

Activity Report
of
Ganesh Murti Collection (Eco-friendly for
Ganesh Visarjan) with Swapnpurti
Foundation

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Date : 28th September 2023

Name of Program : Ganesh Murti Collection (Eco-friendly for Ganesh Visarjan) with Swapnpurti Foundation

Event Coordinator : Assistant Prof. Shraddha B. Navle

Participants : F.Y.B.Tech students (ESH Department)

No. of Participants : 35

Venue : Ramkund, Panchavati, Nashik

Aim :

The aim of this activity was to promote eco-friendly practices during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival by organizing a Ganesh Murti collection drive in collaboration with Swapnpurti Foundation

Objective :

- Spread awareness about the environmental hazards caused by traditional plaster of Paris (PoP) idols and promote the use of eco-friendly materials like clay and natural colors.
- Arrange for the eco-friendly idols to be immersed in designated artificial ponds to prevent water pollution.
- Conduct workshops and awareness sessions on the significance of eco-friendly celebrations and the importance of preserving the environment.

Outcomes :

- The activity significantly raised awareness about the environmental impact of traditional PoP Ganesh idols. Community members, artisans, and school children became informed about eco-friendly alternatives, leading to increased consciousness about the need for sustainable celebrations.
- By encouraging the use of eco-friendly idols and ensuring their proper disposal in artificial ponds, the activity prevented the pollution of natural water bodies. This had a direct positive impact on the local environment, preserving aquatic life and ensuring cleaner water resources.
- The success of the Ganesh Murti Collection activity inspired other community-led environmental initiatives. It served as a model for future projects, encouraging communities to take proactive steps in adopting eco-friendly practices during various festivals and celebrations.

Summary of Program:

NSS Unit and Department of Engineering Science and Humanities, Sandip Institute of Technology and Research Center Nashik, and NGO Swapnapurti Foundation, Nashik has organized Ganesh Idol Collection (Murti sankalan) at Ramkund Panchavati, Nashik on occasion of Anant Chaturthi 2023 i.e Ganesh Visrajan which was celebrated on 28th September 2023.

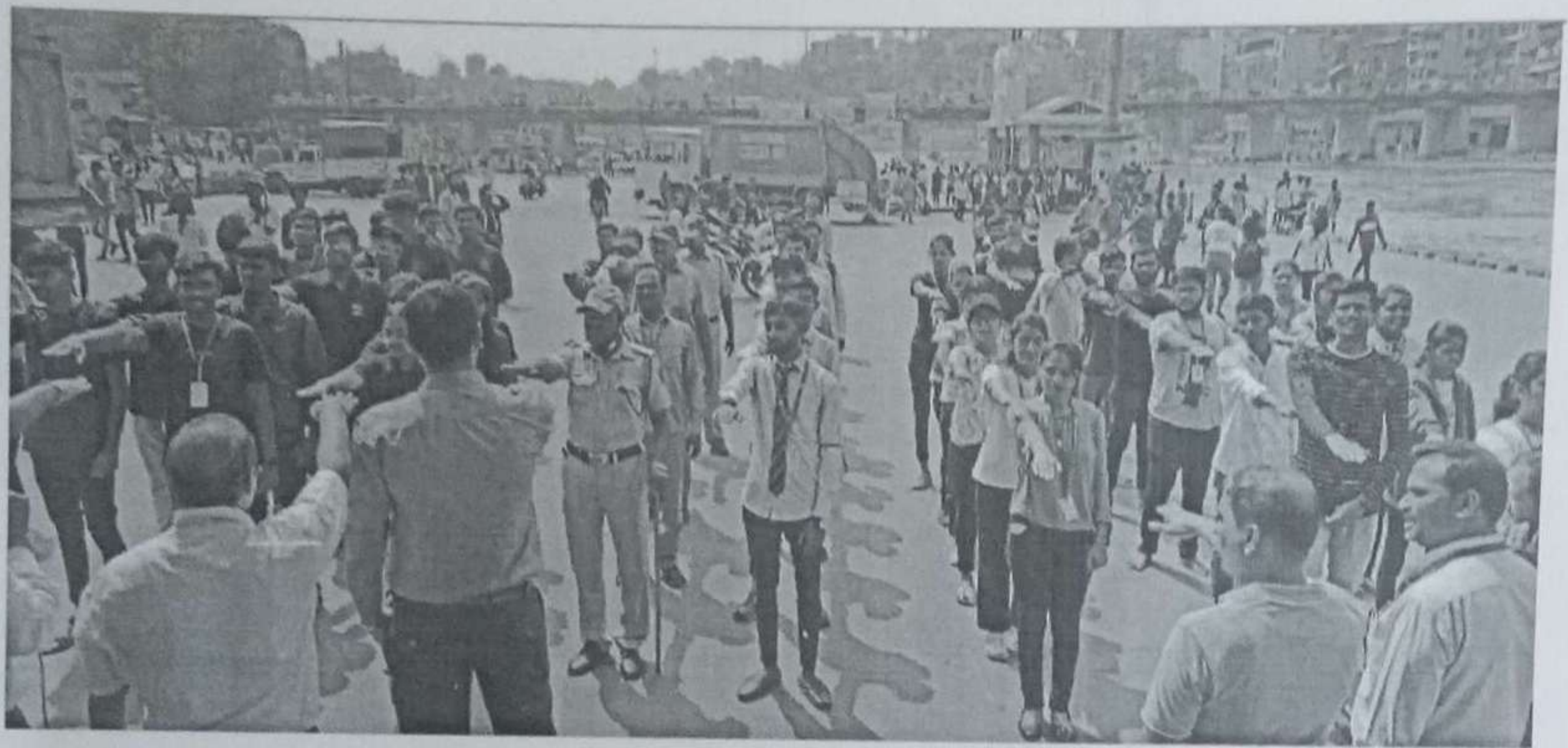
NSS Unit Department of Engineering Science and Humanities, Sandip Institute of Technology and Research Center Nashik in collaboration with NGO Swapnapurti Foundation, Nashik has organized Ganesh Murti collection activity. Inauguration of the event was done at Ramkund at the hands of Shri Mr Sachin. P. Kakade, Founder, Swapnapurti Foundation, Prof. Shradha Navle and Prof. Santosh Katkade . This social activity also had a support by Nashik Municipal Corporation, Nashik. The program concluded with enthusiasm at 5 pm and an eco-friendly social message was conveyed to the families present over there as well as to the society.

