

LITERATURE ADDS TO REALITY



"Literature adds to reality, it does not simply describe it. It enriches the necessary competencies that daily life requires and provides; and in this respect, it irrigates the deserts that our lives have already become." - C.S Lewis, a British scholar and novelist.

As stated in the quotation by C.S. Lewis, literature not only describes reality but also adds to it. Yes, literature plays an important role in our lives. Literary Day was observed in CMR National PU College on 29th July. During the day, the students grabbed the opportunity to showcase their literary talents and portray their immense love and appreciation for language. A number of literary events were conducted and the students Participated with great excitement and zeal.

After a tough round of competition, the winners of the various events were:

• ENGLISH STORY WRITING

1. Binil Biju Parel	IB	Apollo
2. Sai Keerthana	ID	Zeus
3. Pranathi A. S	IIG	Zeus
Joselin Jose Plathottam	IE	Aphrodite

• KANNADA STORY WRITING

1. Swathi Harish	IIC	Apollo
2. Priyanka. P	IIC	Athena
3. Indumathi. N	IIC	Zeus

• HINDI STORY WRITING

1. Nupur Diwan	IIA	Zeus
2. Anagha Rao	IIA	Zeus
3. Bhavana Giri	IIC	Aphrodite

• KANNADA RECITATION

1. Srinatha	ID	Apollo
2. Nidhi Shivaraj Patil	ID	Athena
3. Indumathi	IIC	Zeus

• SANSKRIT RECITATION

1. Manikantan	IH	Apollo
2. Swathi	IID	Zeus
3. Ramya	IA	Zeus

• HINDI RECITATION


1. Nabeela	IIA	Apollo
2. Sejal	IIA	Zeus
3. Rebecca	IIB	Apollo

• QUIZ

1. Rithvik	IID	Athena
Shyam	IIC	Athena
2. George T. V.	IID	Aphrodite
Rohit	IIC	Aphrodite

• TRIPLE MESH

1. Aks Sultan Thariani	IB	Aphrodite
Navneet Krishnan	ID	Aphrodite
George T. V.	IID	Aphrodite
2. Keerthi Gopalakrishnan	IIA	Zeus
Ravinder Singh	IIA	Zeus
Gagan Hegde	IIB	Zeus



We got to know about the PESIT Amateur Scientist 2011 competition a day before our chemistry exam. We were already tensed and stressed, but as we are multi taskers we thought of taking up the challenge. Sitting in the bus, after the chemistry exam, we thought about how we could make a change. We decided to do something about air pollution, which is a major hassle to mankind in today's world. So, working on the idea, we came up with a method to break down the CO₂ in air and not only help the carbon portion of CO₂ to settle down, but also to produce ozone from the nascent oxygen atoms got after the CO₂ molecule is broken by electrostatic forces. We tried many ways, but nothing seemed to work. But finally, when we generated negative ions, all of a sudden the smoke (CO₂) vanished. At last we did it! We had the concept, but the question was how were we going to apply it, how were we going to make it available to common man? An idea popped into our minds the next day. We could simply fix it to the back of a car exhaust and be done with it. But this idea was not as simple as it sounded. We got back together again on Sunday and we went to the scrap market and picked up a hollow pipe. Applying the same concept, we attached our copper plates and tried if it could work. And it worked!

Pesit amateur Scientist 2011

Now we knew that our innovation would not only reduce CO₂ but also produce Ozone, which would help us rebuild the ozone layer. The only task left was to name our project and send it for approval to PESIT.

We got selected from amongst 57 Colleges from all over Bangalore (Engineering, PU, etc.) and we were already proud of ourselves and were winners in our own eyes.

On 27th of August we met at 5:45 in the morning. We expected to reach the PESIT campus at about 7:30a.m but instead we were already there by 6:30a.m. We walked around their beautiful campus and got the feel of the campus. At about 7:00 a.m., we registered ourselves and set up our project with the flex banner. Soon, the inauguration ceremony was conducted and hoards of students, teachers and others started pouring in.

We started explaining our project to each of them, and each time we did it, our confidence increased and we felt proud of ourselves and of our project.

There were 5 head judges and other anonymous judges. We did not think we would win, but we wanted to inform everyone about our innovation.

