

## International Mother Language Day - 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The momentous occasion of International Mother Language Day was celebrated with immense enthusiasm and spirit at Maniben Nanavati Women's College, sponsored by Bank of Baroda and organized by the Literary Association (Departments of English, Hindi, and Gujarati) on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019. It was an occasion to celebrate the diversity of languages and cultures as well as to give a platform to student creativity, talent and leadership. Several distinguished Guests of Honour, Principal Dr. Rajshree Trivedi, staff members and 77 students joined in the celebration.

The event was compered by Dr. Ravindra Katyayan (Head of Department of Hindi). He commenced the program by introducing the origins of the International Mother Language Day and expounding on its significance. The dignitaries adorning the stage were English poet Dr. A.J. Thomas, Konkani writer and activist Mr. Damodar Mauzo, Gujarati poet Mr Udayan Thakker, Hindi poet Mr. Devmani Pandey and our generous patron from Bank of Baroda Ms. Rita Govindan. Dr. Trivedi felicitated and welcomed each Guest of Honour warmly.

Principal, Dr. Rajshree Trivedi offered her welcome address to all those present. This was followed by the next segment *Ek Sur: Anek Bhasha* where six students sang the two opening lines of the college song in their respective mother tongues:

Pratiksha Wadekar (Marathi & Bengali)

Jyoti Vadodiya (Gujarati)

Pinky Singh(Hindi)

Ritika Tewar(Tamil)

Padma Dolma (Ladakhi)

Glenda D'silva (English)

The program proceed to its next segment where the following students presented their poems in English, Gujarati and Hindi languages; Pinky Singh, Ananta Sinha, Kajal Jaiswal, Iram Ali, Tahura Baloch, Glenda D'silva, Priyanka Dhandhukiya, Radhika Bariya and Meghna Solanki on the theme of patriotism, love, family, self and women power.

Mr Udayan Thakker was then introduced after which he took over the session by introducing the dignitaries and inviting them to share their works and poems with the audiences. Dr. A.J. Thomas, the accomplished poet shared his poetry in English while Mr Damodar Mauzo hooked the audience with his translated Konkani short story. Mr Udayan Thakker recited his poetry in Gujarati and English and the spirited Mr. Devmani Pandey enthralled the young audiences with his short poems on the theme of love, being the occasion of Valentine's day.

This was followed by the proud launch of the Department of English bi-annual newsletter Campus Breeze, February 2020 Issue by the hands of all the dignitaries along with the students of English Department. Drawing the event to a close, a warm vote of thanks was delivered by Ms Geeta Varun. While she thanked the continuous support and guidance of the college, teachers, staff, guests, she particularly offered her gratitude to the students and their spirit. The event ended with the singing of the National Anthem and the distribution of cakes and refreshments to the students. All in all, this entire event was aimed at celebrating the glory of languages and also to encourage students and give them an opportunity to exploit their diverse talents, creativity and innovative ideas.

## Highlights of the Programme - International Mother Language Day - 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020



**Mr Damodar Mauzo**



**Dr. A.J. Thomas**



Time: 14-02-2020 12:06  
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**Felicitations of the dignitaries**



Time: 14-02-2020 11:29  
Note: International Mother Language Day

**Ek Sur: Anek Bhasha**



Time: 14-02-2020 12:03  
Note: International Mother Language Day

**Glimpse of the audience**



Time: 14-02-2020 11:42  
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**Student's Poetry Presentation**



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Time: 14-02-2020 13:30  
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**Release of Campus Breeze**