



A Report on Author Talk: Beyond the Pages

As part of the World Book Day celebrations, the Department of Library and Information Center organised an inspiring Author Talk session titled “World Book Day: Beyond the Pages” on 23 April 2026 at 4:00 PM in the Falconry Seminar Hall. The session aimed to motivate students to develop reading habits, appreciate literature, and understand the journey of becoming a successful author.

The speaker for the session was Ms Saranya Umakanthan, a nationally acclaimed bestselling author and award-winning writer. She is the author of four books and two translations, widely recognised for her inspirational storytelling. Her bestselling novel *One Day, Life Will Change* was featured in the Limca Book of Records (Top 10 Fiction, 2020–22), and she was also honoured with the PVLFF Author Excellence Award 2023 for Best Fiction. The programme began with a warm welcome to students, faculty members, and staff, who gathered enthusiastically, making the seminar hall vibrant and energetic.

During her talk, Ms Saranya Umakanthan shared her inspiring personal and professional journey of becoming a successful author. She spoke about her transition from a corporate software professional to a writer, following her passion for storytelling. She explained the challenges she faced, the dedication required, and the perseverance needed to achieve success in the literary world. Her words deeply motivated the audience and encouraged students to pursue their dreams with confidence and determination.

The session was highly interactive and engaging, with students actively participating throughout. The author answered every question with great enthusiasm, offering practical insights and valuable experiences from her own life. Her interaction created a strong connection with the audience and inspired many aspiring writers present. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 150 students, faculty members, and staff, making the event lively and successful.

A special question-and-answer session was also conducted, where students responded eagerly and demonstrated their curiosity and knowledge. To appreciate their active participation, Ms Saranya Umakanthan distributed copies of her books as gifts to selected participants. This thoughtful gesture delighted the students and made the session even more memorable.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks. The session was highly appreciated by both students and faculty for its motivational content, engaging interaction, and valuable life lessons. The Author Talk truly reflected the spirit of World Book Day by going beyond books and inspiring young minds to dream big, read more, and believe in themselves.



World Book Day: Beyond the Pages

An interactive author session,
where stories meet real life



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