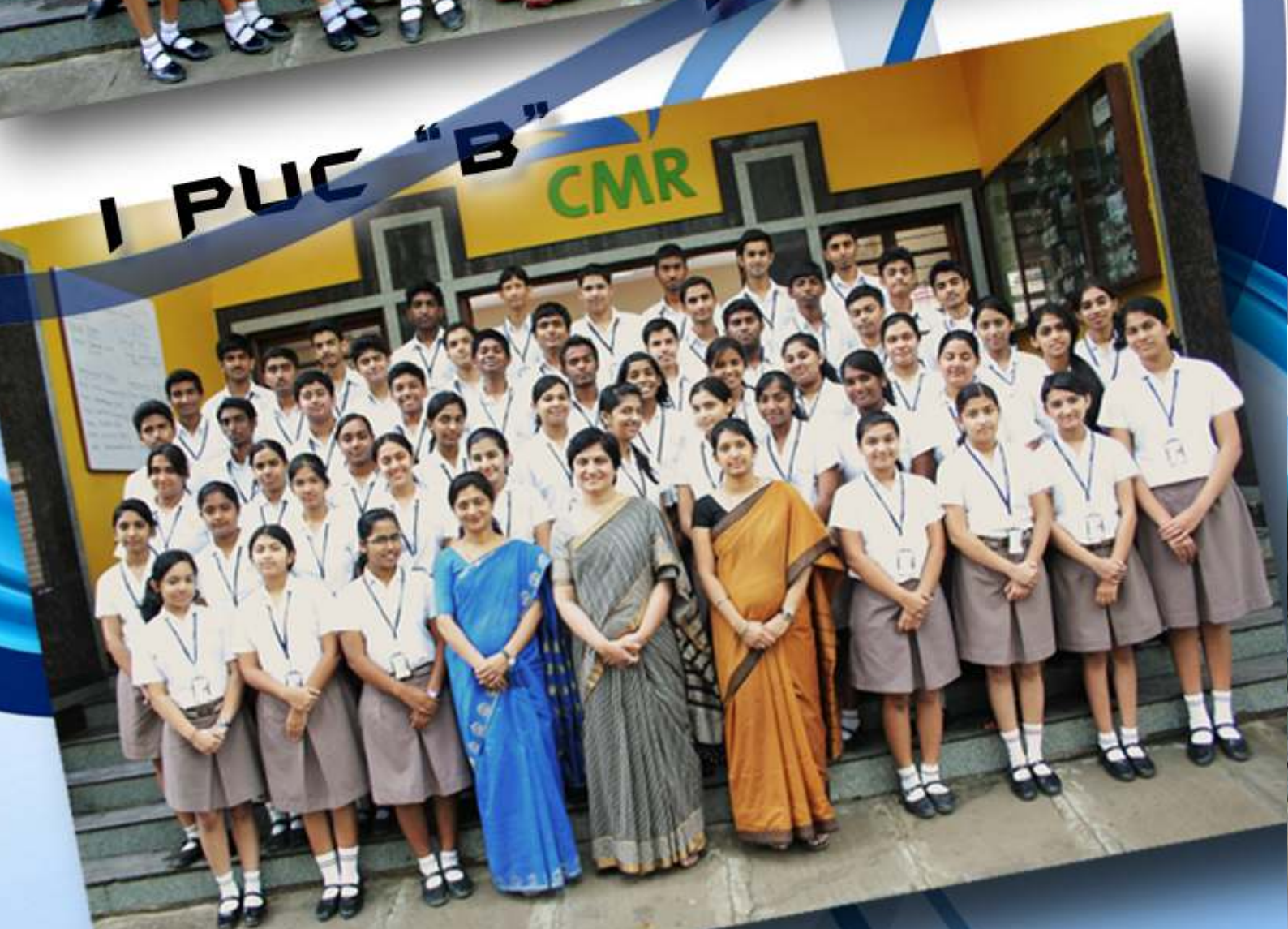
Having fun along the way, we did not even realize that it was already 4:00p.m. We were asked to pack up and join the closing ceremony, where the winners would be announced.

We were drop-dead exhausted, but eager for the results. After the participation certificates had been distributed, they announced the runners- up and after a pause they announced that the winners were the team from CMR National PU College.

