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**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**Venue:** Oriental College of Education and Research (Andheri)

**Organized by:** Student Council of Oriental College of Education of Research (Andheri)

**Introduction:** On 30<sup>th</sup> August, **Oriental College of Education and Research (OCER, Andheri)** celebrated **Ganesh Chaturthi**, which was organized by the **Student Council** from **11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**.

**Objectives:**

- Understand the historical significance of **Ganesh Chaturthi**
- Understand the teachings of Lord Ganesha
- Understand how Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated traditionally in India and abroad

**Program Highlights:**

S.Y.B.Ed. students from Oriental College of Education and Research (Andheri) celebrated **Ganesh Chaturthi**. Also known as **Vinayaka Chaturthi**, Ganesh Chaturthi is one of the most celebrated Hindu festivals dedicated to **Lord Ganesha**, the elephant-headed deity of wisdom, prosperity, and remover of obstacles. It usually falls in the Hindu month of **Bhadrapada (August–September)** and lasts for 10 days, culminating in **Anant Chaturdashi**. The grand welcome of “**Ganpati Bappa**” is an integral part of the festival. Shifa prepared a clay Ganesha idol, and a group of students welcomed Ganesha with music, chanting “Ganpati Bappa Moriya,” and **Lezim**. Jyoti performed a dance welcoming Lord Ganesha, followed by a traditional Aarti where faculty and students took turns to conduct Aarti. Worshipping Ganesha is thought to remove obstacles, brings success, and ensures prosperity. The rituals teach patience, discipline, and faith. Modern

celebrations encourage eco-friendly idols and sustainable practices. Ganesh Chaturthi is not just limited to India; it is celebrated globally wherever Indian communities are present. Anthea shared how Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated worldwide. In **India**, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat are the major hubs, and in international countries such as **Nepal, Mauritius, Fiji, Singapore, USA, UK, Australia, and Canada**, the festival is celebrated with community gatherings, cultural events, and idol immersions. Faiza explained the teachings of Lord Ganesha, where his large head signifies thinking big and seeking wisdom; his small eyes symbolize focus and foresight; his big ears represent the importance of listening more; and his combination of human body and elephant head teaches balance between strength and humility. Shifa explained the **Ashthavinayak Yatra** in Maharashtra, which is a pilgrimage covering eight self-manifested (Swayambhu) Ganesha temples. Ganesh Chaturthi competitions of drawing and painting a Ganesha idol, sculpting a clay Ganesha idol, and preparing modaks were conducted, and winners were Anshu and Vedika; Nandini; and Kanika, respectively. Manisha Mam, Veena Mam, and Anita Mam sang Shree Ganeshay Deemahi. A symbolic immersion of the Ganesha idol was performed by Principal Madam Dr. Priyanka Pandey.

**Conclusion:** The **Ganesh Chaturthi** celebration conducted at **Oriental College of Education and Research (Andheri)** was not just a religious festival but a celebration of culture, unity, and spiritual growth. From its traditional welcome with Lezim, to its historic role in uniting people, to its global recognition today, the festival continues to inspire generations. Lord Ganesha's teachings remind us to cultivate wisdom, humility, and devotion in our lives. The Ashthavinayak temples further strengthen the bond between faith and tradition, making Ganesh Chaturthi a festival of enduring significance.



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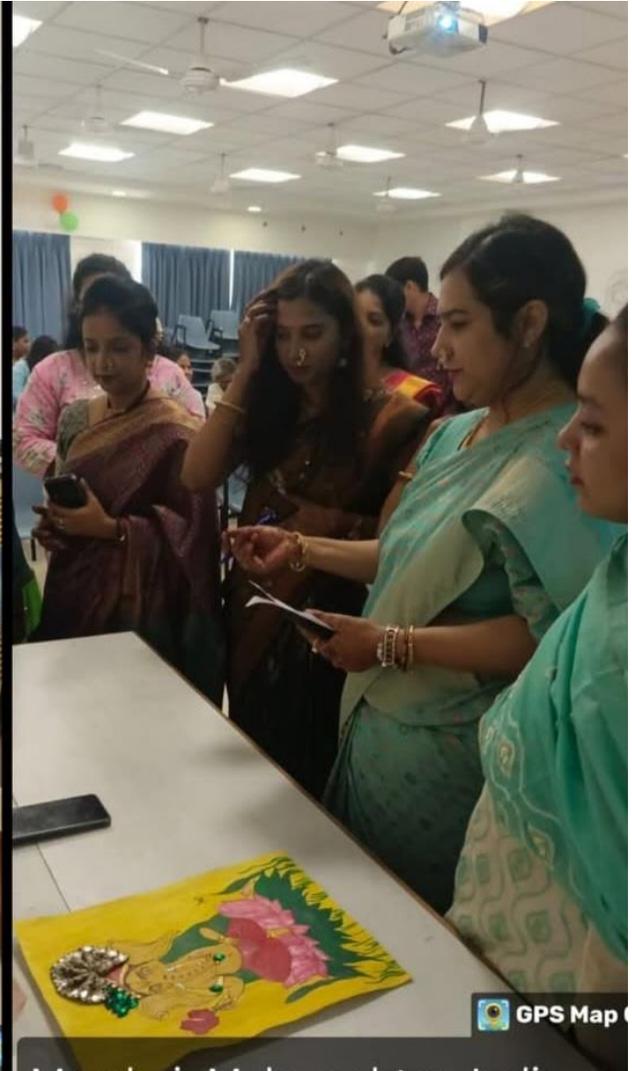
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