


DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
ENGLISH LITERARY ASSOCIATION REPORT
LITEROSPECTRUM
CELEBRATION OF LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY AT QMC IN
LITEROSPECTRUM 2025


QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE
(Autonomous), Chennai -600 004
Department of English
invites you to

LITEROSPECTRUM 2025
Celebration of Linguistic Diversity in QMC
Under leadership of



DR. B. UMA MAHESHWARI
PRINCIPAL, QMC

Chief Guest



MR. NIRMAL EPHRAIM
FREELANCE INSTRUCTOR IN JAPANESE

Date & Time : 20/01/2025, 10.30am
Venue : Velu Nachiyar Hall

Guests of Honour



DR VARALAKSHMI ANANDKUMAR
HEAD & ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF FRENCH



DR SIVA SAKTHI
HEAD&ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF TAMIL



DR U MOHANA KUMARI
HEAD&ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF TELUGU



DR UMA MAHESHWARI
HEAD & ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SANSKRIT



DR K VIJAYALAKSHMI
GUEST FACULTY, DEPARTMENT OF HINDI



DR NIKHAT NAZ
GUEST FACULTY, DEPARTMENT OF URDU

Organising Committee



DR.MARIA PREETHI SRINIVASAN
HEAD & ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH



DR. I.G.ARUNA RANI
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH



DR.O. MINU AGNUS
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

Literospectrum 2025 had a flying start with the Inauguration on 21st January 2025. The event was themed Celebration of Linguistic Diversity at QMC. The Inauguration with its' unique theme was fraught with synergy on account of the coming together of all the 'language departments' to convey to the young Queen Marians of the Department of English, the great heritage of the college with respect to linguistic diversity. The heads of the Departments of French, Tamil, Telugu, Sanskrit, Hindi and Urdu rendered the beautiful sounds of their respective languages through poems and songs and introduced the audience to functional and literary expressions in the languages each of them showcased. Dr. Varalakshmi presented a poem in French on the transient beauty of a rose and a musical rendition of the poem. Dr. Sivasakthi, emphasized the greatness of Tamil and how language encompasses verbal, non verbal and graphic means of communication. Dr. Uma wooed the audience to appreciate Sanskrit through a 'boat song' in Sanskrit. Her presentation was participatory - the students enjoyed singing and simulating rowing. Dr. Mohanakumari presented beautiful lines from Telugu Literature which emphasize noble behavior. Dr. Vijayalakshmi acquainted the audience with numbers in Hindi. Ms. Nausheen, student of Clinical Nutrition represented the Urdu Department acquainted the audience with expressions pertaining to greetings and self introduction in Urdu.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Nirmal Ephraim, Freelance Instructor in Japanese (who teaches the Certificate Course in Basic Japanese at QMC) was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award and a Citation. Dr. Varalakshmi Anandkumar read the Citation on behalf of the Principal of Queen Mary's College, Dr. B. Uma Maheswari. The Chief Guest,

Mr. Nirmal Ephraim in address emphasized the importance of proficiency in more than two languages and acquisition of a basic working knowledge of as many languages as possible in order to connect with people of different cultures. He illustrated the benefits of knowing many languages through his own accomplishments as a polyglot.

The Inauguration of Literospectrum 2025 was a joyful and inspiring celebration of linguistic diversity in QMC. The inter-departmental Oratorical Competition for the coveted Smt. Rajam Ramamurthy Endowment Prize was held on 22/01/2025 in Room No-24 at Kalaingar Mahal. The topic for the day was 'South Indianness and its Cinematic Expressions' The participants were 09 students across various disciplines of our college and the winners were as follows:

PRIZE	NAME	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
I PRIZE	DEEPISHA S	II B.A.ENGLISH	Rs. 1500/-
II PRIZE	DEVISREE N	III B.A. ENGLISH	Rs.1000/-
III PRIZE	MEERA K	II BSC N&D	Rs.325/-
III PRIZE	MAHALAKSHMI S	II MA ENGLISH	Rs.325/-

The Selvi K Meyer's Memorial Prize for the inter-departmental essay writing competition was held on 22/01/2025. The topic that was assigned to the students was 'Freedom of speech : Limits and Responsibilities" There were 14 enthusiastic participants for the competition from across the various disciplines of our college.

