platform for writers, readers, literature lovers and geeks to showcase their creativity, artwork, talents, and write-ups to the world. With the publicising of writings on social media, the website has been successful in carving its way from 10 visitors 3 years ago, to 100 weekly visitors today, with an average of 500 people monthly. It is expanding and growing in its grandeur - welcoming new ideas, innovations, and creativity.



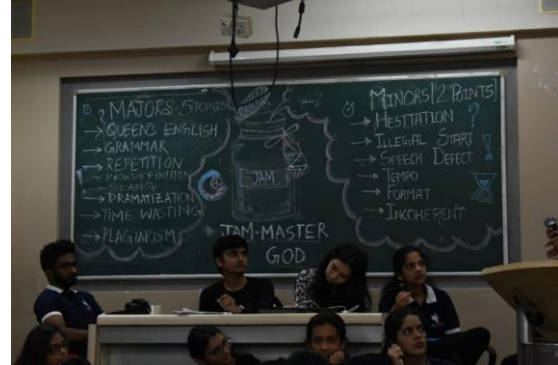


## The JAM

The JAM (Just A Minute), took place on the 30th of September 2019. With Rohan Poojari as the JAM master, the audience turned up in great numbers to witness this challenging but boisterous event.

The JAM involved one among eight participants speaking, or trying to speak, without hesitation, repetition, or making grammatical errors. The rest were tasked with "JAMming" the speaker and tripping them up when they made any mistakes, with errors, marks and other fun sides to the event. With topics ranging from ridiculous puns to political humour and tasks like starting sentences according to the reverse alphabet, the JAM was exceedingly entertaining for the participants, who never let us down with their quick wit and fast thinking as well as the audience.

In the end, the winners were awarded Jam bottles in true JAM fashion with some aplomb from the past winner. As always, the true spirit of the JAM lay in the wit and banter demonstrated by the JAM-master, the participants, and the audience.





## Open Mic Night

DJ LIT's second most popular event, the Open Mic Night was organised, for the first time in college on the 11th of January 2020. In collaboration with the very talented DJ Beats, the college band, it was a tremendous success. From singers to stand-up comedians, participants from colleges all over Mumbai turned up to perform. Consequently, the performances were extremely diverse covering numerous genres - Hindi plunging into classical to rock, then back to soulful and more.

The audience was also an integral part of making the event a success; from 3:30 pm to 9:30 pm they were continuously present in huge numbers encouraging the performers to give their best. They were also quick in changing their energies to match that of the performer -from screaming lyrics at the top of their voices to waving their mobile flashlights in the dark when a soft melody was played on stage, they were always up for it.

Our first edition of the Open Mic Night was a total knockout, thanks to the immense enthusiasm showcased by the participants as well as the audience. It was a great first experience of collaborating with DJ Beats to present you all with such a memorable and fun night.





## Profile Building Workshop

The profile building workshop was held on 3rd February 2020. The workshop instilled amongst the students - a new zest and desire to develop their soft skills, work on their personality and develop themselves in all aspects.

The event was witnessed by students from first, second and third years who gained deeper insights on interview training and Masters. The first half of the workshop was all about starting an interview and building an effective resume. Mr. Pratik Upadhyay, the founder of the Programmatix Institute marked the beginning of the event and made the first session immensely informative and fun.

Nidhi Soni emphasised on knowing ourselves better and explore our strengths and weaknesses psychologically.

Ankit Shrimankar and Kapil Baheti focussed on Group Discussions and shared their inspiring and motivating life experiences that will help students to cope up with hardships in the near future.

After a break for food and refreshments, the torchbearer for our next session was Mr. Shrinath Vakharia from Sky Inclusive Pvt Ltd. He amiably shared knowledge about planning Masters abroad. He explained the educational requirements and qualifications for all the external examinations like GRE, GMAT, TOEFL in various countries like Canada, the USA along with their expenditures. He gave his inputs on developing effective SOPs and LORs. He emphasized working on the pointers along with publishing research papers, thus stating the essentials for Masters.

Thus, Profile Building Workshop was the most useful and knowledgeable event to date.





## Harry Potter Extravaganza

Finally, closing off the year with a bang, DJ LIT held its flagship event, the Harry Potter Extravaganza on the 14th of March, 2020 with participants coming from all over Mumbai to participate and attain victory for their teams. It consisted of two main enthralling sub-events which were held together. One was the Wizard's Flea, a Harry Potter-esque flea market full of games, stalls and an enticing photobooth. It also had movie screenings and merchandise stores set up, continuously captivating the audience.



Along with this, in the seminar hall, a multi-round quiz was taking place. The quiz had 4 rounds in total. The first round was a presentation-based questionnaire. 30 questions were displayed on the screen, one at a time - with 30 seconds for each question. The participating wizards and witches were to write the answers on a sheet of paper. 20 teams moved on to the 2nd round, which was a magical crossword. Participants were given a crossword to solve, within 10 minutes - extra points for being able to solve the puzzle quicker.



10 teams qualified for round 3, which was our Time Turner round. Teams came ahead and picked up numbered chits, ranging from 1 through 5, and two of each number. Teams having the same number had a face-off. Teams were supposed to pick out one topic chit and were to restrict themselves to the topic. Each team had 3 seconds every turn. An instant death round 5 teams qualified for round 4.

Round 4 was split into 2 sub-rounds. The first sub-round was a jigsaw sequence round. 3 stills from the movies, each still divided into 4, hence a total of 12 pieces were given to each team. The teams were to solve the jigsaws and then arrange the three jigsaws in their correct sequence as in the movies. The second sub-round was the lightning round. Each team was individually asked a series of questions. They were to correctly answer as many questions as they could within a time frame of 30 seconds. The cumulative scores from the two sub-rounds of round 4 were considered to decide the winners.

The winners were awarded prizes worth more than 10,000 rupees while the other 4 runner ups were awarded exciting prizes as well.

All in all, the Harry Potter Extravaganza was a huge success with the audience left enamoured by the challenging quiz and the flea





## Off D' Cuff 2020

Off D' Cuff is the annual literary fest of HR College, Churchgate organised by PSDS-HR (Public Speaking and Debating Society, HR College). This fest invites literary bodies like DJ Lit from college all over Mumbai to participate in the Two-day gathering for evens like the Oxford Debate, poetry recitation, extempore and stand-up comedy.

Having been invited by PSDS for the first time in the history of the fest, a debate team comprising of Soham Shah (TE, Biomedical) and Pranav Desai (SE, Computer) were sent to represent the college at the fest. The debate competition was a two round qualifier event, with 16 teams participating from all over Mumbai, of which only four teams qualified for the final round.

The final round was very heated with the team from DJ Sanghvi entering into a very heated debate and overpowering their opponents to clinch the title of the best debate team of Off D' Cuff 2020. This was also followed by our college winning the Best Contingent Trophy for the fest.

