

MONTAGE : CULTURE CONNECT 2024 : A resounding success

MONTAGE, the Annual Fest of Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, is more than just an event; it's a tradition and a culture that every JMCite cherishes. In mid-March 2024, the JMC campus buzzed with excitement and cultural extravaganza as Montage 2024, the most anticipated Annual Cultural Fest of the University of Delhi, unfolded with great acclaim. The event was marked by overwhelming attendance and a series of remarkable highlights, including enthralling performances and exceptional collaborations, all contributing to its grand success. A significant portion of the credit goes to our sponsors, teaching and non-teaching staff and the highly supportive Jesus and Mary College Students' Council team. This team was led by advisors Ms. Dolly Kapoor, Ms. Monica Chhabra, Ms. Sunita Narain alongside faculty members and student representatives Ms. Fia Subu, President and Ms. Kripa Biju, Vice President.

Montage 2024 took place at Jesus and Mary College on the 15th and 16th of March. The two-day extravaganza featured a diverse array of activities, competitions, and performances, culminating in star-studded evenings. On 15th March 2024, a serene highlight of Montage was the enchanting Sufi performance by the Nizami Khusro Brothers, where the mystical strains of Sufi music filled the air, creating a tranquil ambience with songs like Kun Faya Kun, Mast Kalandar, and many more. Attendees were transported on a spiritual journey as they immersed themselves in the soothing rhythms and poignant lyrics, making it a memorable and introspective experience.

The daytime activities saw a large turnout of students and spectators participating in various society events such as photography, fine arts, dance, drama, and singing. The main college ground bustled with colorful stalls offering products like jewelry, diaries, and candles, along with a variety of delicious cuisines.

The second day i.e. 16th March 2024 of Montage was even more vibrant, filled with surprises and annual events and competitions hosted by various societies inviting different colleges to participate. This year, Montage introduced a three-artist lineup. The night culminated with a performance by three prominent artists such as Suryaveer, Jasbir Jassi and DJ Sumit Sethi who graced the stage with their mesmerizing performances. Their performances were electrifying and kept the crowd on their toes the whole time.

The sponsorship team excelled, bringing on board a diverse range of collaborators and we also had Muthoot Finance and Galaxy Group who had supported the event.

The fest was vibrant, featuring a wide range of stalls from food to shopping and entertainment. It was a wonderful mix of culture and creativity. JMC witnessed an overwhelming crowd on both days, and the core team prioritized security and safety, maintaining stringent entry procedures. The Delhi Police, along with the organizing team, ensured top-notch security.

The event received extensive coverage from media partners such as Du Today, DU Updates, and DU Fest updates. Both days of Montage 2024 began and ended on a high note, providing a fantastic platform for emerging talents and dreams, capped by unforgettable star performances. Therefore, it is fair to conclude that Montage 2024 was a blockbuster success, ranking as one of the biggest fests organized in South Campus this season.

We are immensely grateful to all the teachers for their constant support for making this event a success. The commitment to excellence and ability to inspire and engage have made a significant impact. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the non-teaching staff for their support and hard work in making the event a tremendous success. Your behind-the-scenes efforts, attention to detail, and dedication played a crucial role in the smooth execution of the event. We also want to express our deepest thanks for our students for their enthusiasm and participation in the event. Your energy, creativity, and engagement were pivotal and it was wonderful to see you all come together and contribute so positively.

In conclusion, Montage 2024 surpassed all expectations, emerging as a beacon of success and unity after its four-year hiatus. The fest's seamless blend of artistic excellence, cultural diversity, engaging activities, and heartfelt camaraderie ensured its place as a cherished memory in the hearts of all who attended. As the college looks forward to future editions of Montage, it stands poised to continue its legacy of celebrating talent, culture, and community with even greater fervor and enthusiasm.