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### **Report on Diwali Celebration (28th and 29th October 2024)**

The Diwali celebration at OCER was a vibrant event held over two days, 28th and 29th October 2024, filled with festive spirit and creative expression through various competitions. Organized by students and faculty, the events highlighted traditional skills and artistry associated with the Diwali festival.

#### **28th October 2024**

##### **1. Rangoli Competition**

- **Theme:** Traditional, Creative, and Diwali-specific designs
- **Details:** Participants displayed their artistic skills by creating vibrant rangoli patterns in individual or group (max two participants) formats. Competitors were judged on creativity, color combinations, neatness, and theme relevance.
- **Outcome:** The competition saw a high level of creativity and diversity, with participants successfully integrating traditional and creative themes to bring out the spirit of Diwali.

##### **2. Handmade Greeting Cards Competition**

- **Theme:** Festive and Diwali-themed greeting cards
- **Details:** Individual participants brought materials to craft festive greeting cards, judged on creativity, design, color use, and neatness.
- **Outcome:** This competition brought forth a range of colorful and intricate designs that truly captured the warmth and spirit of the festival.

##### **3. Lantern Making Competition**

- **Theme:** Diwali Lanterns
- **Details:** Individual participants crafted unique lanterns using paper and decorative items, with creativity, use of materials, aesthetics, and craftsmanship as judging criteria.
- **Outcome:** The lanterns crafted reflected both traditional and modern aesthetics, beautifully adding to the festive decorations.

##### **4. Mehndi Competition**

- **Theme:** Traditional and Festive Mehndi Designs
- **Details:** Participants worked in pairs, with one applying the mehndi on the other. Judging focused on intricacy, neatness, and creativity.
- **Outcome:** The participants showcased their skill in intricate mehndi designs, demonstrating attention to detail and traditional styles.

## 29th October 2024

### 1. Thali Decoration Competition

- **Theme:** Diwali Puja Thali
- **Details:** Individual participants decorated their thalis with flowers, colors, and other decorative materials, with judging based on creativity, neatness, and adherence to the theme.
- **Outcome:** The beautifully decorated thalis added a spiritual touch to the celebration, each reflecting the uniqueness of the participant's personal style.

### 2. Diya Decoration Competition

- **Theme:** Festive Diwali Diyas
- **Details:** Participants painted and decorated diyas, judged on creativity, design, color combinations, and neatness.
- **Outcome:** The diyas sparkled with creativity and festive colors, perfectly embodying the light and joy of Diwali.

### 3. Traditional Outfit Competition

- **Theme:** Festive/Traditional Indian Wear
- **Details:** Students dressed in colorful traditional attire, embodying the festive spirit. The program began with diya lighting by teachers, followed by engaging games and lively student performances.
- **Outcome:** The competition highlighted the elegance and diversity of traditional Indian wear, celebrating Diwali's cultural significance.

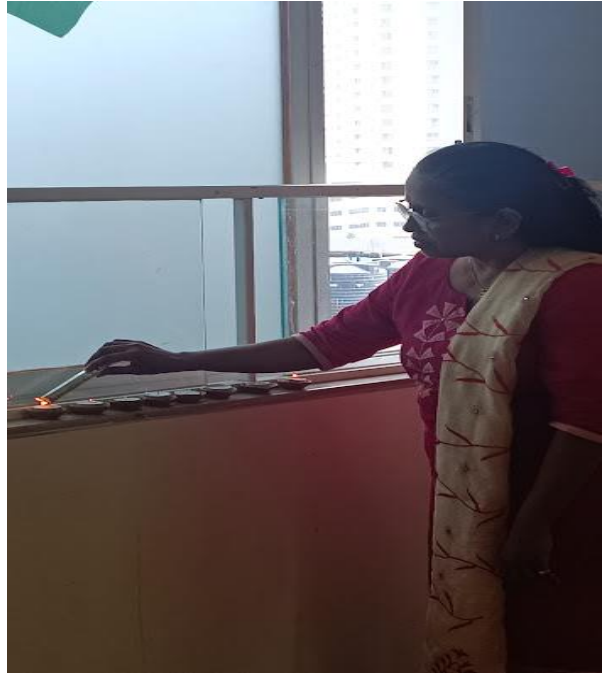
The Diwali celebration concluded with much anticipation as competition winners were announced for each event held over the two days. Each winner was recognized for their outstanding creativity, originality, and adherence to the festive themes. Certificates were awarded, to commend their exceptional efforts and encourage further participation in cultural and artistic activities.

