



Author Meet - World Book Day

Date : **25 April 2022**

Venue : **Language Lab**

Organized By : **Department of English**

Attended By : **Students of Classes of VI to XII**

"A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a company by the way, a counsellor, a multitude of counsellors."

ITL observes World Book Day on 23 April, 2022 to pay tribute and salute the formidable power of books shaping all lives. World Book Day also known as World Book and Copyright Day, or International Day of the Book, is an annual event organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote reading, publishing, and copyright. To honour this day, a live author interaction session of the ITLeens was organised with the **prolific writer and TEDx speaker, Mr. Kevin Missal.**

Known for his writings on mythology, the young author and the students commenced with the interactive session like a house on fire as the latter didn't leave any stone unturned and arrayed a volley of questions enthusiastically to the mythology specialist, and his candid demeanour allowed the avid readers to eat out of his hands through his tongue-in-cheek comments and answers.

Mr. Kevin revealed that his interest in mythology was fueled by reading books such as the Pendragon series by D.J. Machale and the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan, when he was younger. He then started exploring Hindu mythology, and connecting it to fantasy.

Missal was influenced by reading classic English literature by authors like Charles Dickens, Mark Twain, and Robert Louis Stevenson, from a very young age. Enamoured by these classics' craft of writing, he remarked, "If Charles Dickens can write, why can't I?"

On this significant day, the insightful and interactive session with the writer was truly phenomenal, wherein the students got useful and profound tips on writing books and were encouraged to dive into the profound world of literature.