

**Aksharakootam/ Creative Writing Club Annual report 2023-24**  
**Student Coordinators(2022-24): Merin (S4 EEE) and Sam (S4 CS1)**

The following events were conducted in 2023-24:

**\*Agatha Christie Birthday Celebration: Rewrite Competition\***

- In honor of Agatha Christie's birthday, Aksharakootam hosted a story-end rewriting competition for her renowned book, 'The Murder on the Orient Express', in September, 2023.
- Numerous entries were submitted, showcasing unique and captivating endings.
- EV Jishnu, a student from S1 CS2, emerged as the winner and was awarded the Agatha Christie book, 'The Murder on the Links'.

**\*KTU Fest Selection: Art and Literary Events\***

- Aksharakootam spearheaded the art and literary selection events for the KTU Fest, conducted on the last week of February, 2024.
- A wide array of written competitions, including poetry, essays, and short stories, spoken events like debates and elocutions, as well as cartooning and poster making were conducted.
- The contests were held in multiple languages, which added to the diverse range of competitions.

**\*Imaginarium: Storytelling and Storycrafting Talk Session\***

- A collaborative event between Aksharakootam and Tensorz, Imaginarium was conducted on the 20th of March, 2024, and featured a unique experience sharing session
- Mr. Rajit Karunakaran, Director of Rajadhani Business School, graced the event as the speaker.
- Mr. Karunakaran shared insights from his authorial journey, offered guidance on storytelling, and discussed navigating the world of publishers and platforms.
- As a token of appreciation, Mr. Karunakaran was presented with a digital painting of himself, by Merin Sarah Thomas S6 EE, An Aksharakootam core team member

**\*Constello: Month-Long Event Series\***

- Aksharakootam and Tensorz collaborated to organize Constello, a month-long event series comprising four interconnected sub-events from March end to May beginning, 2024
- Each sub-event was linked, resembling stars in a constellation, hence the name 'Constello'.
- The first event, \*Orion's Forge\*, commenced with a scavenger hunt/creating activity, where participants hunted across the campus for materials to craft unique creations. The winning design, "Armageddon" was made by Bharat Dharmendra, Akash S. Gopinath, Arunesh J.B., Neeraj Krishna, and Dev Siddharth from S6 EEE.
- The second event, \*Canis Majors' Capture\*, was a photography contest where participants had to capture a candid moment from the campus grounds based on the theme given to them. The winners were Devadathan J. Nair and A.R. Devanath from S6 EE.
- The third event, \*Lyra's Lyrics\*, was an online short story writing contest where participants had to weave four given themes using their wit and creativity to create a coherent story. The winners were E.V. Jishnu from S2 CS2 (The Sword of Victory) and Adithyan R.S from S2 CT (The Grid).
- The fourth event, \*Cassiopeia's Cinema\*, a short film competition, saw participants use the campus grounds as their canvas to display their creative and film making prowess. The winners were Joseph Benedict, Sooraj Jose George, Juwel Jokesh, Aaron Shelly Koshy, Darshan M., P. Goutham Shankar (from S2 CT) and Varun Varghese Jose (from S2 ME1)