



**M I N E R V A**  
**Virtual Literary Festival -June 2020**

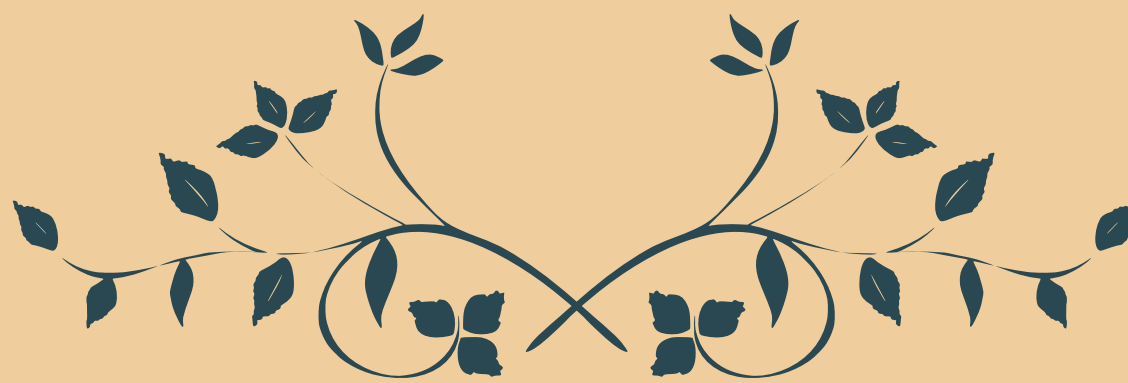
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OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS  
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## ABOUT CRESCENT LITERARY SOCIETY

The Crescent Literary Society was initiated in the year 2006, with the chief objective to hone the literary skills of the students. The society aims at enhancing the much-required leadership qualities as well as interpersonal communication skills by encouraging students to participate in and organize various inter-college and intra-college literary events. The society has always believed in the motto 'With inclusion comes strength' and acts as the governing body for its four daughter clubs, House of Debating, Writers Guild, Improv Theatre and Quizzers Club each comprising of a diverse set of members and office bearers from various departments and years.



## ABOUT MINERVA

Named after the Roman Goddess of wisdom, Minerva is an inter-collegiate literary festival designed to bring together young literary enthusiasts from around the world. It encourages healthy competitions as a means to extend friendship and share the passion for literature. It was created in hope of providing a platform for the exchange of ideas and knowledge from the comfort of one's home.

# MINERVA - SCHEDULE

## WEEK 1

**June 1st** : MINERVA commences. Writing competition open for submission

**June 5th** : Quiz 'Intrigue' Live on Instagram

## WEEK 2

**June 9th** : Book Review #1 on Instagram

**June 11th** : Poetry Reading Live on Instagram

**June 13th** : Book Review #2 on Instagram

**June 15th** : Last date for submitting 'Twisted Tales' story

## WEEK 3

**June 16th** : Excerpts of debate on Instagram

**June 19th** : The Parley - online debate round 1

**June 20th** : The Parley - online debate round 2 and Twisted Tales writing competition round 2 is open for submission

**June 22th** : Let's Talk Social, an Instagram live discussion

## WEEK 4

**June 25th** : Last day for submitting Twisted Tales round 2 write up.  
Game Night on Instagram Live

**June 28th** : A quarantine skit

**June 30th** : All results will be announced.

# MINERVA - COMPETITIONS

1. Intrigue - quiz
2. Twisted tales - creative writing
3. The parley - debate

## GENERAL RULES

1. Minerva is open to all undergraduate, postgraduate and research scholars.
2. Participants have to register for each event following the individual event's rules.
3. Participants might be requested to send a photocopy of their college ID cards and an original government ID if and when necessary.
4. No registration fee for any of the events.
5. Use of any vulgarity would lead to disqualification.
6. Judge's decision is final for their respective events.
7. If you want to know on what basis you were selected or rejected feel free to approach the judges after the conclusion of the said event.
8. In case of any queries regarding the event, contact the respective event coordinators(Their number is displayed on the poster of each event).
9. E- Certificates will be provided for all participants and winners.  
Please approach your coordinator regarding the certificate only after the results are announced.
10. The organizing committee holds the right to change the timing and rules of any event prior to it. The committee's decision regarding the event(s) would be final.
11. All cash prizes announced are from B S Abdul Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology.  
The institution holds all rights to make any changes.
12. Event schedule would be released on Crescent Literary Society's Instagram page "crescentlitsociety"



# INTRIGUE

an Instagram Live quiz

Event will be hosted by Mr. Zaid Abdullah ibn Jiffry on the **5th of June** on our Instagram page **crescentlitsociety**

Participants will request to be **added to the live stream**. First come first serve basis.

The participants are requested to ensure proper network connection (audio and video) before joining the live stream.

The theme of the quiz is **General Knowledge** and all questions asked will be based on that.

Each participant will be asked a question from a question bank. The first participant to get all answers will be chosen as the winner. Any incorrect answers will result in immediate knockout and their number of correct answers will be noted down.

Each question is given a **maximum of 15 seconds**.

The audience are requested not to answer the questions in the comment section until the host gives permission to do so.

In the event of a tie between two or more participants in accordance with the point system, a tie breaking round will be conducted for each participant individually.

At the end of the tiebreaker, the participant with the highest number of points is declared as the winner.

