

# ECO-FRIENDLY GANESHA 2024

On September 6th, 2024, the Student Activity Center (SAC) of JB Institute of Engineering and Technology (JBIET) organized an Eco-Friendly Ganesha Celebration in the open-air auditorium, (basketball court). The event was a celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi with a focus on promoting environmental sustainability. Students, faculty, and staff came together to participate in this meaningful initiative, aimed at spreading awareness about eco-friendly practices.

The event kicked off with the distribution of natural clay, provided by the SAC, for the creation of the Ganesha idols. Students eagerly gathered at the basketball court, where tables were set up with bowls of clay and sculpting tools. The enthusiastic participation of students from different departments demonstrated the collaborative spirit of the event.

Once everyone had arrived, students were divided into groups. Each group was tasked with sculpting their own clay Ganesha idol, fostering teamwork and creativity. Faculty members and volunteers from the Student Activity Center guided the participants on how to shape the idols in an environmentally friendly manner.

The groups worked with great energy and enthusiasm, carefully molding the clay into beautiful idols. Some students shared creative techniques, while others explored traditional methods of idol-making. The entire process was a hands-on experience, bringing students closer to nature and instilling a sense of responsibility towards the environment.

After the clay idols were completed, each group presented their creations to the gathering. The creativity and effort of the students were met with applause from faculty and fellow students. The colorful and diverse clay Ganeshas showcased the students' artistic talents and their commitment to eco-friendly practices.

At the conclusion of the event, students were encouraged to take their idols home for their personal Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. The idea behind this was to promote small-scale, individual immersion ceremonies, reducing the environmental impact typically associated with large-scale idol immersions in public water bodies.

The students expressed excitement about continuing the eco-friendly practice at home with their families, emphasizing how this initiative could influence others to adopt more sustainable practices in the future.

The Eco-Friendly Ganesha Event was a resounding success, combining creativity, collaboration, and environmental awareness. It reinforced the message that traditions can be preserved while also promoting sustainability. The event not only allowed students to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi in an eco-friendly way but also inspired them to make a positive difference through small, mindful actions. The Student Activity Center's efforts were widely appreciated, and the event left a lasting impression on all participants.

