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Activity Report on Ganesh Idol Collection

Event Title: Ganesh Idol Collection

Event Date: 28rd September, 2023

Event Conduction Duration: 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Event Venue: Panchavati, Nashik

Faculty Visited: Dr. N.S. Patil

Participants: Electrical Students

Objective:

It's important to note that the impact on water pollution depends on the practices adopted by individuals and communities during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival. Choosing eco-friendly materials and promoting responsible disposal practices are key elements in minimizing the environmental impact of Ganesh idol immersion. While the act of collecting Ganesh idols itself may not directly address water pollution, the way in which the idols are produced and disposed of can have implications for environmental sustainability, including water pollution.

Outcome:

Potential outcomes related to safe water pollution practices:

- Traditional plaster of Paris idols can contribute to water pollution when immersed in water bodies, as they may contain harmful chemicals.
- Encouraging and adopting eco-friendly immersion practices is crucial. Opting for immersing clay idols in designated artificial ponds or water tanks, rather than natural water bodies, can help prevent water pollution. This reduces the release of toxic substances into rivers, lakes, and oceans.
- Collectors can play a role in raising awareness about the environmental impact of idol immersion. Educating the community about eco-friendly practices, including the use of natural materials and proper disposal methods, can contribute to the prevention of water pollution.
- Actively supporting and promoting artisans and workshops that create eco-friendly Ganesh idols can contribute to a positive environmental impact. This support encourages the adoption of sustainable practices in idol production, reducing the overall ecological footprint.
- Engaging in advocacy efforts for the implementation of regulations and guidelines regarding the materials used in idol-making and immersion practices can have a long-term impact. This could



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include advocating for policies that promote the use of eco-friendly materials and discourage harmful practices.

- Some collectors may take part in post-festival cleanup drives, helping to remove remnants of idols from water bodies and ensuring proper waste disposal. This hands-on involvement can contribute to minimizing the environmental impact of idol immersion.
- Exploring alternative immersion rituals that do not involve the use of materials that can harm water bodies can be an outcome of Ganesh idol collection. This might include symbolic immersions or other practices that minimize environmental impact.
- By setting an example through eco-friendly practices, collectors can inspire others in the community to adopt similar measures. This collective effort can lead to a positive change in the way festivals are celebrated, reducing the environmental impact, including water pollution.

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