



ITL HOSTS CBSE SANKALP SAHODAYA LIT FEST IN COLLABORATION WITH HT PACE

NAME OF THE EVENT: CBSE SANKALP SAHODAYA LIT FEST

DATE: 15 DECEMBER 2023

VENUE: ITL PUBLIC SCHOOL

PARTICIPATED BY: STUDENTS FROM 25 SCHOOLS

ORGANIZED BY: ITL PUBLIC SCHOOL IN COLLABORATION WITH HT PACE

Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun.

To allow the learners to put their creative caps on and savour the opulent ocean of creativity **CBSE Sankalp Sahodaya** in collaboration with **HT Pace** hosted **Lit Fest** at **ITL Public School**, on **Friday 15 December 2023**. This literary extravaganza was the first ever initiative taken by **CBSE Sankalp Sahodaya** in the domain of literature. **Shri Akshay Rout**, **Former Director General**, **Swachh Bharat Misson**, **Former Director General Election Commission of India**, **Former DG DD News**, **Author and Columnist** graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest**.

Dr. Sudha Acharya, **President Sankalp Sahodaya and Principal**, ITL Public School cordially welcomed the distinguished dignitaries, the teachers and students of the participating schools. The Office Bearers of **Sankalp Sahodaya Team** felicitated the resource persons, panelists and judges with planters and mementos as a token of gratitude. In her welcome speech **Dr Sudha Acharya** highlighted how literature enhances national integration and cohesion and Literary Fests are catalysts for inter cultural dialogues. Ma'am highlighted that such literary festivals cater to socio emotional wellbeing.

The festival started with a beautiful dance presentation **Bande Utkala Janani**, written by poet Lakshmikanata Mohapatra envisaging Utkala maintaining her self-respect and dignity.

The Chief Guest in his invigorating speech emphasized that literature gives sustenance to life, making it complete and offering a potent space for fostering dialogues.

Ms. Rupali Dhawan, **Education Head Hindustan Times**, extended her warm welcome to the august gathering. The vibrant and vivacious event witnessed the zestful participation of students of 38 schools from Delhi and NCR in a plethora of activities pertaining to cultural and literary pursuits. The activities included **Therapeutic Poetry**, **In Between The Lines** (Author Interaction), **Story Telling**, **Book My Story** (the Human Library), **From Page To Stage** (Theatre), **The Plot Craft** (Budding Authors), **My Favourite Book Character**, **Collaborative Storytelling**, **Doodle Activity** and **Mosaic Of Emotions**.

Therapeutic Poetry session highlighted the power of poetry as a healing process. The resource persons for this session were **Prof. Anand Khatri**: Poet, Founder of Poiesis Society for Poetry, **Ms. Sunita Singh**: Poet, Writer and Story teller, **Prof. Parichay Das**: Poet, Writer, Columnist, Editor, heading New University of Nalanda. The session was moderated by **Ms. Rachna Pant**, **Director Ramjas International School, RK Puram**. The session

was followed by an Open House which was indeed a lifetime experience for the students to interact with the eminent and distinguished luminaries who could learn that poetry is a rhythm which overflows spontaneously from the heart and makes one more humane, resilient and compassionate.

The **Author Interaction Session (In Between the Lines)** was an enlightening interaction wherein the renowned authors discussed the nuances of writing. The Panellists for the session, **Ms. Sunita Pant Bansal** (Author, Mythologist and Story Teller), **Dr. Harshali Singh** (Author) and **Prerna Jain** (Author, Columnist, HT) while the moderator for the session was **Dr. Manisha Sharma** (Principal Venkateshwar school). In the Open House Session, the budding authors got a wonderful opportunity to be empowered by the vital takeaways of the art of writing.

The **Story Telling Session** was an interesting display of intonation, stress, music and choreography for making stories captivating. The renowned writer **Ms. Mamta Nainy** enchanted the students with her session on Story Telling and **Ms. Anubha Srivastava**, CBSE Master Trainer for Story Telling & Pedagogy and Principal Delhi International School Edge moderated the session.

The session, **Book My Story** on the project Human Library was an engaging event where students became human books, sharing their unique life stories and experiences. The session was conducted by the **ITL Alumni Prateek Arsh** (Author and Bibliophile).

The event **Page to Stage** was an informative session for those who have inclination for theatre highlighting the nitty-gritties involved in it. **Dr Parul Purohit Vats**, Dean, School of Performing Arts, presided over the session.

The **Art Events** had as its resource person **Mr. Ravindra Kumar Tanwar**, (Eminent artist Art Educator).

The Session, **The Plot Craft** (Budding Authors) was presided over by **Ms. Sutapa Basu** (Author, Translator, Storyteller and Writing Coach).

This literary event awakened the curious consciousness of the young learners and enkindled the creative spark within them.



