

Event Report: Janmashtami Celebration 2024

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Janmashtami at IIIT Surat:

The sacred festival of Janmashtami was celebrated at IIIT Surat on August 23, 2024, with great enthusiasm and devotion. The active participation of students and faculty members brought everyone together in a spirit of festivity, celebrating the birth of Lord Krishna.

This was the first time our college organized a Janmashtami celebration, and it turned out to be an immense success, igniting a sense of joy, togetherness, and divine spirit. This report provides an overview of the activities that took place during the celebration.

The event was inaugurated by our respected Director, who began with a traditional ritual of offering prayers to Lord Krishna. He also filled the first Handi with Dahi, a tradition rooted in the tales of Lord Krishna, known for his love of curd.



Event Highlights:

- **Dahi-Handi Competition:** A thrilling competition among all four academic years.
- **Blindfolded Matki-Phod Activity:** A fun and engaging activity for faculty members.
- **DJ Dance Bash:** An energetic dance session to conclude the event.

Dahi-Handi Competition:

The Dahi-Handi competition, a highlight of the Janmashtami celebration, captured the essence of Lord Krishna's playful childhood. Teams from all four academic years—1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th—competed with zeal in this traditional event.



The 3rd-year team emerged victorious, narrowly defeating the 4th-year team by just 2 seconds. The 1st-year freshers' team secured third place, while the 2nd-year team, despite their best efforts, finished last.

The audience witnessed remarkable enthusiasm and commendable efforts from each team to form the human tower. With strategies, coordination, and strength, all the teams tried to breach the handi in the shortest time duration to win the competition.

The competition was marked by remarkable enthusiasm and determination as each team worked tirelessly to form the human pyramid needed to reach and breach the Handi. With careful strategies, coordinated teamwork, and physical strength, the teams raced against time to claim victory.



A special mention goes to a team of girls from various academic years, who, embodying unity and strength, successfully breached the Handi, adding to the excitement and spirit of the event.

Blindfolded Matki-Phod Activity:

The blindfolded Matki-Phod activity, planned for the faculty members, involved pairs where one partner guided the blindfolded partner to breach the Handi with a rod. This activity symbolizes Lord Krishna's mischievous nature and adds excitement to the festival, promoting teamwork and tradition.





Pairs were decided by drawing random chits from a bowl, resulting in interesting combinations. This activity showcased the lighter side of our faculty members, who embraced the challenge with high spirits.

DJ Dance Bash:

The Janmashtami DJ Dance Bash was a vibrant celebration where students came together to enjoy an electrifying evening of music, dance, and fun. The energy was infectious as everyone danced to the beats, making the event a memorable and joyous occasion for all who attended.





Abstract:

Team Abstract added a touch of artistry to the event, enchanting everyone with their creative works. Their contributions included a striking Krishna Janmashtami canvas and a beautifully crafted Jhanki, which depicted the life journey of Lord Krishna, adding depth and a sense of reverence to the celebration.





Exposure:

The Exposure team skillfully documented the Janmashtami celebration, capturing the vibrant atmosphere and the joyous spirit of the students through their lens. Their stunning visuals preserved every significant moment—from the energetic dances to the genuine smiles—ensuring that the memories of this lively event will be cherished for years to come.

The SARAS Team behind the event:



Conclusion:

The Janmashtami celebration at IIIT Surat was a resounding success, marking a significant milestone as the college hosted this vibrant festival for the first time. The event brought together students and faculty in a joyful celebration of tradition and unity, highlighted by spirited competitions, creative expressions, and collective enthusiasm. The tireless efforts of the SARAS team, along with the active participation from everyone involved, made this celebration truly memorable. As the day concluded with the echoes of “Haathi Ghoda Palki... Jai Kanhaiya Laal Ki” and the smiles of all attendees, the sense of community and shared joy was palpable, setting a positive tone for future celebrations.