

Report of MERAKEI (2018)



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MERAKI 2018

MCM DAV College for Women reverberated with youthful exuberance and revelry as its annual cultural fest Meraki 2018- a soulful extravaganza filled with colours of music, dance, poetry, drama, debate and much more, commenced here today. An exceptional platform for exhibiting creativity and skills, the fiesta witnessed enthusiastic participation of various institutions from across the region. Mr. Shashank Anand, SSP (Traffic), UT, Chandigarh graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mr. Ashok Gulia, Coordinator, Save Fuel Save Future and Mr. Subhash Gupta, Senior Vice



Chief Guest Mr. Shashank Anand, SSP (Traffic), UT, Chandigarh being felicitated at MERAKI 21.3.2018

President, Road Safety Organisation were the Special Guests on the inaugural day. Lamp lighting and Ganesh Vandana lent a divine start to the 2-day fest. Declaring the fest open, Mr. Shashank Anand congratulated the college for providing the students an opportunity in the form of Meraki to exploit their skills of enterprise.

He motivated the young women to be the masters of their own destiny and said that for a



Punjabi Star Gippy Grewal at MERAKI 18

nation to progress, it is imperative that women are given their rightful place in the society. Meraki-a word of Greek origin, refers to the act of infusing creativity with soul. True to its name, Meraki offered an array of events to engage, empower and encourage the youth. The first day of the mega event featured various interesting events and competitions including Nukkad Natak, Group Dance, Quiz, Tug of War, Paint-a-Poem, Ad Mad, Comic Strip Making,

Snake and Ladders, and Hog It All that tantalized the audience's senses and drew enthusiastic participation. Dr. Gurmeet Singh, Chairperson, Department of Hindi, PU was the Chief Guest for Nukkad Natak and Sara Gural, renowned social activist and singer was the Chief Guest for Paint a Poem. Scintillating performance by Parashara Band of Delhi was a crowd puller and ended day one on a musical note.

Overwhelmed at the huge response to the fest, MCM Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava said that such events empower the youth by providing them a channel for expression and it is this empowered youth that holds the key to a successful nation.

The second day of the annual cultural fiesta Meraki 2018 at MCM DAV College For Women was as electrifying and fun filled as the inaugural day, with a host of events to keep the

competitive spirit of participants ticking and the audience mesmerized. The fest was graced by Dr. Gurdip Sharma, Principal, GGSD College, Haryana and Senior PU Senator and Syndic as the Chief Guest. Visibly impressed by the grandeur and uniqueness of the event, Dr. Gurdip Sharma lauded the spirit of enterprise of the students.



Singer Alphaz performing at MERAKI 18

The day's events kicked off with an interactive session Daur-E-Start Up, during which 6 new-age entrepreneurs shared their inspiring start-up success stories. Mr. Vishal Sood, an alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad and Director, PHI Infosoft Pvt. Ltd. was the Chief Guest for Daur-E-Start Up. Adding a touch of glamour to the event, Ramp on Beat saw confident beauties walking down the ramp with aplomb and grace, donning the attires designed by themselves, on the beats of live music. In a tough contest for the crown of Ms. Meraki, Jasmine Cheema emerged the winner while Roopdeep Kaur was crowned first runner up and Iqshita was adjudged second runner up. The audience swayed to the melodious song performances by bands of different colleges at the event- Open Mike, with the sounds of guitars and drums soaking the entire atmosphere in melody. The other events of the day included Trideltathon, Painting Smiles, Turn Coat and Prime Suspect.



Open Mike at MERAKI 18

Ms. Devpreet Kaur, Additional Director General, AIR, Chandigarh graced the evening session as the Chief Guest and gave away prizes to the winners of various competitions held on both the days. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Singh motivated the girls to never say no to challenges and work towards empowering not just themselves but also others. Renowned singers Alfaaz and Gill Ranjodh were the star attractions during the closing ceremony. The second day witnessed a befitting end with an enthralling EDM Concert featuring Tomorrowland fame DJ Diego Miranda winning the evening with eclectic music.

Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava gave away prizes to the winners of various competitions held on the two days. She was all praises for the organisers of the fest for having put up a splendid show and congratulated the winners of various events and motivated all the students to emulate the qualities of leadership and excellence displayed during the fest.