

A STAGE FOR EVERY VOICE: JACOB MATRICULATION'S ENGLISH DEPARTMENT INAUGURATION

Manavala Nagar, Tiruvallur – January 30, 2025, dawned with a vibrant energy at Jacob Matriculation Higher Secondary School. The occasion? The inauguration of the English Department, a day where 675 students became storytellers, performers, and dreamers. The air buzzed with excitement as the program commenced, a prayer song and a welcome dance setting the stage for a spectacular showcase. Principal Mrs. Joyce Maria, with a ribbon-cutting, officially declared the festivities open. A moment of solemn remembrance marked Martyrs' Day, as Principal Mrs. Joyce Maria garlanded a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, honouring the Father of the Nation.

From the youngest kindergartners grappling with phonics to the seasoned high schoolers interpreting Shakespeare, every student had a voice. The stage became a canvas for their talents. "Tenali Raman" sprang to life, followed by a slice of "Tom Sawyer's" adventures. Cyber safety took center stage, a timely reminder in our digital age, while "Rapunzel" spun her enchanting tale. Dances pulsed with meaning – "Women's Empowerment," the poignant "Seven Stages of Life," and a spirited performance to "Believers." A whimsical Disney character parade mingled with the grandeur of a Shakespearean procession, a testament to the breadth of the English language. Each act was a spark, igniting the audience's imagination. The inspiring strains of "I Have a Dream" echoed through the hall, a powerful anthem for the students' aspirations. The guiding hand behind this impressive production was Academic Director Mrs. Vidya Sankaran.

Principal Mrs. Joyce Maria, in her address, acknowledged the students' creativity but gently reminded them to balance their "fantasy world" of screens with the realities of focused study. Her words resonated with the attending Vice Principals and English Department teachers from the other branches.

The day was divided into two acts: the morning showcasing the exuberance of the primary students, and the afternoon highlighting the talents of the high schoolers. The grand finale saw the induction of the English Literary Association's new leaders – President, Vice President, and Secretary – who took their oaths, administered by Principal Mrs. Joyce Maria herself. The true triumph of the day? Every single student, all 675 of them, had a chance to shine. It wasn't just an inauguration; it was a celebration of language, creativity, and the boundless potential of every child. It underscored the commitment of Jacob Group of schools, under the leadership of honourable Chairman Rtn. Adv. J.Y James Jayaraj, to providing a well-rounded education that empowers students to excel in the 21st century.

