

FORUM INAUGURATION REPORT



The inauguration of the **forum-ELYSIUM** of the undergraduate department of psychology was held on 30th August, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in the indoor auditorium. The chief guest of the day Ms. Vijaya Ramkumar and the Dean of Madras School Of Social Work, Dr.R.Subashini arrived and were received by the head of the department- Ms.PriyaMagesh and the president of the forum SakinaSaraiya. The MC's for the day Krishna and SakthiManisha offered a bilingual welcome to the gathering and this was followed by the Tamil Thai Vaazhthu and College Song. The first and second year students performed a musical rendition, much to the crowd's delight.

The inaugural ceremony was then declared open with the lighting of the lamp done by the Chief Guest of the day- Ms.Vijaya Ramkumar, the Dean- Dr.R.Subashini, The Head of the Department- Ms.Priya Magesh, Assistant Professor- Mr.Sangeeth Gopinath and the Student President of the

forum-Ms.Sakina Saraiya. The Welcome Address for the day was presented by the Joint General Secretary of the forum, Ms.Mawahirul Fawazima. A memento was presented to the Chief Guest along with bouquets being presented to the Chief Guest and the Dean. The Dean of MSSW-Dr.R.Subashini then gave her speech and encouraged the students with her warm and motivating words.

Then, the Sub-Editor of the Forum,Athira Nair introduced the Chief Guest of the day-Ms.VijayaRamkumar stating her experience and achievements in the field of psychology. Ms.Vijaya then delivered her address. She spoke with an immense love and respect towards her field and explained to the gathering,the functioning of a Forum and the teamwork and dedication that goes into working togetherfor the Forum. She also urged the students to take up research as a career path and reiterated that research is the essence of psychology. After the inspiring speech, the General Secretary of the forum Ms.Neeraja Prabhakaran introduced the Forum for the current academic year and mentioned the successful events of the previous year conducted by the forum.Then, the badges were presented by the chief guest to the members of the forum in order:

President -Ms.Sakina Saraiya ,Vice President - Ms.Vijaya Gowri Mohan, General Secretary-Ms.Neeraja Prabhakaran, Joint General Secretary Ms. Mawahirul Fawazima,Treasurer-Ms.Soumya, Joint treasurer-Mr.Mike Jenner, Chief editor- Ms.Tawny D'Rozario and Subeditors-Ms.Athira Nair and Urmila Jain.

After the presentation of badges, the Head of the Department, Ms. Priya Magesh delivered the oath where the office bearers swore to serve the department diligentlyandearnestly. Then, the much awaited Presidential Address was presented by the Vice President of the Forum, Ms.Vijaya Gowri Mohan who layed out the agenda for the year. This was followed by the Chief Editor's Address given by Ms.Tawny D'Rozario who emphasised about the department's very own monthly magazine,Psyndicate and encouraged students to submit relevant articles and contribute to its pages. After this, the ChiefGuest presented the department with a shield which was received by the Head of the Department. The Forum Treasurer Soumya then delivered the Vote Of Thanks, thanking everyone present and everyone who had supported and made time for the special event.

The program being hosted bilingually, had a voracious response from the audienceand was concluded with the National Anthem. This report cannot be ended without mentioning the efforts and contributions of the head of the department- Ms, PriyaMagesh and the professors of the department- Mr. SangeethGopinath, Ms.Nikita Sunny, Ms.D.Rathidevi Sridhar and Ms.S.Durga Devi to make the inauguration of ELYSIUM, a grand success.