Report of MERAKI (2017)



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Meraki 17

MCM DAV College for Women reverberated with youthful exuberance and revelry as its Annual cultural fest Meraki 2017- a soulful extravaganza filled with colours of music, dance, poetry, drama, debate and much more, commenced here today. An exceptional platform for exhibiting creativity, the fiesta witnessed the participation of 30 colleges across the tricity. Inaugurating the fest by lighting the ceremonial lamp, PU Registrar Col.G.S.Chadda 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.



engage, empower and encourage the youth of today. The highlight of day one was Youth Conclave that served as a platform for youthcentric interaction and brought together RJs,

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

Harbhajan Mann at MERAKI 17

YouTubers, social media experts, young entrepreneurs and others from unexplored fields to inspire the audience with their story. The celebrity of the day- Harbhajan Mann won many hearts with his soulful singing. A mega event with 17 on-ground events and 4 online events, the fest featured competitions like Groove it up, Behind the Mask, In (quiz)itive, Tug of War, Photobooth, LAN Gaming and Doodle that tantalized the audience's senses and drew enthusiastic participation.

The Chief Guest for the evening session was Mr.Manmohan Singh (PPS), AIG Vigilance, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab. He congratulated the college for providing such a grand platform to the youth for showcasing their creativity, talent, knowledge and caliber. Performance by Swastik band 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 the competitive spirit of the participants took the fest several notches high and made it a success.

The second day of Meraki 2017 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.

PU Senate and Syndicate member and Additional State Project Director, RUSA Dr. Dalip Kumar graced the occasion with his presence as the Chief Guest. Visibly impressed by the scale of the event, Dr. Dalip lauded the zeal of the participants and the immaculate organisation of the event. The day's events kicked off with exhilarating cultural programme -

Rangla Punjab where students performed on foot tapping Punjabi numbers. Renowned Punjabi television personality Mrs. Savita Bhatti infused overwhelming energy into the event with her presence.

One of the highlights of the day was Fashion Show which saw confident beauties walking down the ramp with aplomb and grace in their traditional ethnic finery. In a tough contest for the crown of Ms. Meraki, Nikita emerged the winner while Monica was crowned first runner up and Abhiseerat was adjudges second runner up.



Dramatics performance at MERAKI 17

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 Youth Parliament, Devil follows, Poetry Slam and Prime Suspect. The second day witnessed a befitting end with an enthralling EDM Concert winning the evening with eclectic music.



Rock band performance at MERAKI 17

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.