

LOYOLA ENGLISH ASSOCIATION FOR PROGRESS (LEAP)

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, SHIFT 2

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

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IKIGAI '23

An inter-collegiate department fest

Loyola English Association for Progress (LEAP) conducted its department festival for the year 2022-2023 on 27th January, 2023. The event was named "IKIGAI 2023" with the theme for the year "LITFLIX", a homage to the most successful OTT platforms like Netflix, and had a successful participation of 224 students from more than 20 colleges. The events were conducted based on the theme of connecting literature and the OTT platform of movies. The day started with a fine rendition of a prayer song composed by Prof. John Jeleston, followed by Tamil Thai Vazhthu. The event was inaugurated by watering the plant by the chief guest Mr. Jainfant Rahul.

Prof. Xavier Dhanam, Association Mentor delivered the welcome address expressing her happiness in the happening of event after three years of covid pandemic break. The chief guest was felicitated by Prof. Antoine Dominic with a shawl and a memento. As the chief guest was an alumnus of the department, Prof. John Jeleston shared his memories while the former was a student. Mr. Jainfant Rahul also reminisced about his student life and spoke on the importance of dedication and hard work. Prof. Antoine Dominc, Vice President of LEAP proposed a vote of thanks.

The events began at 10 am after the on-the-spot registration. The events conducted were Channel Surfing, Creative Writing, Face Painting, Quiz, Mute It, Potpourri, Mic Drop, If They Meet, and Role Play. The onstage and offstage competitions happened simultaneously including the online events - Meme it, Lensation, and Can you beat

Khaby. With great excitement, the participants showcased their talents with creativity. The judges for the events were invited based on their experience in the field related to the event and the theme.

The grand festival came to a close with the valedictory that began at 5 pm. Prayer song was sung by the department choir followed by a welcome address delivered by Mr. Rashwanth, Department Secretary. The ceremony was presided over by Mr. Sam Vishal and Mr. Bharat, rising talents in the media platform. The guests were felicitated with mementos. Dr. K. S. Antonysamy, Head of the Department of English appreciated the efforts of staff and the students in making this event a memorable one. The guests then shared their experiences and engaged the students in a humorous way. Accepting the requests of the students, they also sang a song.

The prize winners for the day were announced. The winners encouraged each other and shared their happiness with the whole team. Ethiraj College bagged the overall winner trophy followed by Madras Christian College. Prof. Leo Joseph, President - LEAP delivered the vote of thanks and expressed his words of appreciation to all those who worked hard to make it a success. He also congratulated the participants for making the day memorable. It was indeed a day of celebration for Literature and Life.

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