

## Celebrating Language

‘Lingua Safari’ is the annual inter-school literary fest of Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Group of schools. Started as part of the diamond jubilee initiative last year, its objective is to provide students of classes 6, 7 and 8, a platform to express their creativity and showcase their proficiency in the language of their choice- English, Hindi, Tamil and Sanskrit.

This year students from 19 schools in the city participated in the different competitions in the Litfest conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 in the T.Nagar branch premises.





Competitions in English included weave a verse, pen the picture, word champ and deal with the dialogue. In Hindi, the events were story writing, debate, shayiri and idioms. For the Sanskrit competitions, students took part in drama, oratory and storytelling and Games Ligua in Tamil, students participated in story writing, quiz and mono acting and converting colloquial Tamil to chaste Tamil.



Sanskrit



Tamil



Hindi



English

All the judges for the different events were in praise of the concept of Lingua Safari, the quality of the competitions and the talent/skill exhibited by the participants.

The valedictory function was presided over by Mrs. Bharathy Bhaskar, Sr. Vice President, Citibank, Orator and writer.



Mrs. Bharathy emphasised the importance of language as an important skill in communication. She said that mastery over languages gave one self-confidence and was a pre-requisite for a good career. Dr. (Mrs.) YGP, while lauding the speech given by Mrs. Bharathy reiterated the need for one to be proud of the language he/she speaks. She advised the students to try to learn as many languages which would prove to be a life skill for them. Mrs. Sheela Rajendra while congratulating the winners of the different events, reminded them of the need to appreciate languages. She said that PSBB Group of schools had specifically taken this initiative of Litfest for middle school students to give them opportunities to learn about the different aspects of a language and enjoy its beauty.

The overall trophy was won by DAV Girls Senior Secondary School, Llyods Road, Chennai. The excited students had the privilege to receive it from Mrs. Bharathy Bhaskar and Mrs. Y.G.Parthasarathy



Over all it was an eventful ecstasy which provided children an exposure to the beauty of languages.

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