The winner of the quiz will receive a **cash prize of Rs.1,000/-**

**For queries, contact Zaid Abdullah (8939633306)**

**Convener - Quizzers Circuit**

# TWISTED TALES

a creative writing competition

**Date & Mode:** The Event will be conducted from June 1st – June 25th divided in two separate rounds, with the winners announced on 30th. Submissions are to be made via the **crescentwritersguild@gmail.com**

The language to be followed is **English** and usage of profanity is not allowed. Plagiarism of any form will lead to direct disqualification.

Registration: There is no separate registration required. participants can mail their work directly along with their **Name, College and Contact number.**

## **Preliminary round:**

The preliminary round will be conducted from the 1st of June to the 15th, with the prompt provided on our Instagram page. The submissions are to be made via mail id. The prompt for the round is –

**“Take a popular fairy-tale you have read in your childhood, ex: – Cinderella, and give your own version of its ending.”**

There is no word limit for this round, but the more precise and creative submissions will be favored.

The number of participants qualifying to the final round will depend on the number of entries made.

## **Final round:**

The final round will be conducted from the 20th of June to the 25th.

The prompt for this round is –

**“Write a short tale made up of a total of 180 characters, excluding spaces.”**

The word limit is provided in the prompt, and the most creative and enterprising entry will win.

The winner of this round will receive a **cash prize of Rs. 1,000/-**

## **Criteria for judgement:**

1. Creativity
2. Vocabulary
3. Continuity
4. Climax

**For queries, contact Lazim Rasheed (9746544904)**

**Editor in Chief**



# THE PARLEY

a virtual debate competition

**Date & Mode of Event:** The Parley will be held on 19th & 20th June, 2020, online through means of Zoom Application.

All participants are requested to ensure proper internet connection prior to the event.

The event shall take place in **English Language** and it is an individual participant event only.

**Registration:** The participants can register themselves through google form link: <https://forms.gle/nWT8bMz1xYvsqM51A>

Participants are requested to confirm their registration with the coordinator immediately after registering.

**Rounds:** There shall be 3 (three) individual rounds and they are

1. PRELIMINARY ROUND
2. SEMI FINALS
3. THE FINALE

## Preliminary Round

The preliminary round will be conducted online through Zoom App on 19th June, 2020 at 11.00 AM

A participant will randomly be paired with another participant as their opponent.

It shall be chaired by a Judge who will allot the topic of the debate to the participants of that round.

The participants will have to be prepared with all of the below mentioned topics:

- Is death penalty appropriate: Yes or No?
- Prostitution be legalized, globally: Yes or No?
- Abortion should be Legalized, globally: Yes or No?
- All Tobacco related products should be banned: Yes or No?

Each debater shall speak on their stance for 3 minutes, with no rebuttals.

Top 4 scorers of the Preliminary Round shall qualify to the semi finals.

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## Semi Finals

The Semi Finals round will be conducted online through Zoom App on 20th June, 2020 at 11.00 AM.

A participant will randomly be paired with another participant as their opponent.

It shall be chaired by a Judge who will allot the topic of the debate to the participants of that round.

The participants will have preparation time of 3 minutes.

Each debater shall speak on their stance for 5 minutes, with 2 minutes of rebuttals.

Top 2 scorers of the Semi Finals Round shall qualify to The Finale.

## Final Round

The Finale will be conducted online through Zoom App on 20th June, 2020 at 06.00 PM.

It shall be chaired by Two Judges who will allot the topic of the debate to the participants of that round.

The participants will have preparation time of 4 minutes.

Each debater shall speak on their stance for 7 minutes, with 3 minutes of rebuttals.

Top scorer of The Finale wins a **cash prize of Rs. 1,000/-**

## **Judging Criteria**

1. Use of Language
2. Creativity and Originality
3. Debating skills

**For queries, contact Sujan G (7358696706)**

**Secretary - House of Debaters**

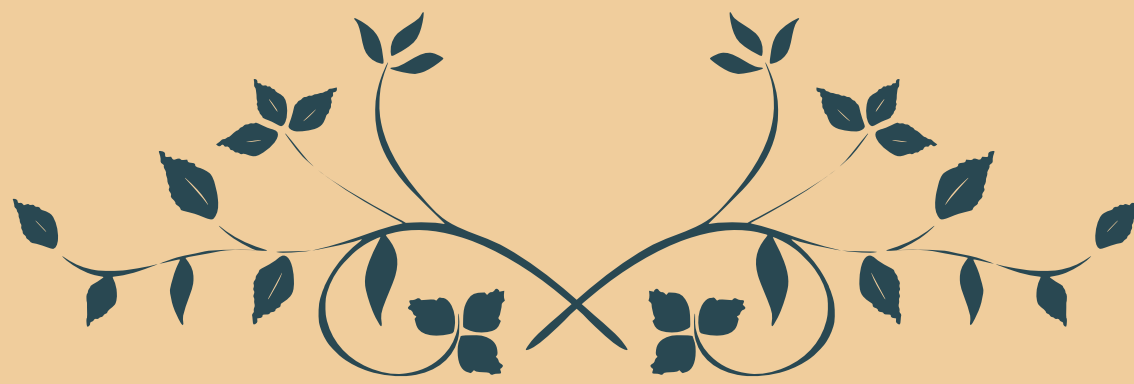


# A QUARANTINE SKIT

The Improv Theater team of Crescent Literary Society has come together to put up a skit as part of the literary festival celebrations.

The skit is written and directed by Preesha Christina Anand, Convener of Improv Theater, Crescent Literary Society. All actors are students of the institution and members of the society.

The skit will be aired through our Instagram page **crescentlitsociety** on the **28th of June**.



## GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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