

## **JAMSHEDPUR WOMEN'S COLLEGE**

### **MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY**

A Report on the Celebrations on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2015

The Language Laboratory of Jamshedpur Women's College celebrated International Mother Language Day on 21st February, 2015, in the B.Ed Multipurpose Hall to promote multiculturalism and linguistic diversity. Chief Guest, Dr.Sujata Sinha, Professor-in-charge of the College, inaugurated the programme with the lighting of the lamp.

The programme was an interesting mix of discussion, songs, elocution and a game all focusing on mother language.

The first event was a discussion on 'Mother and Mother Language' in which the mothers of students of the College were invited to share their experiences and views on their role in teaching mother language to their children and instilling love and respect for it in them. The discussion was moderated by Lopa Das and Shilpi Tiwary, of the Departments of English and History respectively. The mothers admitted that in the conditions prevailing today the very survival of several languages was under threat. They unanimously agreed that awareness about and pride in one's mother language would go a long way towards creating respect for and generating the desire to preserve it. The participating parents were honoured with mementos and they expressed their happiness at the initiative taken by the College towards the promotion of mother languages.

Teachers of various departments hailed the day as one to learn about other cultures and languages as well as to highlight the importance of preserving lingual diversity inside and outside of the classroom.

Priya Tiwary, a student of M.A. Part I, Department of English, in her speech traced the history of International Mother Language Day.

This was followed by a Solo Song competition in which the contestants sang in their own languages, such as, Santali, Maithili, Bengali, Bhojpuri etc. Sukanya Mukherjee and Sarbani Rana, of the Department of English got the first and the second prize respectively. In the group song event the winners were Swati and group for a Panjabi song and Reema and group emerged as the second prize winners for their song in Santali. An elocution competition followed in which the winners were Ragini, Rupashree and Moumita. The competitions were judged by Dr. Ravindra Nath Murmu, Dr. Nutan Chandra, Dr. Keya Majumder, Dr. Manoj Mahapatra, Dr. Sutapa Biswas, Dr. Sanatan Deep, Ms Tandra.

Off the stage, two competitions were held - slogan writing and translation. Students had to express their ideas on the subject of Mother Language through slogans which were displayed outside the hall. For translation/transcreation students were given one stanza of the the song

“Sare Jahan se achha Hindustan hamara’ which they were required to render in their mother tongue.

The final event was a vocabulary based game in which equivalents of certain words in hindi had to be translated into the mother language within three seconds and their aptness was decided by a panel of judges. The game saw enthusiastic participation from speakers of different languages.

The Mother Day celebration was held under the aegis of the Language Lab of Jamshedpur Women’s College and was conceptualized and organized by Ms. Anita Choudhary, HOD, English, and ably supported by Dr. Sutapa Biswas, Faculty, Department of English, Dr. Pushpa Kumari and Ms. Nupur Minz, Dept. of Hindi, and all the members of the Language Lab.



Prof.in charge Dr. Sujata Sinha flanked by Dr. Rabindra Nath Murmu, Dr. Manoj Mahapatra, Ms. Tandra and Dr. Keya Majumder on her right and Dr. Tripura Jha and Dr Nutan Chandra on the left.



Participants of Group song competition singing a Santali song.

**The Judges**



Dr Keya Majumder & Ms Tandra



Ms Tandra & Dr M. Mahapatra