The Ganesh Murti Collection activity with Swapnapurti Foundation yielded significant positive outcomes, ranging from increased awareness and community engagement to tangible changes in behavior towards eco-friendly practices. By fostering a sense of responsibility towards the environment and encouraging sustainable celebrations, the activity not only achieved its immediate goals but also inspired a lasting commitment to environmental preservation within the community. The collaborative efforts of community members, artisans, and organizations like Swapnapurti Foundation underscored the power of collective action in creating meaningful and sustainable change.

Photographs :



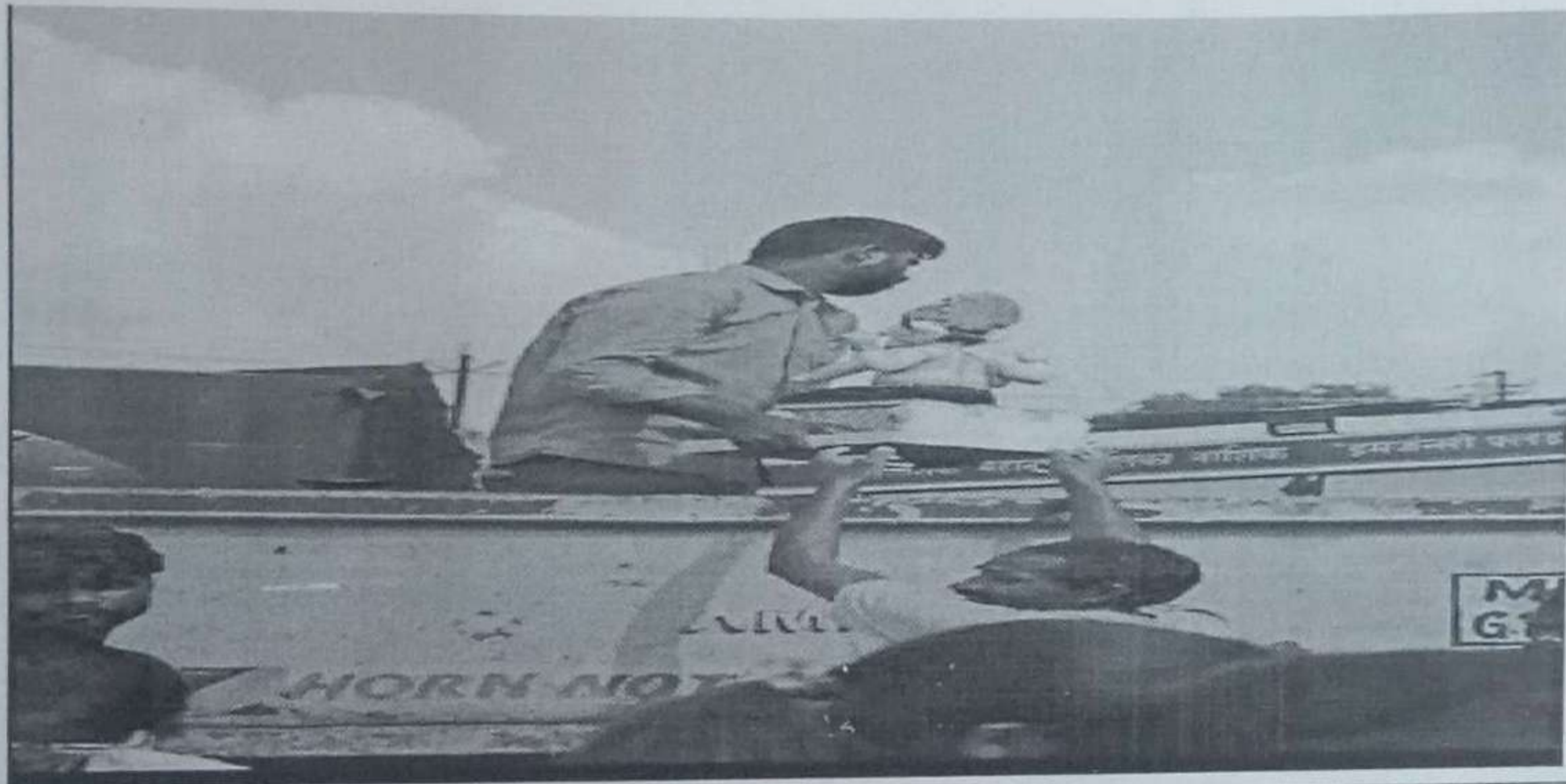
Inauguration of Ganesh Murti Collection.



Volunteers and NMC officials taking pledge towards building a greener planet



Students and staff while collecting Ganesh Idol



Students and Staff of SITRC, Nashik

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