

Ganeshotsav



“The 80th Year of Podar Ganeshotsav Mandal”



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This year marked the 81st year of celebration of Ganeshotsav by Podar Ganeshotsav Mandal. It was a one and half day celebration conducted on 10th and 11th of September 2021.

The first day started with the "aagman" of Lord Ganesha wherein the idol of Lord Ganesha was brought in the college auditorium. The aagman was followed by "Pratishthapana Pooja" and Ganesh aarti, after which everyone took the blessings of Ganesha.

The second day started with Ganesh aarti after which all the professors, students and alumni took blessings from the Almighty. This year also marked the presence of Mr. R. R. Sahuraja Sir, the former principal of R.A Podar College and Mr. Suhas Joshi from the batch of 1982, who shared his stories and experiences of his college life. This year all the devotees could take blessings of Ganesha, but in adherence to the COVID-19 rules of social distancing, sanitization and wearing masks. Only 10 students were allowed at a particular time in the auditorium and also the Visarjan ceremony marked the attendance of not more than 10 people who were strictly instructed to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

The visarjan commenced with the performance of "Uttarpuja" which is about bidding farewell to Ganesha with deep respect. After which the Ganesha idol was taken to an artificial lake for Visarjan near college which was organised by Mahanagar Palika for visarjan in an eco-friendly manner.

Since it was not possible to conduct a cultural fest offline like every year in college, we conducted competitions through online platforms, like singing, dancing and photography competitions. The judges for these events were Mr. Parth Pingulkar, Ms. Tanvi Deshpande and Mr. Hrithik Devrukhkar respectively. The participants sent pre-recorded videos of the particular event which were then sent to the judges for judging. Even through online platforms, students participated with full enthusiasm. At first we were uncertain about the festival due to the current ongoing situation of COVID-19, but our principal Dr. (Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan ma'am supported us in making it happen in College by granting us permission for the preparations 10 days prior to the festival and encouraging us to celebrate the festival with all our enthusiasm and in adherence to the COVID rules laid out by the government. Also, our professor Mahesh Deshpande Sir provided us with all the support and guidance we needed.

We started with the Creatives' work for decorating the auditorium. The theme for this year's festival was "Mansatla Dev" which focused on how we should come forward and help our surrounding people and those in need as God in their difficult times. We always pray to God to come and help us when we are in difficult situations, but we do not realise when the almighty comes and helps us in the form of a human being. The way doctors and the front line warriors came forward in the pandemic to save all of us. The theme was also featured in Mumbai Times newspaper and also on their instagram page. The Creatives team prepared four paintings wherein each painting was portraying a story related to the theme.

Post Ganapati Event - Vidyarthi Satkar Sohala

Date: 28 February 2022

Vidyarthi satkar sohla was celebrated in presence of the Principal Ma'am, teachers and teacher- in charge. Program was started with Ganesh vandana and cultural programs like Classical Dance, Drama, Music etc. Felicitations were done of the students who won in competitions conducted during Ganapati and those who worked relentlessly during Ganapati festival celebrations were also felicitated. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks.

Under the able guidance of the Teachers In-charge, Mr. Mahesh Deshpande, Ms. Swati Bangar & Mr. Rahul Singh, the following students were in-charge of the particular departments :

- Management - Mr. Pranav Lavande & Mr. Rohit Kharat ● Creatives - Mr. Shubham Shirke & Mr. Pratham Kadam
- Digital Creatives - Mr. Susmeet Muji & Mr. Mrunal Ziman
- Cultural - Mr. Himanshu Madgunde & Mr. Abhay Sodaye

