

<u>REPORT – LE CONCOURS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE DU MAYO</u> <u>THE FRENCH FESTIVAL AT MAYO COLLEGE, AJMER</u> <u>17-20 OCTOBER 2023</u>

Students of Suncity School participated in the French Festival named 'Le Concours De La Francophonie Du Mayo' (LCF) at the Mayo College in Ajmer from 17th to 20th October. The 4-day gala festival was a celebration of French language and culture through a number of contests, exhibitions and performances that explored French language, traditions and culsines. The festival saw enthused participation from 12 schools across India and the UAE.

The tenth edition of LCF unravelled in great fashion. The 4-day event commenced with the Francophonie Exhibition on day 1. The participants put up charming and alluring stalls where they showcased an immense knowledge and articulated their expertise and proficiency about their respective countries to the students and judges. Suncity School presented the country, Tahiti in the exhibition.

Day 2 of the LCF started with the preliminary rounds of the Francophonie quiz, the poetry Recitation competition, Spell Bee (juniors) and Solo Song (Juniors). Aanya Dahuja was shortlisted and went on to compete in the final round of Poetry recitation. Also, the participating delegations learnt more about Mayo College and its legacy through a presentation. The Grand Evening encompassed the Opening ceremony for the event and the Final rounds for the Solo Song and the poetry recitation. Saina Tandon was announced as the winner of the 1st prize in the Spell Bee (Senior) category. Special dance performances from the students of Mayo School enthralled the audience.

Day 3 of the Francophonie festival saw enthusiastic participation from students in the French declamation, Solo Song (seniors), and the Reading competition. The evening was an extravagant carnival with the showcasing of films and breathtaking performances at the Francophonie Film Festival which left the audience awestruck. Thereafter, the delegates got together in the evening for a gala dinner and the special delegates ball dance.

On day 4, students participated in various workshops organised by the Mayo College such as French cuisines, Slam poetry, Aeromodelling etc. The closing ceremony of the annual French Festival at Kangra Amphitheatre was a spectacular culmination of the 4-day long celebration of French culture. It was a proud moment for Suncity School as our team comprising of Aarya Saraf and Sagar Mangla won the 1st prize in the movie making category, amidst tough competition.

The evening concluded with a special dinner hosted by the Director of Mayo College, Lt General Surendra Kulkarni at his residence, Twiss House in Mayo College. He presented mementoes to the escorting teachers of all the delegations.

Students returned home with great learnings, experiences and special memories that they would cherish for the rest of their lives.

Some glimpses from the LCF festival are as follows:















