



**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:** 17th October

**Time:** 9:45 AM to 12:00 Noon (Competitions) | 1:00 PM onwards (Main Celebration)

**Venue:** 2nd Floor Seminar Hall, Oriental College of Education and Research, Andheri (W)

**Organized by:** Student Council & Alumni Association, Oriental College of Education and Research (OCER)

## Introduction

The festival of lights, Diwali, was celebrated with immense joy, enthusiasm, and festive spirit at the **Oriental College of Education and Research (OCER), Andheri (W)** on **17th October**.

The celebration was organized by the Student Council and Alumni Association under the guidance of I/C Principal Dr. Priyanka Pandey and faculty members Dr. Vinayak Shinde, Dr. Veena Kasabe

The event aimed to uphold India's rich cultural traditions while encouraging students to showcase their creativity and collaborative spirit. The college campus radiated with light, color, and decorations, symbolizing the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil.

## Objectives

1. To celebrate the festival of Diwali with cultural integrity and enthusiasm.
2. To promote creativity, teamwork, and participation among students through festive competitions.
3. To encourage students to understand the cultural and social significance of Diwali.
4. To strengthen community spirit and harmony among the OCER family.
5. To provide a platform for students to display their aesthetic and artistic talents.

## Program Highlights

The *Diwali Celebration* commenced with a series of creative competitions from **9:45 AM to 12:00 Noon**, including **Toran Making, Rangoli Making, Lantern Making, and Diya Decoration**. Students participated with great enthusiasm, showcasing their artistic skills and innovative ideas that brought festive joy to the entire campus.

The seminar hall and corridors were beautifully decorated with colorful rangolis, handcrafted torans, and glowing diyas, creating an atmosphere filled with positivity and cultural vibrance. Participants used eco-friendly materials for their creations, reinforcing the message of celebrating Diwali in an environmentally responsible manner.

To ensure fair evaluation and expert judgment, two distinguished alumni of OCER, **Ms. Sheetal** and **Ms. Khuspreet** — were invited as judges for the competitions. Their valuable feedback and encouragement greatly motivated the participants. They appreciated the students' creativity, attention to detail, and innovative approaches to traditional art forms.

The **afternoon session** began at **1:00 PM** with the main celebration in the 2nd Floor Seminar Hall. All students and faculty attended in traditional attire, which added charm and color to the occasion. The event began with a warm welcome and a reflection on the spiritual essence of Diwali — the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.

The program featured cultural performances, festive songs, and student reflections on the significance of Diwali. The winners of the competitions were felicitated by *Principal Dr. Priyanka Pandey*, who commended the students for their creative spirit and disciplined participation.

### **Outcome of the Event**

The Diwali celebration fostered unity, creativity, and a sense of belonging among students. It helped them understand that festivals are not only about celebration but also about spreading light, positivity, and harmony. The collaboration between the *Student Council*, *Alumni Association*, and faculty members strengthened the bond within the OCER community.

Students also learned the importance of sustainable and eco-friendly celebration practices, aligning cultural joy with environmental responsibility.

### **Conclusion**

The Diwali Celebration at **Oriental College of Education and Research (Andheri)** was a grand success. It beautifully combined art, culture, and togetherness, highlighting the spirit of Indian tradition. The active participation of students, support of faculty, and the valuable presence of alumni judges Ms. Sheetal and Ms. Khuspreet made the event truly special and memorable.

The festival reminded everyone that Diwali is not just about lighting lamps, but also about spreading joy, wisdom, and goodness in society. The day concluded with smiles, laughter, and the shared glow of festive harmony that truly embodied the message of *“light conquers darkness.”*

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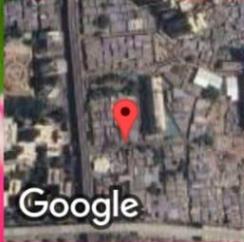
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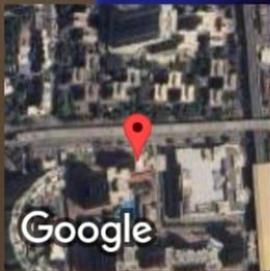
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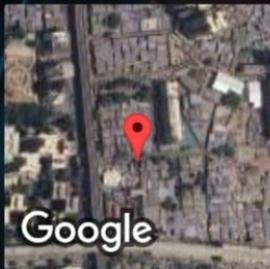
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