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2022-2023

Name of the Department/Society: Transposon – The Life Sciences Society

Name of the Event: Affinity'24

Date of the Event: 8th April, 2024

Objective: Affinity, the annual fest of Transposon was organized with the aim to bring together students of life sciences from various colleges to share their talent, creativity, and enthusiasm for the sciences.



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Number of Participants: Total 68 registered participants, Event-wise breakup enclosed along with attendance sheet

Transposon, the Life Sciences Society of Hansraj College, University of Delhi organized its annual fest – 'Affinity' in association with Confluence'24 on 8th April, 2024.

Affinity'24 was inaugurated by inspiring words from Prof. Vijay Rani Rajpal, Vice Principal, Hansraj College highlighting the importance of fostering curiosity and appreciation for science. She acknowledged the roles of Dr. Ridhi Khurana (Convenor) and Dr. Pratibha Pant (Co-convenor) for their pivotal roles in organizing the event. The efforts of the entire Transposon team, led by Kasturi Saha (President) and Shubham Khurana (Vice-President) were appreciated for their hard work and dedication. After the inaugural session the festivities began with the photography competition, "Ambivalence-contrast through your lens," promising an engaging exploration of creativity.

Ambivalence: Contrasts through your lens

Ambivalence: Contrasts through your lens, the photography competition aimed to showcase the juxtaposition of elements, themes, and emotions within a single frame. Photographers were encouraged to explore the dynamic interplay between opposing elements, whether it be light and shadow, joy and sorrow, or urban and natural landscapes. The competition sought to celebrate the artistry of capturing contrasting elements and the emotions they evoke. The event began with Dr. Pratibha Pant, Co-convenor of the society felicitating the judges for this competition – Dr. Dinesh Kumar Gautam from Department of Zoology and Dr. Himanshu Khurana from Department of Chemistry. Participants were given a time of 45 min to take photographs within the Botany Department and front lawn of Hansraj College. Judgement was given on the basis of quality of photo, aesthetic appeal, contrasts not only technically but emotionally as well, and the caption participants wrote for their photographs highlighting the message they wanted to send out through it.

After careful deliberation, the judges selected the following winners: The first position was bagged by Samiksha Girdhar from B.Sc.(P) Life Sciences, 3rd Year at Hansraj College. Sneha Longani, B.Sc.(P) Life Sciences, 2nd year at Hansraj College secured the second position.



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Paw-Fect: Celebrating Human -Animal Relationship

Paw-Fect: The Bookmark Competition was another interesting competition that tested the creativity and imagination of the participants. Theme for this competition was 'Celebrating Human-Animal relationship'. The event marked its beginning from 10:20 AM at Botany Lab-03, after the inaugural session of Affinity'24. Judges for the competition, Dr. Pooja Jha, from Department of Botany and Dr. Aparna Bansal, from Department of Chemistry were felicitated by Dr. Ridhi Khurana, Convenor of the society. Thereafter, rules for the event were announced. Each participant was provided with a bookmark cut out of 18 cm X 6.5 cm. They were given 45 min to design the bookmark according to the theme. Volunteers made sure that mobiles or any unfair means were not used by participants.

Participants submitted their entries by mentioning their participant number, which was provided to them at the starting of the event and college name. They were judged based on their adherence to theme, presentation and creativity. Based on the scores of judges, Anudeepti Bajpai from B.Sc.(H) Botany 3rd year, Hansraj college secured first position and second position was taken up by Anshika Arren from B.Sc.(H) Botany 2nd year, Hansraj college. They were awarded in the valedictory session of Affinity'24.

SOS: Science of senses

Science of Senses was another exciting competition in the line of events for Affinity. It was a scientific blindfold competition in which participants had to guess the hidden item using their senses. Sense organs are specialized organs that help to perceive the world around us. They are an integral part of our lives and it is the only way that enables us to perceive the environment. In this competition participants had to guess the hidden items using power of their senses.

The game was conducted in 2 rounds in Botany lab 2, first round was blindfold round in which 19 participants participated and each participant was given 45 seconds to guess the item using their sense of smell, touch and taste being blindfolded. Some items which were placed in this round were curry, coriander, mint leaves spices like turmeric, cinnamon. Nuts like almonds, cashews, pistachio etc. 10 marks were awarded for each correct answer. After the first round and tie breaker round, 13 participants qualified for the second round.

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In the second round they have to use their sense of sight which is responsible for most of the information we absorb from our five combined senses and their master gland brain which is the seat of intelligence, interpreter of the senses. Participants had to guess the name of the plant by looking at its leaves, flowers, and fruits. They were given 30 s each for that and if the question was not answered, it was passed to the next two people. 10 marks were awarded for each correct answer and 5 extras for answering pass questions.

After overcoming all challenging questions, 2 students stood as the winner of this competition. Muskan Arya from B.Sc.(H) Botany, 3rd year secured 1st position and Naincy Yadav from B.Sc.(P) Life Sciences secured 2nd position.

Science Se Song Tak

Science Se Song Tak was another exciting competition in the line of events of Affinity, where songs were deciphered through scientific emojis and symbols. This game tested the speed and scientific knowledge of candidates along with their love for Bollywood. It was held at noon in Lab 1, Department of Botany, Hansraj College. The game started with 19 teams being registered. In each team, there were two members. The game was held in 2 rounds. In the first round, each team was given the chance to guess the maximum number of songs from the scientific emojis in 15 minutes. After this round, only two teams scored the maximum points, which were teams 5 and 12. Initially, 7 teams were eliminated on the spot and the remaining 10 teams that scored equal points got ahead with a tiebreaker challenge. Only 7 teams moved ahead to round 2. The second round was mainly about teamwork. In this round, each member was given 1 minute to guess one song and enact it to his teammate. After this round out of the 7 teams, there was a tie between 2 teams. The final tiebreaker was held between teams 12 and 5.

