

COFFEE HOUSE - 2018

The coffee house, a departmental literary fest of 2018 organised by the English department was a roaring success. It was able to attract a large number of students from various colleges. The students of the English department took active participation in organising the events as well as the promotion of the literary event, putting together the various events as well as selecting their judges. Dr. Annam Ragamalika, The President of the association welcomed the audience and Dr. K.S. Antony Samy, the Head of the Department introduced the chief guest. The English department was lucky enough to have Makkal kural, Trinity Mirror Editor Shree R Muthu Kumar to inaugurate the coffee house 2018 and the students were given a subtle dose of inspiration from the respected judge.

According to Mr. Kumar learning literature is a never-ending process which nurtures as well as brings forth the realities of the world and provides the literature intellectuals with a support system to fall back on and henceforth gain a deeper understanding of meaning and purpose of life. Mr Kumar is of the opinion that studying literature in its true sense and meaning stimulates critical thinking which is absolutely necessary for our growth, the strengthening of one's mind and the ability to think outside the box. The honourable guest then went forth to congratulate all the literature students present there to be the torch bearers for better humanity. The main purpose of the literary fest hence put forth in subtle but effective way that is equal importance and developmental opportunities for both congenital as well as the necessary life skills which gains importance over time.

After the inaugurator address the students were guided to their perspective venues and the events were conducted. The participants put forth a great performance giving their best and the departmental fest ventured to become a platform for various students to showcase their talent and innovation. The events began as soon as the inaugurator event was over and the organising committee soon began the big task of conducting events. The events were divided into a series of on stage events as well as off stage events. The on stage events included devil's advocate, dumb charades, spill the word, block and tackle, literary quiz and connections. The off stage event included verse it.

The on stage events were real crowd drawing events. All the participating students gave their best performance whilst still being worthwhile competitors. The dumb charades event was brim-full with loads of talent, fun and team spirit. The three stages rigorously tested the mettle of the participants while fostering teamwork and skill. The devil's advocate

also was a great platform for the participating students as they gave their full efficiency in proving their oratory skills and defending their antagonist in a remarkable way. The way in which the students performed under the pressure of limited time was awe inspiring. The contestants contested against each other to prove themselves as the best defender of the devil.

Similarly the event “Block and Tackle” kept the participants on their toes with having to speak for as well as against the given topic which albeit its series of difficulties and challenges didn’t break the spirit of the brave competitors and lest to say the participants did not disappoint. The next and one of the most interesting event was the literary parade. With its colourful and spectacular costumes and performance it not only allowed the students to perform but also entertained the audience. Each team came up with a magnificent piece of performance and at the end of the performance, the participants were questioned about the age and character they represented. The verbal intellect is indeed one true sign of a literature scholar and it was made evident through events like spill the word, connections, and literary quiz which tested the ability of the students to connect and understand the nuances of the act of speech.

The other aspect of being a literature student which is extremely important is the ability to write and the coffee house made sure to add an event focusing specially on the ability to write. The event “Verse It” although an individual event tested the sheer creativity and ability to put in words the perfect epitome of the emotions and opinions going through one’s mind. The students were able to put up beautiful pieces of writing within a time limit whilst being bounded by a topic. All of the events were followed by prize distribution and distribution of mementos. The events of the Coffee House were beautifully executed by the willingness and co-operation of the student as well as staff organisers and the event ended on a positive note. A large number of participants, student organisers as well as some staff members remained till the valedictory function. The event ended with Madras Christian College taking the winner’s trophy and Stella Maris College following up as runner up. The valedictory function was ended by a heartfelt vote of thanks given by the Head of the Department Dr K.S.Antonyswamy whose message to the participants from the various colleges was to continue their pursuit to achieve greatness and to the organising committee was to aspire to nurture the same spirit of togetherness and cohesiveness in the days to come.





