

STUDENT UNION REPORT 2023 – 24

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INDEPENDENCE DAY – 15th August 2023

Independence Day, a significant day in the history of India, was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm at our esteemed institution in the Assembly Hall on 15th August 2023. The Student Union In-charge Dr. M. Raziya Parvin, extended a warm welcome to all attendees, emphasizing the importance of celebrating Independence Day as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters. The speech resonated with the audience, fostering a sense of pride and patriotism. Dr. B. Uma Maheswari, the Principal of the college delivered a stirring Presidential Address, reflecting on the significance of Independence Day and the role of education in shaping responsible citizens. The speech inspired the audience to uphold the values of freedom, unity, and progress.

The program was marked by the presence of retiring professors (Dr. G. Nalini, Dr. R. Abhiramasundari, Dr. R. Sridharan, Mrs. A. Manimekalai, Mrs. R. Geetha, Dr. S. Prema and Dr. N. Vijayashree) as Chief Guests of Honour, who were felicitated for their invaluable contributions to the institution. The highlight of the event was the task given to them to unfurl the national flag, symbolizing our collective reverence for the nation and its principles. They gave a thankful speech and their commitment, dedication, and mentorship were acknowledged amidst applause and admiration from the audience.

To recognize and encourage academic and extracurricular excellence, prizes were distributed to SSL School students. Their achievements were celebrated, motivating them to strive for even greater success in their academic endeavors. The program was enriched with captivating cultural performances, including a mime and a historical drama. These performances not only entertained the audience but also conveyed poignant messages about our nation's history, struggles, and triumphs. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Student Union President. Expressing gratitude to all participants, organizers, and attendees, the vote of thanks highlighted the spirit of unity and collaboration that defines our institution.

The Independence Day program was a resounding success, showcasing the collective spirit of patriotism and unity within our institution. Through the participation of retiring professors, inspiring speeches, and cultural performances, the event served as a fitting tribute to the values of freedom, democracy, and progress that define our nation. It reinforced our commitment to fostering a sense of responsibility and pride in our students, preparing them to be conscientious citizens and future leaders.

TEACHER'S DAY – 5th September 2023

The Teachers' Day Programme was organized by the Student Union on 5th September 2023 in the Golden Jubilee Hall and it was a resounding success, characterized by a blend of offstage and onstage events. The presence of esteemed guests of honour, including the Principal, Dr. Varalakshmi, Dr. Nalini, and Dr. Raziya Parvin, added prestige and significance to the event. The active participation of both faculty and students, coupled with the enthusiastic involvement of esteemed guests, made the event a memorable celebration of the invaluable contributions of our teachers.

On 4th September 2023, offstage competitions were organized for the faculty, fostering a sense of camaraderie and engagement among the teaching staff. These competitions provided a platform for showcasing their talents and skills beyond the confines of the classroom, enhancing the sense of community within the institution. The onstage events on 5th September, including group singing, cooking without fire, origami, and spot pick, added a dynamic and interactive dimension to the Teachers' Day Programme. These activities not only entertained the audience but also provided opportunities for teachers to showcase their talents and creativity. The teachers participated in the events with great enthusiasm and gusto, demonstrating their willingness to engage in activities that fostered a sense of joy and camaraderie. Their active involvement added a vibrant energy to the proceedings, setting the tone for an enjoyable and memorable celebration.

The prize winners of the various competitions were felicitated during the programme, acknowledging their talent, dedication, and exemplary performance. This gesture of recognition served to inspire both students and faculty, reinforcing the importance of recognizing and celebrating individual achievements. The Teachers' Day Programme concluded on a high note, filled with enthusiasm and positivity. The successful execution of the event, coupled with the active participation of all stakeholders, highlighted the strong sense of community and camaraderie within the institution. It served as a fitting tribute to the selfless efforts and unwavering commitment of our teachers towards shaping the future of our students.

The Teachers' Day Programme organized by the Student Union was a testament to the collaborative spirit and collective efforts of the entire institution. Through a diverse array of activities and events, the programme succeeded in celebrating the invaluable contributions of our teachers while fostering a sense of unity, camaraderie, and appreciation within the academic community.

STUDENTS UNION INAUGURATION – 6th October 2023

The inauguration of the College Student's Union and the investiture ceremony of the newly elected student members marked a significant milestone in the academic journey of our institution. The event was held on 6th October 2023 in the Assembly Hall, with great pomp and grandeur, showcased the democratic spirit and leadership potential inherent in our student body. The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome by the Student's Union President, Ms. G. Priyadharshini (III BA Historical Studies) who greeted the gathering with enthusiasm and grace. Their words resonated with warmth and inclusivity, setting a welcoming tone for the proceedings.

Dr. M. Raziya Parvin, the Student's Union In-charge delivered a special address, highlighting the importance of student leadership and civic engagement. Their insightful words inspired the newly elected student members to uphold the values of integrity, responsibility, and service to the student community. Dr. B. Uma Maheswari, the Principal of the college was the Chief Guest and delivered a poignant Presidential Address, emphasizing the significance of student leadership in shaping the future of our institution. Their words of wisdom and encouragement instilled a sense of purpose and determination in the student leaders, urging them to lead by example and make meaningful contributions to the college community.

Amidst an atmosphere of anticipation and excitement, the newly elected student members took oath, pledging to fulfill their duties and responsibilities with sincerity and dedication. The investiture ceremony symbolized the transfer of authority and entrusted the student leaders with the task of representing the interests and aspirations of their fellow students. As the ceremony drew to a close, the program concluded with the solemn rendition of the National Anthem. The stirring melody served as a reminder of our shared identity and values as citizens of our great nation, inspiring a sense of pride and unity among all attendees.

