



Oriental Education Society's
Oriental College of Education & Research
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(NCTE Code- 123016)
Adarsh Nagar, Andheri (W)
NAAC Accreditation 'B' Grade

Date: 13th September

Time: 1:00 PM 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 13th September, **Oriental College of Education and Research (OCER, Andheri)** celebrated **Onam**, which was organized by the **Student Council** from **1:00 PM to 1:30 PM**.

Objectives:

- Understand the significance of **Onam**
- Understand how Onam is celebrated traditionally

Program Highlights:

S.Y.B.Ed. students from Oriental College of Education and Research (Andheri) celebrated **Onam**, which brought together students and teachers to appreciate the cultural and spiritual richness of India.

Onam: Significance and Celebration

- **Significance:** Onam is Kerala's **harvest festival** and commemorates the return of the generous daitya King Mahabali after he was banished to the netherworld by Vamana (the fifth avatar of Hindu deity Vishnu). It marks a season of abundance, and it is a time of gratitude, thanking nature for its bounty and farmers for their hard work. Onam reveres Lord Vamana and emphasizes community spirit, unity, and the importance of giving. According to belief, King Mahabali visits his people during Onam, symbolizing

love, prosperity, and unity. Onam reflects values of unity, gratitude for nature's abundance, and cultural pride. Lavita recited a story about King Mahabali.

- **Community celebration:** During Onam, a traditional *Pookalam* (floral carpet) is displayed, and children perform the *Thiruvathira* dance and showcase Kerala's folk traditions. The spirit of togetherness and sharing food are highlighted through a symbolic "**Onasadya**" (or a traditional feast), reinforcing unity and gratitude for nature's abundance. Lavita treated the S.Y.B.Ed. students and faculty to delicious payasam. The assembly was concluded. A vote of thanks was given by Principal Madam Dr. Priyanka Pandey, and the faculty were asked to say a few words regarding the Onam celebration.

Conclusion: The **Onam** celebration conducted at **Oriental College of Education and Research (Andheri)** was a vibrant program, highlighting the harvest festival in Kerala and expressing gratitude for nature's abundance.

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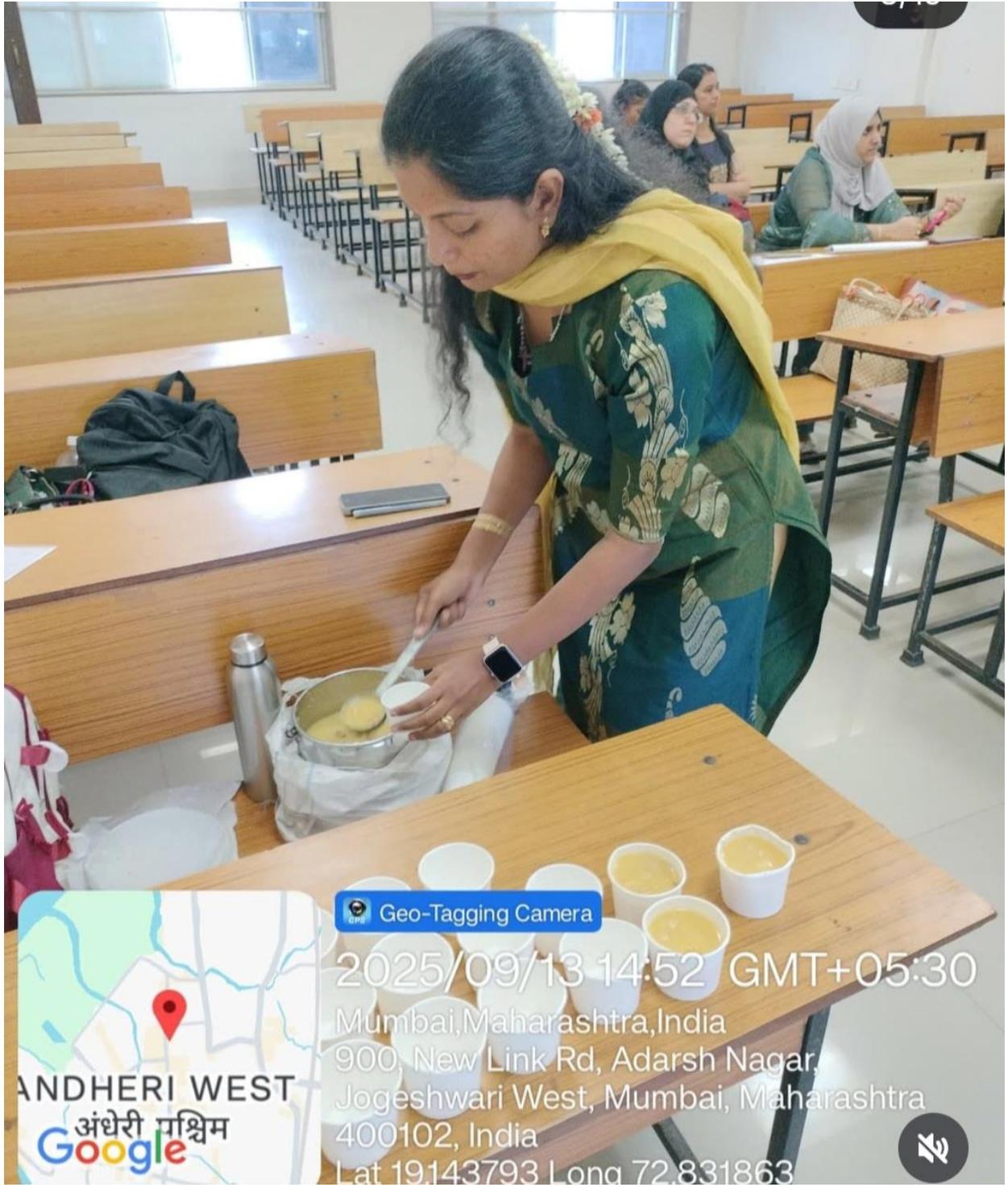
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