The theme of this year’s literary fest - Melange was 'Human Libraries', a concept that has found so much relevance today. It reinforces the fact that the treasure of human experiences, thoughts and ideas is more precious than any printed word.

And keeping in sync with the theme, many interactive and informative sessions were organised by experts and eminent resource persons. They replaced books and technology and shared with the students their vast experiences in various fields. Thus, proving the fact that we should never ever underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. The potential for greatness lives within each of us.

The endeavour was to provide our students with proactive platform and opportunities in the form of human libraries to chisel and sharpen their skills of communication and interaction. For each one of them to aim for greatness and pen their own success story.

Best wishes
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Story telling is an effective tool for communication. During Melange 2019, the children of UKG participated in the story telling session by Ms. Monisha. She captured the attention of young buds through the use of beautiful puppets, props, facial expressions and voice modulation.

On similar lines, an event ‘Stepping into the world of fables’ was organized for the students of grade 1. The guest for the day was Ms. Neelam, who conducted an interactive story session. Students actively participated by imitating the animal characters. Teachers also took follow-up activities in the class by narrating different stories with the help of puppets.

An event, ‘Story in Pictures’ which was organized for the students of grade IV aimed at bringing texts alive through the narration of a compelling story, ‘King Ashoka and The Garden of Herbs’ by Ms. Anju Joshi. Students imitated and impersonated the gardener from the story. They also learnt values like kindness, hard work and persistence along with facts about herbs and trees. They were seen actively participating in the dramatization.

“Storytelling is experiential, and it’s necessary to experience it with our senses to make it come alive” was rightly said by Ms. Anju Joshi. The students thoroughly enjoyed both the story and the drama.

It is very rightly said that Sanskrit is the language of the soul. To elucidate upon the same, an extremely interesting session - ‘Gateway to Sanskrit’ was conducted for the students of grade V. The importance of Sanskrit language was impressed upon the students. It was a very informative session as the students learnt that Sanskrit is a computer friendly language and also improves brain function, as the language is quite logical, easy and based on rules. The students participated enthusiastically. What caught their interest was the fact that Sanskrit can help them boost their scores.

Puppets are a great way to engage the attention and imagination of children. A puppet show was organized for our tiny tots of pre nursery and LKG in our school. Mr. Ranjit, the guest of the day, enraptured the little ones with his voice modulation and effective use of creative puppets. The squeals and laughter of the young children was proof of the joy and fun they experienced during the puppet show. The teachers also took follow-up activities by narrating different stories in the class with the help of puppets.
“Reading, writing, speaking and listening – the most important skills we humans possess.”
This is how Mr. Dikshant Malik began with what was an innovative workshop on creativity and research for the students of Class X. Interactive as well as informative, students learnt a lot from the activity. Mr. Malik kept the audience engrossed with humorous anecdotes from his student life. He encouraged students to participate in debates and develop habits of reading and writing.
Public speaking and its importance were stressed upon. Lively and interactive, the session was a great hit with the students.

Adolescence is a turbulent age of great mental, emotional stress and mood swings. To help students combat this challenge, Mrs. Anju Joshi conducted an extremely interactive workshop as she brought to life Daniel Goleman’s books ‘Working with Emotional Intelligence’ and ‘Social Intelligence’. Grade IX students were introduced to the concept of emotional quotient and how it is different from social quotient. They were given hypothetical situations and their responses were recorded. She also discussed at length, the ideal responses to everyday situations. The students were also taught about how to control their temper and adapt to the situations in a better way. The students were counseled to develop sensitivity and empathy for better social interactions.

Ms. Sonia Baweja, the human library for the day, was accorded an enthusiastic welcome by the agog and avid VII graders, who eagerly awaited the event ‘Tales within Tales’. The students discussed their library habits and got to know about the concept of ‘Human Libraries’. While motivating them to develop skills like writing book reports, Ms. Sonia also amused them by asking them to come up with the full form of LIBRARY acronym.
An engaging story narrated by Ms. Sonia had the students extremely enthused and amused.

For the very conscious and sensitive teenagers, an informative session was conducted by Ms. Sudeshna Gupta on the topic “Love Thy Self” through a talk on the book ‘Nobody is Perfect’. In the traumatic times of bodyshaming and the importance being given to façade and appearances, the endeavor was to instill in the students self-confidence and self-love.

This is exactly how gender equality should be. To throw light on the same Ms. Moksha Sharma, an alumna of the school, conducted a workshop for students of grade XII. She enumerated the facts that highlighted the grave situation of gender bias in the country. Lots to think about!
Communication, appreciation, understanding are the three pillars of modern relationships. On the same lines, an interactive session was held for students of grade XI. Six students from grade XI discussed at length the state of changing relationship in present times. From factors like digital friends to busy life schedules, personal experiences to timeworn cultures, all aspects of relationships were touched upon- extremely enlightening and thought provoking!

“We cannot change what we are not aware of, once we are aware, we cannot help but change.”

India this year saw the ‘Kahani Pathy’ event where students from across the country shared their experiences and wisdom. The event was held in various cities and attracted a large number of participants. Students from different age groups were given a platform to express themselves through the medium of storytelling.

The event was organized to promote literature and encourage creative writing among students. The participants were judged on their creativity, originality, and the impact of their stories. The winners were announced at the end of the event, and their stories were published in a special edition.

The event was a resounding success and received a lot of praise from educators and parents alike. It was a great initiative to promote literature and creativity among students.

The story is about a young girl named Priya who loved to read but struggled to write. She was inspired by her grandmother’s stories and decided to tell her own story. The story was about how she克服了写作的困难，最终成功地写出了自己的故事。