



Dussehra Celebration

Date : 11th October, 2024.
Venue: Institute of Chemical Technology,
Mumbai.



The Dussehra celebrations brought a lively transformation to the campus, filling every corner with vibrant colours, joy, and a profound sense of spirituality. From the early hours of the day, the atmosphere was alive with excitement as 35 labs actively participated to showcase their unique interpretations of Dussehra on 11th October, 2024.

Preparations:

The preparations began a week in advance, as students, along with teaching and non-teaching staff, joined hands to clean and decorate their respective labs and departments. The collective effort created a spirit of unity and pride, with each team eager to showcase their creativity in the upcoming contest conducted by **Technological Association in collaboration with Meraki- Fine Arts club.**

Commencement of the Dussehra Pooja:

The day began with a peaceful morning pooja led by Our Hon'ble **Vice Chancellor, Prof. A. B. Pandit and Registrar, Prof. B. F. Jogi** in all labs, along with academic and non-academic offices, setting a spiritual atmosphere for the celebrations. All the students, along with teaching and non-

teaching staff, proudly chanted the aarti in their respective departments with heartfelt enthusiasm.

Initiation of the Decoration and Rangoli Contest:

The scent of incense filled the air during the morning pooja, while each department showcased distinct themes, including Maharashtra Day, chess, women empowerment, and Indian culture. Even the Mathematics Department contributed charming decoration and rangoli, illustrating concepts like MATLAB and Python, while connecting mathematical equations to the energy of Durga Mata and featuring figures representing various graphs.

Each lab and office was beautifully decorated with intricate designs, traditional floral garlands, and handmade symbolic motifs that embodied the spirit of good triumphing over evil. Rangoli patterns crafted with vibrant powders, flowers, and detailed designs with adorned entrances and corridors, creating a warm and auspicious atmosphere.

The judging panel, comprised of distinguished members— **Dr. Manish Yadav, Dr. Shraeddha Tiwari, and Prof. Shalini Arya**—carefully assessed the entries, taking into account creativity and efforts.

The anticipation grew as students, staff, and faculty gathered in the KV Auditorium for the final event, where the winners were announced. The judges, expressing their admiration for each team's dedication, highlighted the exceptional teamwork and artistic skill displayed.

The organizing team consisted of TA members: Tanmayee, Anurag, Kalpesh, Shweta, Supriya, Nuraj, and Meraki Secretary Dhanashree. The judges, especially Prof. Shraeddha Tiwari, praised their careful planning and hard work, which made the celebrations memorable.

Winners of the Lab Decoration Contest:

- First Prize: Computational Lab (GDY lab) Chem Engg



- Second Prize: Exam Section and Prof. Kharkar's Lab



Winners of the Rangoli Contest:

- First Prize: Dye House



- Second Prize: Dyes Department



