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GLOOM BENEATH EDBLAZON FERVOUR

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Preparation for the cultural troupe performances during Edblazon is a call for sheer dedication and devotion that showcases the tireless efforts and talent of the students in their attempt to represent their culture and heritage. Alike other years, this year's Edblazon is no exception as the phase of rehearsals began a week before the event, with the registration held to have a records of the participants. Students from various disciplines came forward to showcase their talents, making the campus more diverse and exciting to look at. The dancers practiced their steps tirelessly, the musicians emphasising on their instruments, while the singers fine-tuned their vocals. With the finale week fast approaching, the rehearsals became more intensive. The participants spent long hours in practicing, often staying back after college hours.

The preparation also involved designing and creating costumes and props for the performances. Students with creative minds took charge of this, bringing their creativity to life. They created costumes that represented different cultures and regions, adding to the diversity of the performances. The cultural troupes showcasing the diversity of our college. Over a cup of coffee, Joint General Animator of Cultural activities shared that Edblazon 2024 is set to witness representation from over 15 cultural troupes. The social gatherings provided a platform for students and staff to interact and form connections outside of the academic context.

This much coveted event of the College is a meticulous joint endeavour that involves the collaboration of various departments and clubs of the College. The planning began half a month in advance, with the formation of a General Animator team that was responsible for overseeing every bit of the celebration. From sports events to literary, cultural to social gatherings, you name it all and the week unfolded and is set to unfold more surprises with excitement and learning. The greatest of all surprise of the day was with the gloom that arrived with the bright blue sky suddenly turning its shade to grey. The clouds were heavy with rain, a rarity for the season. As the downpour began, students rushed from their respective activity zones. Despite the unexpected weather, the Edblazon fervour however remained undamped. Students' continued to participate in all possible activity line-up of the day, today with the addition of raincoats and umbrellas.



The sound of rain became the day's unexpected soundtrack, accompanying every event and activity. It created an atmosphere of unity among the students, as they huddled together under shared shelters and navigated their way through puddles.



The College Auditorium beholded the Table Tennis tournament between the Finalists and the Teachers' taking the teacher student bond to greater scales. With camera and recorder walking the paths of the campus to shoot interviews for Pre Edblazon experience from Cultural troupes, Teachers', Animators', Students' and Support Staff of the College, the shower served as a reminder that sometimes, the best memories are created when things don't go as planned. It was a lesson in adaptability, unity, and the sheer joy of embracing the unexpected. The rain, far from dampening the spirit of the students, only added to the vibrancy and uniqueness of the week.

With major outdoor events cancelled, in-house events like Battle of Brains held its prelims with 32 teams contesting in the presence of Quiz Master, Mr. Niyazul Rahman, Student, Department of Commerce. The event ended successfully under the able guidance of teacher incharge Dr. P. Wankitlang Shangpliang, Department of Zoology and Sir Bankhrawnam Dkhar, Department of Mathematics and assistance of Ma'am Megan Noglait, Department of English and the Teacher In-charge of "The Quizzards Club". Animator(s) Tanvi Farzeen and Niyazul Rahman made sure for a memorable quizzing experience of Edmundians'. Six best scoring teams made it for the final round to be held on 24th February, 2024.





In conclusion, the preparation for the cultural troupe performances during college week was a journey filled with hard work, perseverance, and teamwork. It was a learning experience for all involved and proved to be a highlight of the college week. The efforts of the students were clearly visible in the quality of the performances and left a lasting impression on everyone

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