We were amazed to know that we had been chosen as the Amateur Scientists of 2011. We not only received a golden trophy but were also awarded a cash prize of Rs 10,000/- for our amazing effort. We were blinded by the flashes of the press cameras as we went up to collect our awards.

The next day we saw photos of the winners in the newspapers, and, yes that was US! We made CMR PU College proud from among the 57 other colleges that participated.













INVESTITURE 2011





INVESTITURE CEREMONY

After a gap of about three years it was decided that the students must elect their captains. For the first time the students were divided into houses-- *Zeus, Aphrodite, Apollo and Athena*. The names were taken from Greek mythology. Each house voted for its own captain and finally the big day came—the election day! Two candidates-- a boy and a girl-- were chosen from each class. They came on stage-- confident, with a little nervousness and anticipation dancing on their faces. They gave a brief introduction about themselves and their ideas for our college. They talked about vows and promises and the difference between the two. They talked about the leaders who inspire them and in the end we were all muddled up. After hearing them out the students voted secret ballot style. However there was a draw amongst the boys. The teachers came to the rescue and voted too. Finally the decision was out-- Aswathi and Zaid were elected as college captains!



College captains' Interview

Zaid and Aswathi



Q: what have you learned from being a captain?

[They looked at each other. Deadpan.]

A: I've learned to be more responsible--

[Zaid sniggered]

A: Shut up!

[I stood up, teeth gritted.]

Z: I am not answering any questions until you sit down. You're scary.

Q: Why are you doing this to me? Just answer the question! It's so simple--

Z: Huh? Were you saying something?

[I gave him my best 'captains-don't-escape-my-wrath' glare.]

Z: Okay. It's taught me to think before making a decision. Because I really didn't expect to be made a captain. I mean, it's really tough to stand up on stage (with Aswathi) after you've been elected and have someone call out "Father-Daughter."

A: Right. Father-daughter. Anyway I've learnt to speak out and voice out my opinions--

Z: (Bambi eyes and mouth agape.) Since when have you not voiced your opinion--

A: Shut up!

[A fight about how Aswathi's so short and Zaid's so tall]

A: No, you're the freak-

Z: No it's you. You can only stare at our backs in a crowd when you're trying to look for someone.

[A little pause]

Z: Nice one.

A: Thank you so much, you--

Q: Forget it. What have you learned from being a captain? Have you learned to be more patient?

Or to listen to people--

[Laughter broke out]

A: I don't listen to people.

Z: The truth. Finally.

A: He keeps breaking in!

Q: Look at me. Ignore him.

Z: What?

A: SHUT--

Q: LOOK AT ME!

A: Right. Right. I've learned to take things as they come. Like an event-- you have to keep changing it everyday. Every small detail. And putting up charts...

Z: ...so many charts...

A: Most importantly, to keep on trying. Seriously. These days, I listen to people and I don't tell them to shut up. I don't give one word answers that don't mean anything. I listen to them and think it through. This way I've learnt something from Zaid. When he says no to something, he gives a reason for why he's doing it.

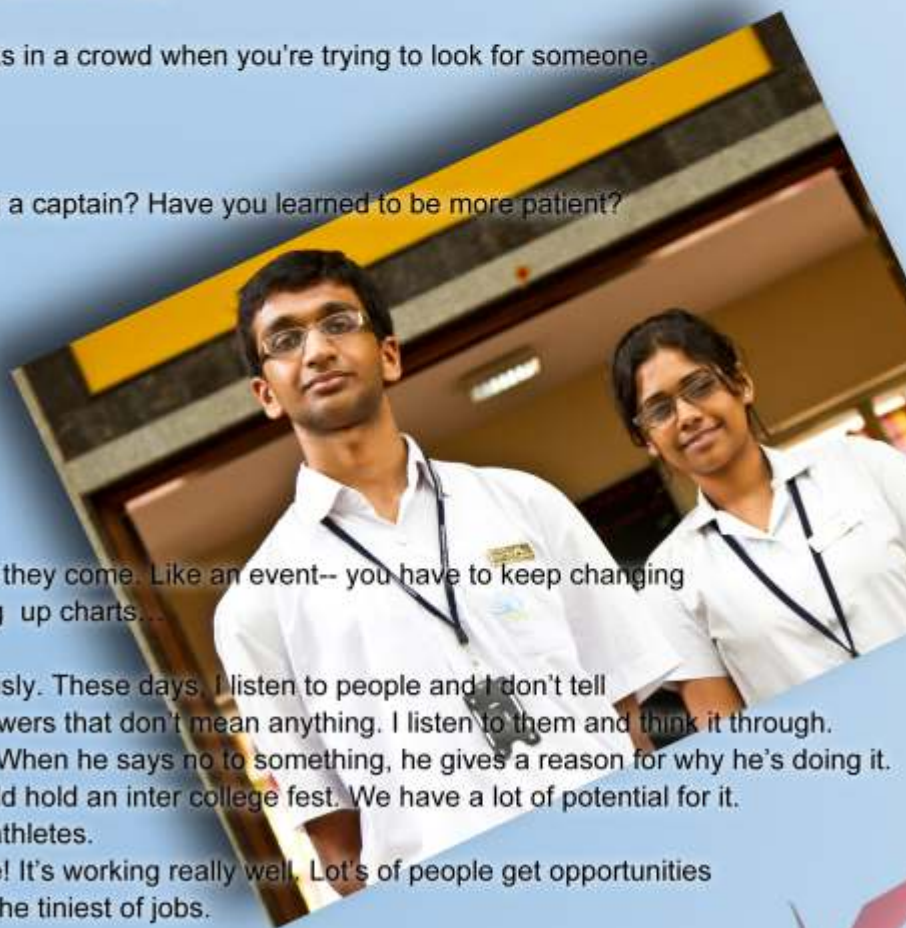
Z: Umm...About this college, I think we should hold an inter college fest. We have a lot of potential for it. Especially on the music scene. Even our athletes.

The whole idea of houses is just awesome! It's working really well. Lot's of people get opportunities and everyone feels important even doing the tiniest of jobs.

A: I completely agree.

Q: Okay. This is good! Progress! Next question--

Z: Oh! Oh! I have a good joke- if Aswathi has to look up to me then I have to compensate by looking down at her.



APHRODITE



Aphrodite is the Greek goddess of love, beauty, pleasure, and procreation. Her Roman equivalent is the goddess Venus. Historically, her cult in Greece was imported from, or influenced by, the cult of Astarte in Phoenicia. According to Hesiod's Theology, she was born when Cronus cut off Uranus' genitals and threw them into the sea, and from the sea foam arose Aphrodite. Thus, Aphrodite is of an older generation than Zeus.

Because of her beauty, other gods feared that jealousy would interrupt the peace among them and lead to war, and so Zeus married her to Hephaestus, who was not viewed as a threat. Aphrodite had many lovers, both gods like Ares, and men like Anchises. Aphrodite also became instrumental in the Eros and Psyche legend, and later was both Adonis' lover and his surrogate mother. Many lesser beings were said to be children of Aphrodite.

Aphrodite is also known as Cythera (Lady of Cythera) and Cyprus (Lady of Cyprus) after the two cult-sites, Cythera and Cyprus, which claimed her birth. Myrtles, doves, sparrows, horses, and swans are sacred to her. The Greeks further identified the Ancient Egyptian goddess Hathor with Aphrodite.

Aphrodite also has many other local names, such as Acidalia, Cytherea and Cerigo, used in specific areas of Greece.

House captains'interviews

Purna (2 G) interviewed the house captains.

George and Sahana

Q: What have you learned from being a captain?

G: Thinking about it, it's a real privilege for me. I never had this opportunity in school. The most important thing it's taught me is to be a connecting link between the students and the teachers-- to get people involved in activities. Another thing is to balance my studies and activities.

S: I've learned to be more responsible and how to manage more than two things at a time. So yeah, I've learned to understand people much better.

Q: Any memorable incident?

G: When we came first in the relay, we were all very happy. We ran together and won by such a big margin! At that point it felt really good to be a captain, just seeing my team mates so happy.

S: Um... I'm not sure about the captain bit, but people come up to me and say, "You're the Aphrodite captain, right? Where do you get your lenses from?!" Pretty random stuff.

Q: Your team's journey so far?

