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TABARD INN

The department festival for English Literature SHIFT-II was held on the 25th of February, in Loyola campus. The MRF Hall was used as the venue for the event along with the classrooms in the main building. The festival was called the 'TABARD INN' in memory of the first lesson the students had to learn in their course. The event began at 9 am and continued on well into the afternoon, ending at 5 pm. During this time many exciting events were held, like dubsplash, movie review, quiz, masquerade and even poetry writing.

PICTURE OF SETTING



The MRF Hall was set up similar to what one would find in an Inn during the 14th century, when the TABARD INN was famous. The students worked hard on the decorations, often taking the initiative to create new posters and decorations. The teachers gave advice on what should be done, they also contributed heavily in materials and advice to the students helping create the authentic atmosphere they desired.

The Chief Guest



The chief guest attending the event was Mrs. Nallini Oli, COO of Emerald publishers. She spoke on the subject matter all English students were aware of, books and reading. She reminded us on the importance of reading and how it could change a life. Her speech was very informative towards realizing the inner workings of the publishing business, and also about how much value a work you personally have written has. Her passion was clear in her speech, often explaining how even though she was a lawyer reading had been her passion, and now luckily, her job.

Guest of Honour



The guest of honour, Dr. K. S. Antonysamy, the director of WEPRO at Loyola College spoke next about the theme we had, about the TABARD INN. He spoke on the spirit of the stories Chaucer wrote down. He gave an explanation on the beauty of that world, and how all the stories had a hidden meaning, a moral behind them that set up the foundations of the present day society. He explained clearly the ideas that were given, providing those who had no idea about Chaucer a glimpse into the mind of such a man.

The Participants



Several events were conducted, such as:

1. Movie review
2. Ship wreck
3. Mock CID
4. Tell tale heart
5. Lip sync
6. Quiz
7. Poetry writing
8. Masquerade
9. Tune a poem
10. Spell bee
11. Riddler

The major On Stage event was conducted in the MRF Hall, such as movie review, tell tale heart, lip sync, masquerade, tune a poem and Riddler. These events were conducted by the students enthusiastically, and the participants reacted the same. The off stage events happened in the classrooms in the Main Building. They were organized and supervised by student volunteers as well as the department staff. These include Mock CID, Quiz, spell bee and poetry writing.



The audience consisted mostly of the Loyola literature students who cheered on the participants enthusiastically. They added to the cheerful atmosphere in the hall, encouraging our guests to speak up, giving them confidence by being a supportive audience.

Refreshments were provided by the department at the stall, 'Bite at Honey Pot'. The student volunteers provided fresh fruits for the participants, watermelon, pineapple and papaya. And for the hardworking department members, they provided a filling lunch.

The Valedictory Function began at 4.30 and the festivals grand proceedings came to an end by 5pm in the evening. With all minds refreshed and filled with fun memories, we had closed the Tabard Inn for the day.