PRIZE	NAME	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
I PRIZE	SAKTHI. M.L	II B.A. HISTORY	Rs.30/-

The Viscountess Goeshen Prize for the inter-collegiate oratorical competition was held on 27/01/2025. There were 17 enthusiastic participants from various city colleges. The topic 'Fomo, Socialmedia and Consumer Behavior' was already assigned to them. The judges for the event were Dr. Maria Preethi Srinivasan, Associate Professor & Head, Department of English and Dr. Shanmuga Priya M, Associate Professor, Department of English. The winners were as follows:

PRIZE	NAME	COLLEGE	AMOUNT
I PRIZE	ALINA DASH DEEPISHA S	QUEEN MARYS COLLEGE	Rs. 2000/-
II PRIZE	SAADHIYA FATHIMA	JUSTICE BASHEER AHMED SAYEED COLLEGE FOR WOMEN	Rs. 1000/-

III PRIZE	KALYANAVARMAN C	RAMAKRISHNAN MISSION SWAMI VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE	Rs.250/-
III PRIZE	DEVIPRIYA I	GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE FOR MEN, NANDANAM	Rs.250/-

The cultural events for the students of the department of English both UG and PG were held across two days. The ten events were segregated as off-stage and on-stage events and they were held on 24/01/2025 and 25/01/2025.

S. No	Date	On/ Off Stage	Event/ Theme	Solo/ Team	Entries per class	Total no.of Participation	Duration	Judges
1	24/01/25	On	Poetry Recitation (Multi lingual diversity)	Solo	3	15	3 - 5 mins	Dr. P. M. Vasugi (Associate.Prof of English) Dr.Shanmuga Priya M (Associate.Prof of English)
2	24/01/25	Off	Quiz (Women writers of contemporary world literatures)	Solo	3	3	45 mins	DR.I. G. Aruna Rani (Associate.Prof of English) Dr. O.Minu Agnes (Asst. Prof of English)
3	24/01/25	Off	Collage (Multi lingual diversity)	Team	1	12	45 mins	Dr. P. M. Vasugi (Associate.Prof of English) Mrs. Priya R (Asst. Prof.of English)
4	25/01/25	Off	Cooking without fire (Multi lingual diversity)	Team	1	15	45 mins	Mrs. Vasantha (Asst.Prof of Dphs) Mrs. Merlin (Asst.Prof of Dphs)

								Dr. T. Bhuvaneshwari (Associate Prof of BCA)
5	25/01/25	On	Tableau (Multi lingual diversity)	Team	1	37	5 mins	Dr. Uma (Head / Dept of DPHS) Dr. Varalakshmi (Head/ Dept of French) Dr. Maria Preethi Srinivasan (Head/ Dept of English)
6	25/01/25	Off	Pencil Sketching (Multi lingual diversity)	Solo	3	15	3 mins	Dr N Balambigai (Associate. Prof.of English)
7	12/03/25	On	Short Video (Multi lingual diversity)	Team	1	6	5 mins	Mrs. Raksha K (Asst. Prof.of English) Dr. Urmila S (Associate. Prof.of English) Dr. Jeyashree K P (Associate. Prof.of English)
8	12/03/25	On	Group Dance (Multi lingual diversity)	Team	1	6-8	8 mins	Dr. Maria Preethi Srinivasan (Head/ Dept of English) Dr. Mary Anne Joseph (Asst. Prof.of English) Dr. V. karthigadevi (Asst. Prof.of English)
9	12/03/25	On	Literary Ramp Walk (Multi lingual diversity)	Team	1	2 plus 1 as voice	5 mins	Dr N Balambigai (Associate. Prof.of English)

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The Valediction of the English Literary Association, Literospectrum was held on 12/03/2025. The event began with the Tamizh Thaa Vazhthu, the Chief Guest of the day was Dr. Balambigai, Associate Professor of English, & Dr. Mary Anne Joseph Assistant Professor of English, Queen Mary's College, Chennai- 600 004. Who graced the events with their presence, delivered the valedictory address, judged the events of the day and also distributed the prizes along with Dr. Maria Preethi Srinivasan, Head, Department of English. More than 250 students from the UG and PG participated in the various events held on the two days and the 100 odd prize winners of the nine different events were awarded with medals and certificates. The criteria for judging each event were meticulously planned for the allotment of marks by the judges. The event ended with the National Anthem.