

Date: 6 March 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Venue: Student Activity Room

The English Literary Association (ELA) of Aryabhatta College organized its annual flagship literary festival “CALYPSO 2025” on 6 March 2025. This year’s theme, “*Performing the Renaissance*,” celebrated the richness of Renaissance literature, art, and culture through a series of intellectually stimulating and creatively engaging events. Dr. Roshni, Convenor of ELA, welcomed the participants and set the tone for the day by emphasizing the importance of reimagining Renaissance texts for today’s generation.

The festival opened with an insightful presentation by Dr. Smita Banerjee titled “*Renaissance and the Western Imagination: A Visual Presentation*.” Through a rich combination of images and commentary, Dr. Banerjee offered an invaluable perspective on the intellectual and cultural currents of the Renaissance, fostering intellectual engagement and encouraging students to develop a deeper appreciation for the period’s literary, artistic, and philosophical contributions.

Following the presentation, the events moved into a lively quiz competition on Renaissance art and literature, organized in collaboration with *Prashnottare*. This session tested participants’ knowledge and set a spirited and competitive tone for the rest of the day. The energy continued with a humorous and imaginative skit, *The Incomplete Works of William Shakespeare*, which reinterpreted Shakespeare’s characters and scenarios and delighted the audience with its blend of wit, drama, and improvisation.

The poetry competition, themed *Sonnets, Soliloquy, and Scandal*, gave budding poets the chance to present original works in the Renaissance style while voicing contemporary concerns. The highlight of the day was the cosplay competition, *Renaissance Revelry: A Cosplay Affair*, where students dressed as iconic Renaissance characters, showcasing their creativity, costume design skills, and dramatic flair.

Throughout the day, students and audience members engaged in an open-mic session, sharing their favourite Renaissance quotes, performing impromptu readings, and celebrating literary expression in a relaxed and interactive manner.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Alka Lakhera, Teacher-in-Charge of the Department of English, who commended the organizing team, faculty, and students for making Calypso 2025 a resounding success. The festival proved to be a perfect blend of scholarship and creativity, offering students a rare opportunity to explore the Renaissance through multiple lenses—academic, performative, and artistic—making it both intellectually rewarding and thoroughly enjoyable.







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