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**Report on**  
**SHAKESPEARE'S DAY**  
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William Shakespeare is known worldwide as the “Bard of Avon”, the greatest Poet and dramatist ever. As Ben Jonson truly says about Shakespeare, “He was not of an age, but for all time!”

**“Our myriad-minded Shakespeare.” as Samuel Taylor Coleridge refers to him, has contributed over 1,700 words to the English language that we use daily. It is not confined to "manager," "eyeball," "zany," "barefaced," "eyesore," "baseless" and "fashionable." Shakespeare was the finest example of British or English dramatist. His language was full of the sound qualities of Germanic, Spanish and Latin terms, which is why his plays and books sound good in almost any language.**

Some of the expressions used even today are:

- ❖... All that glitters is not gold
- ❖... All's well that ends well
- ❖... Be all and end all
- ❖... Break the ice
- ❖... Faint hearted
- ❖... Jealousy is the green eyed monster
- ❖... Tower of strength
- ❖... Wild goose chase

**The objective behind the celebration of Shakespeare's birthday which also happens to be the day he died- 23<sup>rd</sup> April was to introduce our Engineering students to the great Bard, whose contribution to the English language cannot be ignored.**

In view of Shakespeare's Day, the Department of English and Foreign Languages organized competitions for the students to help them shed fear and gain confidence when communicating in English.

The events were based on Shakespeare's works:

- Character Portrayal (Individual)
- Skit writing (Pair)

The events were planned clubbing the students in two categories:

- First and second year students- I group
- Third and final year students+ PG students – II group

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The Skit writing competitions for the first and second year students were conducted during the lab hours for English as part of their training in written communication. The details of the participation from the first year for the skit alone is as follows:

1.	CSE-A	60
2.	CSE-B	22
3.	CSE-C	39
4.	CSE-D	60
5.	ME-A	35
6.	ME-B	27
7.	ME-C	48
8.	ME-D	53
9.	CIVIL	29
10.	ECE-A	50
11.	ECE-B	49
12.	ECE-C	40
13.	ECE-D	27
14.	ECE-E	52
15.	ECE-F	39
16.	CSIT	56
17.	IT	36
18.	EEE-A	51
19.	EEE-B	32
	TOTAL	805

1	ECE- III Year	8
2	ECE-D- II Year	13
3	EEE-B –II Year	2
4	CSE-B –II Year	1
5	CSE-D- II Year	2
6	CSE-C –II Year	13
	TOTAL	39
TOTAL	GROUP –I & 2	844

The total number of participants for skit writing alone was 844!

There were 10 participants from the second and third years for Character Portrayal.

The total number of students who participated were 854!

There were 16 winners for both competitions.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, our guest cum Resource person, Dr. G. Sheela Swaroopa Rani, Professor, Department of English, Sri Padmavati Women's University, Tirupathi, presided over the programme. She lauded the efforts of the department and especially the Head, in doing the unthinkable- Bringing Shakespeare into the Engineering campus! Dr. Sheela Swaroopa spoke about the importance that Shakespeare still has in the language and literature circles and his relevance and contribution to the English language. She hoped that next year too, this day would be celebrated in a grander manner.

The programme was attended by Dr. Sreemanth Basu, Dean Administration, who was elated at the response and the performance of the students on stage for Character portrayal. Dr. Ramanathan, Vice Principal, Academics and Dr. G. Hampamma, Vice Principal, Administration were happy that students had participated and appreciated the event.

Dr. Suryanarayan Raju, head of the Mechanical engineering department supported the event with his presence.

The prizes were distributed to the winners by all the dignitaries. Shaima, (a special invitee) an eight-year-old girl and public speaker enthralled the audience with her eloquent speech on Shakespeare. She was the same child who enthralled the audience at BT college during the celebration of the 100 years of our National Anthem.

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**Character Portrayal Competitions-Winners**

**Group -1**

Prize	Name of the participant	Year/ Branch/Sec
I	Misba Kausar	I B. Tech ECE-B
II	Jeenesh	I B.Tech ME-B
III	A.Sunayana	I B.Tech CSE-C

**Group -2**

Prize	Name of the participant	Year/ Branch/Sec
I	P.Tarun Chand	III B.Tech ME-D

**Skit Writing-Winners**

**Group -1**

Prize	Name of the participant	Year/ Branch/Sec
I	S. Arbas Khan S.Md.A.Salman	I B.Tech Civil
II	N. Durga Dharani N.Bhavyaraj	I B.Tech ECE-A
III	C.Thanuja K.Sreevani	I B.Tech ECE-F
Consolation	P.V. Sravani Ramineni Sravani	I B.Tech ECE-F
Consolation	S. Fiza K.Ganitha	I B.Tech CSIT

**Group -2**

Prize	Name of the participant	Year/ Branch/Sec
I	T.L.Thanmayee A.Dharmika	II B.Tech ECE-C
II	C.Alekhy D.Dharshini	II B.Tech ECE-C
III	Baba Parvez Shaik Venkata Rajesh B	II B.Tech CSE-C

Our students if given the proper guidance and mentoring can perform well as was witnessed in the on the spot Skit Writing competition.