Following the prize distribution, teachers and students gathered to enjoy a delightful spread of *Diwali faral*, featuring traditional sweets and savories such as *laddoos*, *chakli*, *karanji*, and *chivda*. This spread was thoughtfully organized to reflect the traditional flavors associated with Diwali, symbolizing abundance

and the joy of sharing. The festive treats created an atmosphere of warmth, bringing everyone together in the true spirit of Diwali.

As the event drew to a close, the celebrations culminated in a patriotic display of unity as everyone rose for the National Anthem. This gesture highlighted a collective pride and respect, reminding everyone of the values that bind them. The program ended on a harmonious note, leaving students, faculty, and attendees with cherished memories of a well-celebrated Diwali, filled with creativity, joy, and a deep sense of community.





## Rangoli Competition



## Mehndi Competition



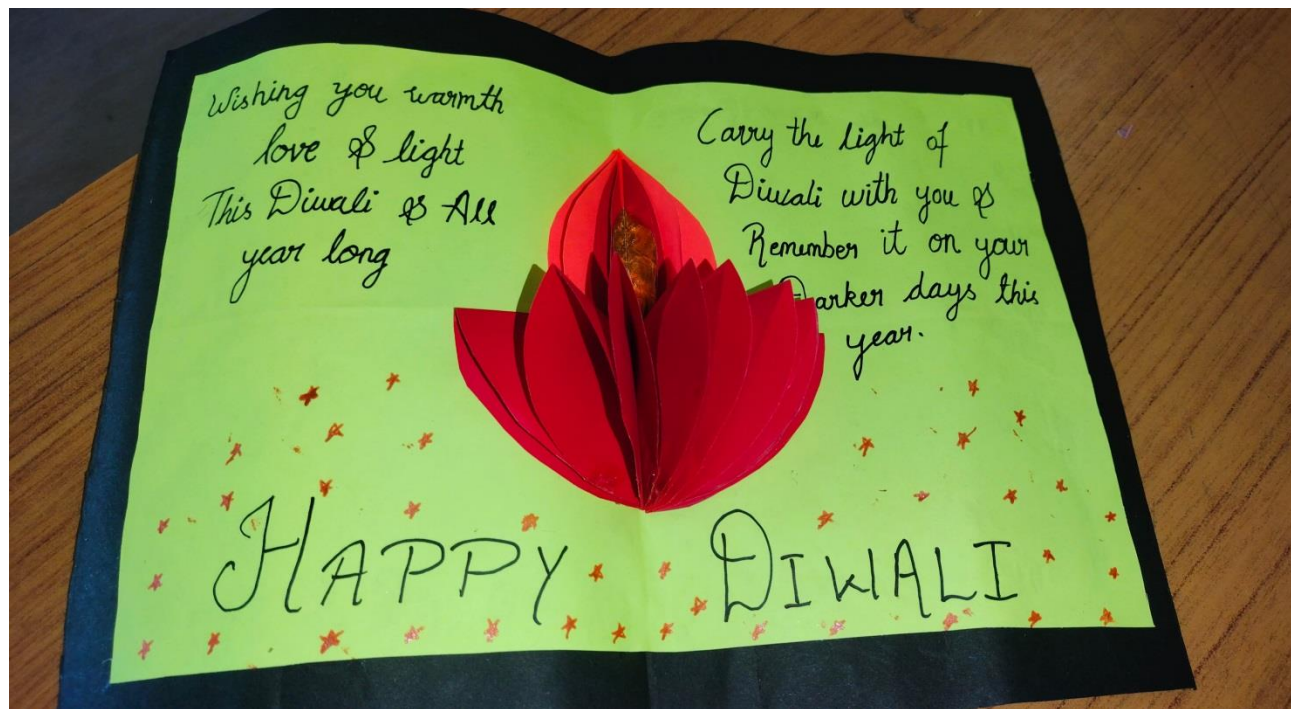
## Diya Decoration Competition



## Puja Thali Decoration Competition



## Handmade Greeting Cards Competition





## Lantern Making Competition



## Certificates Distribution Ceremony





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Games

