



Navratri Celebration

October 3, 2024 to October 10, 2024

“The greatness of Culture can be found in its festivals.”

“The source of the universe is as diverse as its manifestation. Navratri is a celebration of this diversity in all its glory, a celebration of our source and goal”. Navratri is one of the most important festivals celebrated to worship the Goddess Durga. The festival of Navratri is celebrated in many different ways in India and various regions. For many people, it is a time of religious reflection wherein people are seen fasting; whereas for others, it is a time for dancing and feasting.

Adani Public School, Mundra also celebrated Navratri with great spiritual zeal and enthusiasm. It was held from 3rd October, 2024 to 10th October 2024 highlighting the importance of these nine days. On 3rd October, the celebration started by offering prayers to Maa Durga in school assembly. (Director, Kutch Schools) Ms. Meeta Jadeja, (Principal -cum – Director, APS) Mr. Hemant Kumar Sharma and (Vice Principal, APS) Dr. Renu Patidar along with all the staff members and students became part of it, seeking the blessings of the Goddess to protect everyone from evil.

Reya Shah a student of Grade V shared her views, illuminating the importance of Day-1 of Navratri. She added that the first day is dedicated to Maa Shailaputri, the daughter of the Himalayas and an incarnation of Goddess Parvati. It was followed by a mesmerizing Garba Performance by the students of classes VIII and IX. They wore traditional dresses and groomed exquisitely showcasing the rich culture of Kutch. All the bright-coloured fabrics made the event appealing. Everyone was synced with the beats of the music and the steps of Garba.

Glimpses of Day-1 (3rd October, 2024)







Navratri Celebration Day 2 (October 4, 2024)

On the second day of Navratri (**October 4, 2024**) it is believed that worshipping Maa Brahmacharini helps all to cultivate resilience, patience and determination. Shrey Soni of class V highlighted the significance of day adding that on this day we honour Maa Brahmacharini, the goddess of penance and meditation. A special classical performance was given by Samvritha K of class IX D with elegance and dexterity. It was a colorful and magnificent day.

Sight of Day-2





Navratri Celebration Day 4 (October 7, 2024)

Day 4 of Navratri was full of zeal. This day of Navratri is dedicated to Maa Kushmanda, the creator of the universe. Ishaan of Grade –V highlighted the significance of this day adding that Maa Kushmanda is worshipped on the 4th day of Navratri. Her light shines on us, reminding us of the power of positive energy and creativity. To add more charm to this day, garba performance was presented by the young artist of school. Students of classes I, II and III showcased blending of traditional dance forms with a contemporary flair. Their unmatched enthusiasm, presenting a kaleidoscope of colorful dresses, rhythmic beats and energetic movements left everyone amazed.

Journey of Day-4







Navratri Celebration Day 5 (October 8, 2024)

Day 5 is dedicated to Maa Shandmata, the goddess of motherhood and love. Tirth of class V highlighted the significance of this day. He shared Day 5 as a very auspicious day. To highlight the importance of pure and divine relationships, a wonderful performance was presented by the students of classes IV, V and VI. This day was indeed a day of bonding, where the gathering, the celebration and the dance etched a unique combination of joy, beauty and unity.

Beauty of Day-5





Navratri Celebration Day 6 (October 9, 2024)

On Day 6 (October 9, 2024) we honor Maa Katyayani, who represents the destroyer of evil. Significance of the day was highlighted by Shabdi Srivastika of class VIII who made the students aware about why we worship Maa Katyayani on this day. She added that Her story inspires us to be fearless in eliminating negativity and injustice from our lives. On this note, a wonderful performance was presented by the students of classes VI and VII.

Positivity of Day-6







Navratri Celebration Day 7 (October 10, 2024)

The last day of Navratri celebration depicted the importance of Dussehra. Shreya Singh of class IX highlighted the importance of day adding that Dussehra, also known as Vijayadashmi, symbolizes the triumph of good over evil. It commemorates Lord Rama's victory over the demon king Ravana, representing the victory of righteousness, truth, and virtue. Beyond mythology, Dussehra inspires us to conquer our inner evils like ego, anger, and greed, reminding us that light always dispels darkness. It's a celebration of courage, integrity, and the ultimate victory of good in life.

To make this day memorable, a drama was performed by the students of classes VII, VIII and IX, depicting the epics of Ramayana. All the important characters of Ramayana were portrayed beautifully. The confident and deftly trained students created an aura of brilliance, transporting the spectators to the world of the epic. It was indeed an amazing performance showcased by the students.

Principal, Mr. Hemant Kumar Sharma, also addressed the assembly on this very auspicious day. He appreciated the performance of the students. Also, he added in his speech that Rama and Ravana both are different entities. We don't need to go anywhere to find Rama or Ravana. Both of these symbolize virtues and vices respectively. The need is to self- introspect. If both are taken care of wisely, triumph will be of Rama i.e. virtue always. He also put the stress on the need of discipline, punctuality, non-violence and kindness in everyone's life to make such a path that can be followed by others. He urged the students to promote goodness and

positivity in them to create the life of their dreams and bring success and victory into their lives.

Inspiration of Day-7





Conclusion

The objective of Navratri celebration was to celebrate the cultural diversity of Navratri and provide a platform for students to showcase their talents, fostering a sense of unity and tradition. It was a memorable Navratri celebration and will forever live in our hearts.

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