After overcoming all challenges, team 12 named A square that included Anjali Srivastava and Arya Srivastava became the winners of the game. The second prize was won by team P square which included Palak Pandey and Pankaj Kumar.



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RRR – Rapid Roast Rebuttal

RRR – Rapid Roast Rebuttal, the contest about debunking myths was the final event conducted in room A1 by the Society in a line-up of unique competitions. RRR was about showcasing confident minds roasting the misconceptions prevailing in the scientific world. The event began with felicitation of the judges for the contest, Dr. Sahil Mehta and Dr. Mandeep from the Department of Botany by Dr. Ridhi Khurana, Convener of the society. The rules were explained and topics were chosen by the participants. Students were given a buffer time of 20 min to prepare and they did wonders while presenting their thoughts for 3-4 min in front of the audience.

Each contestant spoke about the selected topics and related with the crowd and surely gathered their attention through a great deal of laughs and claps. Participants were judged on the basis of their oration skills, confidence, relevance to the topic and audience engagement.

The winners were announced in a valedictory ceremony after the event. Ishita Chadha from B.Sc.(P) Life sciences 3rd year student secured the first prize, Ayush Galyan, B.Sc.(P) Life sciences 2nd year secured the 2nd position, and Shivarjit Pathak, B.Sc.(P) Life sciences 2nd year student was awarded the consolation prize.

Valedictory Session

The valedictory session of the event brimmed with enthusiasm and appreciation for the participants' dedication and talent. After a series of intense competitions, attendees gathered to honor the achievements of the participants. Winners of various competitions, including, Ambivalence - Contrast through your lenses, SOS-Science of Senses, RRR- Rapid Roast Rebuttal, Science se song tak and Paw- Fect: Celebrating Human Animal relationship, were announced amidst continuous applause and celebration. Each winner was praised for their exemplary skill and contribution to the success of the fest. The ceremony concluded with heartfelt congratulations extended to all the winners, whose creativity and passion had illuminated the event, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.

Encl.: Glimpses from the event, Attendance Sheet

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Glimpses from the event



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Attendance Sheet

S.No.	Name	Event
1	Stuti Dwivedi	Ambivalence (30)
2	Abhiraaj Parihar	
3	Ritika Kaim	
4	Manzarik Gupta	
5	Dheeraj Kumar	
6	Bajrang	
7	Devansh Paliwal	
8	Bhoomi dodeja	
9	Abhinav Borgohain	
10	Sourav Jyoti Das	
11	Chandeep Gogoi	
12	Karan kumar	
13	Kanishka Yadav	
14	Jyoti	
15	Akash kumar	
16	Jyoti	
17	Prachi singh	
18	Abdul Nasir	
19	Pankaj kumar	
20	Vaishnavi Singh	
21	Jesu Choudhary	
22	Naincy Yadav	
23	Juhi Jha	
24	Soumya jain	
25	Ankit	
26	Ashish	
27	Laghima	
28	Siddheshwar Nath Mishra	
29	Shewtalina	
30	Anchal	
31	Diksha Pallavi	Pawfect (14)
32	Gautam Joshi	
33	Anshika Arren	
34	Pragya Neeraj	
35	Pragya Neeraj	
36	Habiba	
37	Anudeepti Bajpai	
38	Anisha	
39	Jesu Choudhary	
40	Deeksha	
41	Jesu Choudhary	
42	Arya Srivastava	
43	Siddheshwar Nath Mishra	
44	Ravneet	
45	Siddheshwar Nath Mishra	Science of Senses (26)
46	Muskan Arya	
47	DIVYANSHU SHARMA	
48	VIJAY	
49	Ravneet	
50	Linthoi Khomdram	
51	Dhruv Raina	
52	Abdul Nasir Qureshi	
53	Saksham	
54	Jesu Choudhary	
55	Nisha Kushwaha	
56	Naincy Yadav	
57	Aditya Raj	
58	Megavath vasu	
59	Ayush Galyan	
60	Vinayak Kumar	
61	Vaishnavi Singh	
62	Juhi Jha	
63	Deepika malik	
64	Stuti Dwivedi	
65	Ritika Kaim	
66	Devansh Paliwal	Rapid Roast Rebuttal (8)
67	Bhoomi dodeja	
68	Kanishka Yadav	
69	Jesu Choudhary	
70	Shivarjit Pathak	
71	Shivarjit Pathak	
72	Ashish Tiwari	
73	Pranav Sharma	
74	Divyanshu Sharma	
75	Vijay	Science Se Song tak (21)
76	Linthoi Khomdram	
77	Abdul Nasir Qureshi	
78	Vinayak Kumar	
79	Deeksha	
80	Muskan Agarwal	
81	Prachi singh	
82	Aditya Raj	
83	Abdul Nasir	
84	Tushar Yadav	
85	Shubham Suman	
86	Pankaj kumar	
87	Maithilee Jha	
88	Jesu Choudhary	
89	Yash srivastav	
90	Pratyasha Gautam	
91	Vaishnavi Singh	
92	Gautam Joshi	
93	Ayushi Singh	
94	Arya Srivastava	
95	Ritu	
96	Abdul saood khan	
97	Pranav Sharma	
98	Ashish Tiwari	
99	Ayushi Tiwari	
100	Anchal	
101	Kabir Khanna	
102	Jyoti	
103	Habiba	