BEST PRACTICE -2

<u>Title of the Practice</u>: Eco-friendly Vinayaka Chavithi Celebration at CSTS Government College

Objectives:

Promote eco-friendly traditions and practices during Vinayaka Chavithi.

Raise awareness about the environmental benefits of clay and cow dung idols.

Encourage community involvement and collaboration.

Recognize and appreciate the creative efforts of college students.

The Context:

Vinayaka Chavithi is a widely celebrated Hindu festival that often involves the use of idols made from non-biodegradable materials, contributing to environmental pollution. CSTS Government College, under the Department of Botany and Horticulture, aimed to address this issue by organizing an eco-friendly celebration.

The Practice:

Distribution of Eco-friendly Idols: Vinayaka idols made of clay and cow dung were distributed to both college students and travelers.

Involvement of the College Principal: Dr. Prasad Babu, the college principal, personally presented these eco-friendly idols to motorists, symbolizing the college's commitment to sustainability.

Educational Message: Principal Dr. N. Prasad Babu emphasized the reduced air pollution associated with cow dung idols, educating participants on the environmental benefits of this practice.

Community Collaboration: The program received support and cooperation from Gosala managers in Jangareddygudem village, particularly CH Srikanth Garu. They actively participated in the distribution and promotion of eco-friendly idols.

Staff Participation: All teaching and non-teaching staff of the college actively participated in the distribution process, expressing their appreciation for the students who crafted the idols.

Evidence of Success:

Increased awareness of eco-friendly practices during festivals.

Positive feedback from the community and participants.

Reduced environmental impact by using biodegradable materials.

Enhanced community engagement and collaboration.

Problems Encountered:

Possible resistance to change from traditional practices.

Sourcing sufficient quantities of clay and cow dung.

Ensuring consistent quality in idol crafting.

Managing logistics for the distribution of idols.

Resources Required:

Clay and cow dung for idol making.

Artistic skills and creativity of students.

Support and collaboration from Gosala managers.

Administrative and logistical support for distribution.

Notes:

This eco-friendly Vinayaka Chavithi celebration sets an excellent example of aligning cultural practices with environmental sustainability.

Continual education and awareness campaigns can further enhance the adoption of eco-friendly traditions.

Collaboration with local communities and organizations can help secure resources and spread the message of sustainability.

Regular monitoring and evaluation can ensure the continued success of such eco-friendly initiatives.

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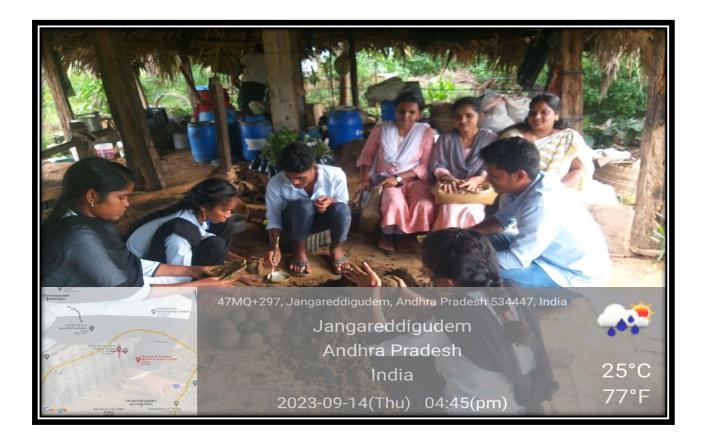
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND HORTICULTURE

MACKING OF ECOFRIENDLY VINAYAKA IDOLS

On September 16, 2023, at CSTS Government College in Jangareddygudem, Eluru District, a special event was held in honor of Vinayaka Chavithi Festival, organized by the Department of Botany and Horticulture. As part of this celebration, clay and cow dung Vinayaka idols were made by students and also distributed to both college students and travelers.

The college principal, Dr. Prasad Babu, extended his gratitude to the students for their thoughtful gesture and personally presented the idols to motorists. Dr. N. Prasad Babu, the esteemed principal, emphasized the environmental benefits of using cow dung for making these idols, highlighting that they do not contribute to air pollution. He expressed his satisfaction with the initiative taken by the students and the college's role in organizing such a meaningful program.

This program was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Gosala managers from the village of Jangareddygudem, led by CH Srikanth Garu. They not only provided support but also visited the college to participate in the idol distribution program.Smt.T.Jhansi Rani Lectuter in Botany,Kum.CH.Venkata Lakshmi Lecturer in Horticulture And Smt.R.Vijaya Deepika Lecturer in Zoology are play important role in this event and encourage the students to make the idols. It was heartening to witness the enthusiastic involvement of all teaching and non-teaching staff members of the college, who joined in the distribution of these unique idols while expressing their appreciation for the students who crafted them.

















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