

REPORT ON GANESH FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS **& ANNUAL SOCIAL GATHERING- 2018**

Smt. Radhikabai Meghe Memorial Trust's Ganesh Utsav and the Annual Social Gathering of all the Constituent Colleges of the Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed to be University) was celebrated with pomp and vigour from 13th September to 24th September, 2018. The Ganesh Sthapna was done ceremonially on 13th September at 10 am in the porch of the Jawarharlal Nehru Medical College, which was followed by distribution of Prasad. The entire campus and the monumental buildings were illuminated with lighting to look eye catchy, magnanimous and attractive.

During all these festive 12 days, the OPD registration for the patients was free and the treatment and investigations were highly subsidized. Large number of rural population benefitted from these schemes. In addition, health exhibition was held from 13th to 24th September during which various health related awareness sessions on importance and value of Organ Donation, Blood donation, prevention of accidents, etc., were organized daily. In all these sessions, large number of public participated enthusiastically.

Subsidized coupons were issued to patients who wanted to avail the benefit of welfare and diagnostic schemes introduced by Acharya Vinoba Bhave Hospital and the newly constructed 'Shalinitai Meghe Super specialty Centre', to provide affordable treatment for the needy and poor patients.

During this GFC, Annual Parents Meet was also held wherein large number of parents participated and conveyed their suggestions to further improvement. Various speciality camps at Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital, Sharad Pawar Dental College & Hospital and Mahatma Gandhi Ayurvedic College were organized to extend health services.

Cultural programs such as Garba, Bhangra, Marathi Folk dance, Rajasthani folk, street dance, Fete, Orchestra, Tug of war, Musical Chairs, Jalsa, Sports Night, Antakshari, Treasure Hunt, Cyber Games, Variety show, Swar Vaidarbhi were organized wherein more than 2000 students participated. The students got the opportunity to exhibit their extracurricular talent through these programmes. Students who were adjudged the best in various cultural events were awarded with cash prizes and testimonials. A cultural extravaganza by the Teaching faculty "Gurukul" was the major attraction. More than 80 faculty members and 70+ students participated in the program with their excellent performance, direction, choreography and technical skills and made the program, a grand success.

Non teaching employees of the University presented “Jalsa”, a cultural programme in which more than 220 enthusiastic employees participated and exhibited their artistic talent. Students, teaching and non teaching staff gave an overwhelming response to all these events.

The Unique feature of this year’s Ganesh Festival was the magnificent illumination of Ganesh Pandal and other University buildings. During all these festive days, many dignitaries visited the campus and performed Ganesh Puja and Aarti. More than 3,00,000 people visited the campus to seek the blessings of Lord Ganesh and to pay salutations to the Lord of Learning. All the devotees who had visited the campus and had darshan of Lord Ganesh Festival were distributed Prasad, on daily basis. Mahaprasad was organized for the staff/ students of the University, staff and students from sister concerns, Invitees, general public, patients and their relatives, on the last day of Ganeshotsav i.e., on 24th September.

Another special feature of Ganesh festival was organization of Vidarbha level Singing Competition ‘*Swar Vaidarbhi*’ at Datta Meghe Auditorium. More than 86 singers competed for the final slot. Total 11 winners of the competition were awarded with cash prizes and mementos at the hands of Hon’ble Mrs. Shalinitai Meghe and Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor. A blind student was also one of the winners of the competition, who was awarded a consolidation prize of Rs.11,000/-

The Visarjan procession was taken out on 24th September, 2018 from 5.30 pm onwards through Wardha City which comprised of eye catching fire works, Zakis from AVBRH, sandals and bands. The procession terminated near Shivaji Chowk. The students of all the constituent Colleges performed various folk dances like Garba and Bhangra. Large number of people gathered on either side of the road to witness this magnificent Visarjan procession.

The Hon.ble Chancellor Shri Dattaji Meghe, Hon’ble Shri Sagarji Meghe, Hon’ble Shri Sameerji Meghe and the Hon.ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Rajiv M. Borle, University Authorities, Deans of Constituent Colleges, Teaching and Non-teaching staff along with large number of students participated in the procession. The Visarjan was performed after Ganesh Arti at Pawnar on the banks of Dham River.

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