

# CHINMAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration Report:

### SHRI GANESH CHATURTHI MAHOTSAV- A 10 DAY FESTIVE CELEBRATION

**DURATION:** 27<sup>TH</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September

**VENUE:** School campus

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE CELEBRATION:**

The objective of celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi in the school was to:

- Instil cultural values and traditions among students
- Create a spiritually enriching and joyful environment
- Encourage community bonding among students, teachers, and staff
- Promote creativity through complete DIY decor and planning
- Offer students experiential learning through participation in rituals, discipline, and devotion

This celebration was planned not merely as a ritual, but as a living, breathing festival experience where every child, teacher, and staff member felt connected to Bappa and to each other.

#### **PRE-EVENT PLANNING AND PREPARATION:**

The entire event was conceptualised, planned, and executed independently, with special emphasis on authenticity, devotion, and handmade creativity.

##### Murti Selection

The Ganpati murti was thoughtfully selected, keeping aesthetics, serenity, and traditional symbolism in mind.

The idol radiated warmth, calmness, and festive grandeur, becoming the spiritual heart of the celebration.

##### DIY Decor & Backdrop

The entire backdrop was handmade, starting from scratch.

Cardboard base preparation, circular layout design, and layered tissue paper décor were created manually.

Colour selection (yellow, blue, green tones) symbolised positivity, divinity, and freshness.

Every element of the décor reflected hours of handwork, precision, and dedication.

### Lighting & Ambience

Decorative lights were personally arranged and brought from home.

Lighting was planned in a way that enhanced the idol, backdrop, and overall sanctity of the space.

The final setup created a warm, glowing, auspicious atmosphere that instantly evoked devotion and festivity.



## WELCOME!!



### **GANPATI STHAPANA (27th August 2024)**

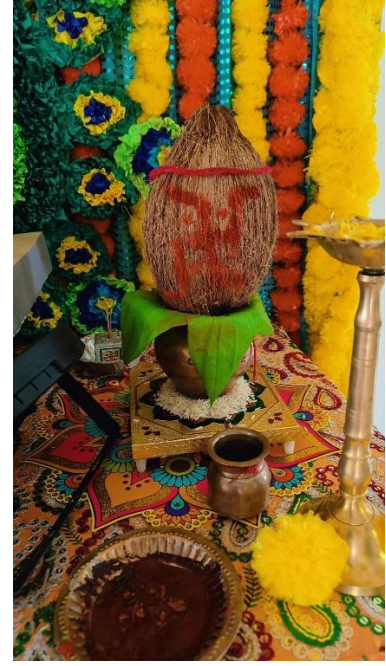
The Ganpati Sthapana marked the official beginning of the 10-day celebration. As the day was a holiday for students, the sthapana was conducted by teachers and staff.

All pooja rituals and sthapana were performed personally, following traditional practices with complete devotion.

Teachers and staff welcomed Bappa with full enthusiasm, performing Dhol-Tasha, dance, and celebratory movements.

The energy was electric, joyous, and deeply spiritual — setting the tone for the entire festival.

This day established not just the presence of Ganpati Bappa in the school, but also the emotional connect that carried forward for the next ten days.



## **DAILY CELEBRATIONS AND STUDENT PARTICIPATION: (28th August – 4th September 2024)**

Each day of the celebration was carefully structured and planned to ensure inclusivity, discipline, and meaningful participation.

### Class-Wise Darshan System

- Each day was designated to specific classes.
- Students came line-wise, maintaining discipline and decorum.

- Teachers guided students in offering prayers, folding hands, and understanding the significance of Ganpati.

### Daily Prasad – A Unique Offering Every Day

- A different prasad was offered every single day.
- Prasad distribution became a much-awaited moment for students.
- The variety reflected abundance, gratitude, and devotion.

This systematic approach ensured that every child felt equally involved and respected the sanctity of the occasion.



### **TEACHER'S DAY AND SPECIAL CELEBRATION (4th September 2024)**

- Teacher's Day was beautifully woven into the Ganpati festive atmosphere.
- The day held dual significance, as it was also the birthday of the school trustee.
- A cake was cut in celebration of both Teacher's Day and the trustee-Paras sir's birthday.

- The cake itself was distributed as prasad, symbolising gratitude, blessings, and joy.

The environment was filled with warmth, respect, celebration, and togetherness. This day stood out as a perfect blend of devotion, appreciation, and celebration.



### Chhappan Bhog – The Grand Offering (4th September 2024)

- The final day witnessed the Chhappan Bhog, marking the peak of devotion and festivity.
- A grand offering of 56 food items was arranged for Ganpati Bappa.
- The display represented abundance, gratitude, and the successful completion of the 10-day celebration.
- Students and staff were in awe of the vibrant spread and the spiritual significance behind it.

The Chhappan Bhog symbolised the collective effort, devotion, and love offered to Bappa throughout the festival.



## VISARJAN AND CLOSING OF THE FESTIVAL:

- The closing moments were filled with mixed emotions — devotion, gratitude, and a sense of fulfilment.
- Bappa was bid farewell with prayers, calmness, and reverence.
- The space that once echoed with celebration now carried a peaceful silence, signifying blessings received.



## **OVERALL IMPACT AND REFLECTION:**

This Ganesh Chaturthi celebration was not just an event, but a journey of devotion, creativity, and leadership.

### Key Highlights

- 100% DIY décor and planning
- Complete ritual execution done independently
- Structured, disciplined student participation
- Integration of cultural, emotional, and celebratory elements
- Deep festive ambience sustained for all 10 days

## **PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION:**

- From murti selection to backdrop creation
- From lighting arrangements to pooja rituals
- From daily planning to final Chhappan Bhog
- Every detail reflected immense effort, consistency, and heartfelt devotion.
- Anyone revisiting this event through photographs, reports, or memories will clearly understand:
  - How thoughtfully the celebration was designed
  - How deeply the festival was respected
  - How much dedication went into making it truly special

## **CONCLUSION:**

The Ganesh Chaturthi Mahotsav at school was a perfect blend of tradition, creativity, teamwork, and devotion. It left behind not just photographs and memories, but a lasting spiritual imprint on everyone involved.

Ganpati Bappa Morya!