Ganeshotsav Mandal

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This year marked the 80th year of the celebration of Ganeshotsav by the Podar Ganeshotsav Mandal. Lord Ganesha was worshipped in our college for one and a half days, i.e., 22nd August and 23rd August 2020. On the first day, there was 'Aagman' of Lord Ganesha wherein the Idol of Lord Ganesha was brought in the college auditorium. The Aaghman was followed by Ganesh Aarti, after which everyone took the blessings of Lord Ganesha.

On the second day, there was Ganpati Visarjan. Ganpati Visarjan commenced with the performance of the *Uttarpuja* - a ritual where one bids farewell to Lord Ganesha, was performed with deep respect. After the Uttarpuja, there was Visarjan of the Ganesh Idol in the college campus itself in an eco-friendly manner. Initially, there was uncertainty regarding whether the organisation of the festival would take place like every year or not; due to the outbreak of the Covid - 19 pandemic. But after discussions with the professor-in-charge and keeping in mind the situation outside, permission was granted to conduct the festival on a very small scale with strict adherence to all the rules and regulations laid down by the Government. During the time of the festival, only two people were allowed in the college auditorium. Also, the Visarjan ceremony marked the attendance of not more than 10 persons who were strictly instructed to wear masks and sanitise

themselves. During the whole festival, utmost importance was given to the health and safety of the students who had participated.

Unlike every year, it was not possible to conduct the various competitions physically in the college premises due to the pandemic. Hence, the competitions were conducted digitally through various online platforms. The first competition conducted was a Poster Making Competition which was held from 20th July to 23rd July 2020 for which 15 entries were recorded. The second competition was Photography which was held from 13th August to 15th August 2020 for which 27 entries were recorded. Both the online competitions were a success as students participated with full enthusiasm.