G: Alright, on a serious note, my team's in a steady position. Consistent. We have ample participation from the teams.

Literary day was fun! We had a lot of participants. We won triple mesh and the quiz. Basically it was a good start.

Sports day-- one really good thing about sports day was that we had very good runners in our team. Everyone tried their best. Overall we came second.

(Sahana agreed)

Q: Is there anything you'd like to improve?

G: In terms of equipment used for the fest-- I think there can be a lot of improvement. We need a longer break.

Definitely more house meetings because it's a big problem for the captains to run to the classes and disturb the teachers.

(Sahana has a similar answer)

Q Any advice for next year's captains?

G: Learn to balance your studies and your captaincy post. If you let either of them slacken it will have effects on both sides. The main problem I faced was whether I wanted my house to get more points or more participation. I had to find a balance between the two. At the same time give everyone a chance. Plan ahead for all your events .

S: I hope they contribute to the house and take Aphrodite to the first position! I hope they give their best.

Q What does your house symbol signify?

S: Aphrodite is the goddess of love and beauty. Basically we're trying to say that beauty is not just about your looks but it must come from within, from your heart. Show love to one another. The main thing is that beauty lies within us.

(George nods in agreement)

Q How have the teachers and your team mates helped you?

S: The teachers have really helped. Especially Bollamma ma'am, Tessy ma'am and Anitha ma'am (Hindi). They rack their brains as much as we do and give their best so that we can do well.

Students in my house are really cooperative. My teammates are very interactive and we discuss every basic thing. They have the zeal to participate in everything. Even if we did not win we really enjoyed ourselves.

(George says the same)



APOLLO



Apollo is one of the most important and complex of the Olympian deities in Greek and Roman mythology. Apollo has been variously recognized as a God of light and the sun, truth and prophecy, healing, plague, music, poetry, and more. Apollo is the son of Zeus and Leto, and has a twin sister, the chaste huntress Artemis. Apollo is known in Greek-influenced Etruscan mythology as Apulu. Apollo was worshiped in both ancient Greek and Roman religion, and in the modern Greco-Roman Neopaganism.

As the patron of Delphi Apollo was an oracular God. Medicine and healing were associated with Apollo, whether through the God himself or mediated through his son Asclepius, yet Apollo was also seen as a God who could bring ill-health and deadly plague. Amongst the God's custodial charges, Apollo became associated with dominion over colonists, and as the patron defender of herds and flocks. Apollo functioned as the patron God of music and poetry. Hermes created the lyre for him, and the instrument became a common attribute of Apollo. Hymns sung to Apollo were called paeans. In Hellenistic times, especially during the 3rd century BCE, as Apollo Helios he became identified among Greeks with Helios, Titan god of the sun, and his sister Artemis similarly equated with Selene, Titan goddess of the moon.



Rebecca and Rayyan

Q: What have you learned from being a captain?

Reb: I've learnt that, things may be tough at first. And sometimes it's hard to learn from that. If one person wins everybody wins and the same with losing. And, it's not necessary to win all the time.

R: I have learned to take things more seriously. I was a captain even in 10th standard. I didn't have many duties as my co-captain took over most. I've learnt to be more responsible.

Q: I guess we've learnt that. (I'm from Apollo too!)

Reb: (Laughs) Yeah!

Q: Do you have some special memories from being a captain?

Reb: Everybody thought I'd be inefficient and had second thoughts. I guess they still do because my house isn't doing too well. But later a few of the teachers told me that I'm doing my job well.

R: At first I thought I'd be able to balance my studies and captain duties really well but it didn't work so and I decided to resign. I went to Nirmala ma'am and told her this, but advised and encouraged me. That was the turning point in my life as a captain.

Q: Tell me about your house's journey so far.

Reb: We're getting to know people really well. On Literary day We won in story writing.

Our badminton team was really good too.

Cultural day went really well for my house because we won a lot of events that brought us to the second place.

(Rayyan had same things to say)

Q: Would you like to improve anything in the system?

Reb: It would be easier to make announcements through the public address system.

Q: How have the teachers helped you?

R: All our teachers are HODs-so I feel that they coordinate really well. Very scary too! So our practice sessions go on really well. Main thing they never pressurize me.

(Rebecca had almost the same things to say)