The College Student's Union Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony was a testament to the vibrant spirit and democratic ethos of our institution. As the newly elected student leaders embark on their journey of leadership, we are confident that they will uphold the values of integrity, responsibility, and service, contributing to the growth and development of our college community.

PONGAL CELEBRATIONS – 12th January 2024

The vibrant and culturally rich festival of Pongal was celebrated with immense joy and enthusiasm, with a delightful event organized by the Queen Mary's College Student Union. Held on 12th January 2024, the Pongal celebrations were a delightful spectacle of traditional customs, cheerful camaraderie, and spirited competitions. The heart of the event revolved around traditional Pongal making and elaborate decorations that adorned the whole campus of the institution. The air was filled with the aroma of freshly cooked Pongal, and colourful rangolis adorned the surroundings, creating a festive ambience that transported the students to the heart of Tamil Nadu's cultural heritage.

One of the highlights of the event was the announcement of rewards for the best performing department in Pongal making and traditional arrangements. This added a competitive yet joyful spirit to the celebrations, as departments showcased their creativity and culinary skills to vie for the coveted prizes. After much anticipation, the winners were announced amidst cheers and applause. The Department of Chemistry emerged victorious, claiming the prestigious first prize for their exemplary Pongal-making prowess. Following closely behind was the Department of Home Science, showcasing their culinary finesse and attention to detail. The third prize was shared between the Departments of Geography and B.Com, highlighting the diverse talents and abilities across various disciplines.

Throughout the event, the students of the entire College were immersed in a joyful atmosphere filled with laughter, music, and traditional festivities. From enthusiastic participation in cultural activities to indulging in delectable Pongal delicacies, everyone revelled in the spirit of togetherness and celebration. The Pongal celebrations provided a platform for cultural exchange and community bonding, bringing together students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds to celebrate a shared heritage. It fostered a sense of unity and belonging, transcending barriers and fostering goodwill among all participants.

The Pongal celebrations organized by the Student Union were a delightful showcase of Tamil Nadu's rich cultural heritage and traditions. Through spirited competitions, joyful festivities, and moments of shared laughter and camaraderie, the event exemplified the spirit of unity, diversity, and celebration that defines the essence of Pongal. The success of the event not only reaffirmed the importance of preserving and promoting cultural traditions but also underscored the power of community engagement and collaboration in creating memorable experiences for all. As participants departed with hearts full of joy and memories to cherish, the echoes of Pongal celebrations continued to resonate, spreading warmth and happiness throughout the campus.

QMC FESTA – 1st & 2nd March 2024

The QMC Festa 24, held at Queen Mary's College, was a grand celebration of talent, creativity, and cultural vibrancy. Organized with meticulous planning and dedication by the Department of Historical Studies, in collaboration with the Students Union led by Dr. M. Raziya Parvin, the event showcased the collective efforts and collaborative spirit of the entire college community. The event commenced with a warm and welcoming address by the Student Union President, G. Priyadharshini. Her words set the tone for the festivities, invoking a sense of excitement and anticipation among the attendees.

Dr. M. Raziya Parvin, the Students Union Incharge, delivered a special address, expressing gratitude to all those involved in organizing the event. Her inspiring words of encouragement motivated the students to actively participate and make the event a grand success. Dr. B. Uma Maheswari, the Principal of Queen Mary's College delivered a thought-provoking Presidential Address, emphasizing the importance of cultural events in nurturing talent and fostering a sense of community. Her words resonated with the audience, underscoring the significance of the occasion.

The esteemed playback singer Kalaimamani Dr. Velmurugan graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered a captivating inaugural speech. His words and songs inspired and enthralled the audience, setting the stage for an unforgettable celebration of talent and creativity. Celebrities from the entertainment industry, including actresses, actors, and singers (Ms.Sajini Pandey, Ms.Priya Prince, Ms. Monika, Mr. Sam Keerthan, Mr. Surendar, Mr. Raja Simman, Mr. Arun & Aravind, Dr. Iraianban Kuthoos, Mr. Iyenar and others), were welcomed as special guests of honor. Each guest was felicitated with warmth and appreciation, acknowledging their contributions to the arts and entertainment.

Students enthusiastically participated in various events, showcasing their talents in solo singing, group performances, dance, and more. Their energy and passion added a vibrant and lively atmosphere to the event, captivating the audience and judges alike. A special highlight of the event was the inclusion of live music accompaniment for solo and group singers, provided by the Geethanjali music troupe under the headship of Event Manager, Mr. Sathyan. This added an extra dimension of authenticity and richness to the performances, enhancing the overall experience for both participants and spectators.

Winners of the competitions were felicitated with medals and certificates, acknowledging their outstanding performances and contributions. The awards ceremony was met with thunderous applause and cheers, celebrating the talent and achievements of the students. The coveted overall trophy was awarded to the departments of Sociology, BCom (CS), and Zoology, recognizing their exceptional performance and participation across various events.

The event concluded with a heartfelt valedictory speech by the Principal, expressing gratitude to all participants, organizers, and guests for making the QMC Festa 24 a grand success. The program concluded with the rendition of the national anthem, symbolizing unity and patriotism.

The QMC Festa 24 was a resounding success, thanks to the dedication, hard work, and collaborative efforts of all involved. The event served as a shining example of the college's commitment to nurturing talent, fostering creativity, and celebrating cultural diversity. It left an indelible mark on all who attended, inspiring memories of joy, camaraderie, and artistic excellence.