

BOOKMARKED'24 REPORT

Meraki - The Literary Society of the English department organized its annual inter-college festival, *Bookmarked '24* on 21st February, 2024. Several competitive events formed the fest and received active participation from more than 20 colleges and institutes across Delhi. This year's fest was based on the theme 'Multilingualism in India'.

The festival began with the launch of the 12th Issue of *Verbos Incendium*, the magazine published by the English department. Principal, Prof. Harpreet Kaur and IQAC director Dr. Lokesh Kumar Gupta were Chief Guests, and Dr. Kiranjeet Sethi (the founding editor of the magazine) was the Guest of Honor. This was followed by a Panel Discussion with Prof. Sukrita Paul Kumar and Dr. Maaz Bin Bilal, on the topic 'Indian Writing and Translation: Diverse Languages and Cultural Histories'. This discussion was moderated by Dr. Sanchita Khurana. There was an interactive session with the audience as well.

Other competitive events were organized were as follows:

Scribble - The Creative Writing Competition: This event was organized in Room 202. It had a participation of around 25 students. The event was moderated by Raunika Singh and Jasnoor Kaur from BA (H) English Sem 4. The Teacher Coordinators and Judges of the event were Dr. Ritu Saluja and Ms. Hema Sen.

Students were provided with three prompts and they had the creative freedom to write any form of poetry or prose in the language of their choice, in the spirit of multilingualism.

Spell Bee: This event was organized in Mata Gujri Hall. It had around 31 participants. The event was moderated by Prakriti Yadav from BA (H) English Sem 6 and Devika from BA (H) English Sem 4. The student coordinator of this event was Syed Areeba from BA (H) English Sem 2 and the Teacher Coordinators were Ms. Gurpreet Kaur and Ms. Hema Sen.

Metamorphosis - Book Jacket Designing: - This event was organized in Room 106. It entailed adapting a blurb into a painting and witnessed around 15 participants. The event was moderated by Harshika Arora from BA (H) English Sem 6 and Jasleen Kaur from BA (H) English Sem 4. The Teacher Coordinators and Judges of the event were Ms. Meenu Chaudhary and Dr. Priyadarshini Bhattacharyya.

Open Mic: This event was organized in the parking area. This was one of the most popular events and witnessed a participation of around 80 students. It was moderated by Amitoz Kaur and Ayesha Khan from BA(H) English Sem 4. The Teacher Coordinators were Ms. Divya Pradhan, Dr. Manisha Mathur and Lt. Praveshika Mishra. The Judges of the event were Ms. Charulika Dhawan, from the faculty, and Ms. Stuti Srivastava, an alumni of MSCW BA (H) English, who was invited as the Peer Judge.

The Lit-Fest also included stalls that witnessed a gathering of more than 1000 students and staff of MSCW who wholeheartedly participated in all the events and made the day a great success!