



St. Vincent College of Commerce, Pune -411037
(Affiliated to Savtribai Phule Pune University)



Title of the Event	Diwali Celebrations and Potluck Party		
Date of the Event	29th October 2024	Place of the event	St. Vincent College
Objectives of the Event	To promote fraternity, unity and togetherness amongst the students through food		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Dr. Franklin Salvi		

A short narration of the program

On Tuesday, 29th October 2024, St. Vincent College organized a vibrant Potluck Party as part of its Diwali celebrations, fostering a spirit of unity, sharing, and togetherness. The event, held at 8:30 a.m., brought together students and faculty to celebrate the festival of lights through the joy of sharing food and affirming the college's commitment to "Unity in Diversity."

What is a Potluck Party?

The concept of the potluck party revolved around the idea of collective participation and mutual respect:

1. Students brought homemade or store-bought Diwali Faral, breakfast items, and sweets, contributing to a diverse spread of dishes.
2. All contributions were placed on a common table, with no indication of who brought which tiffin/dabba.
3. Participants then enjoyed a communal feast, freely choosing from the shared food, symbolizing equality and unity.
4. The event emphasized the college's ethos of celebrating cultural diversity while respecting individual sentiments, with all contributions being vegetarian.

Highlights of the Event

• **Unity Through Food:**

The common table featured a vibrant mix of traditional Diwali delicacies, including chakli, ladoos, karanji, and other regional sweets, along with breakfast items like poha, upma, and roti-sabji. This eclectic spread reflected India's rich culinary traditions and diversity.

• **Inclusivity:**

Students who were unable to bring food were warmly encouraged to participate, reinforcing the message that presence and togetherness mattered more than material contributions.

• **Symbolism of Sharing:**

The anonymous sharing of food embodied the essence of Diwali—spreading joy, harmony, and goodwill. It was a tangible representation of the college's commitment to inclusivity and community spirit.

Student and Faculty Participation



The potluck witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the aroma of delicious food. Faculty members commended the students' enthusiasm and the cultural richness showcased through the variety of dishes.

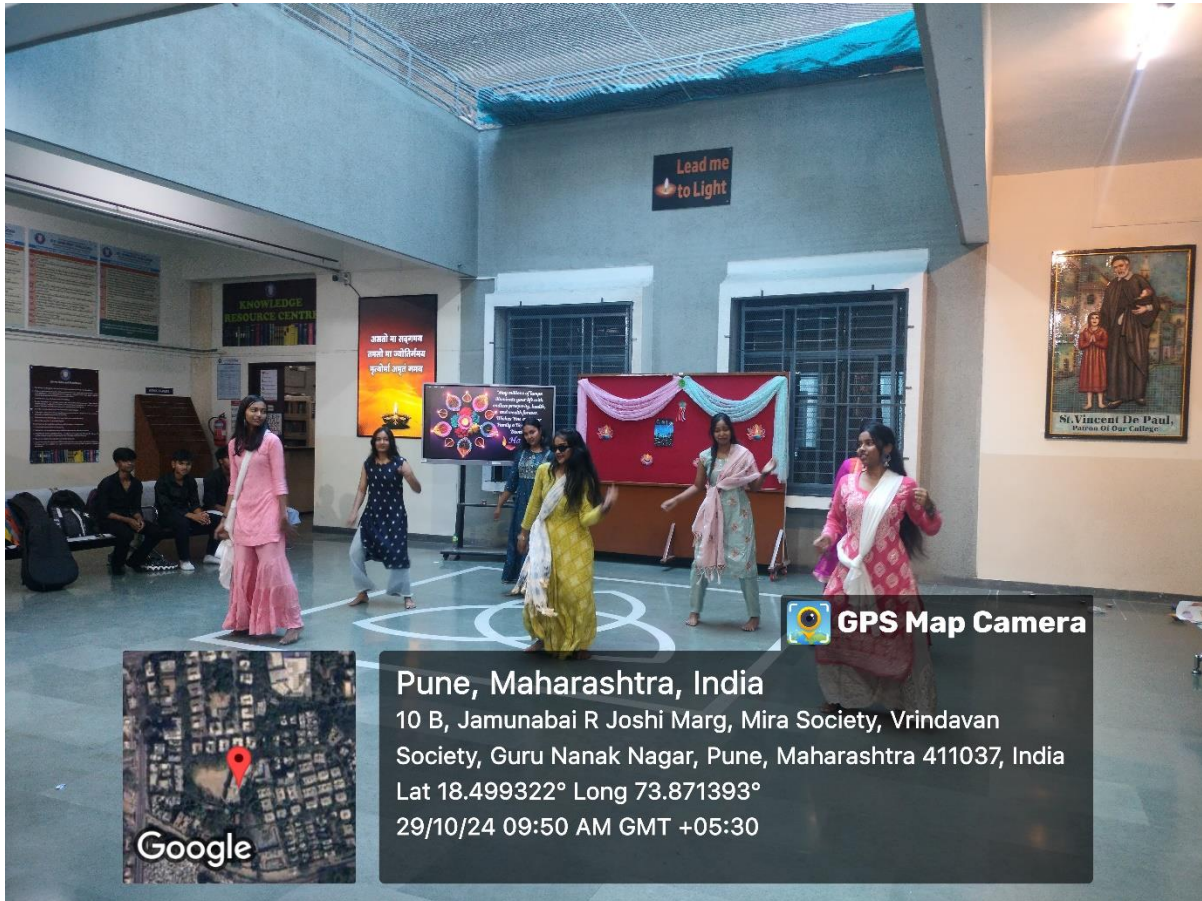
Significance of the Event

The potluck party went beyond being a mere culinary event; it served as a powerful reminder of:

- The importance of sharing and community bonds in celebrations.
- The beauty of unity in diversity, with participants from different cultural backgrounds coming together as one.
- The values of togetherness and mutual respect, integral to the spirit of Diwali and the college's ethos.

The event not only celebrated the festival of lights but also illuminated the importance of community, harmony, and cultural appreciation. It reaffirmed the college's mission to nurture a campus environment rooted in unity, inclusivity, and shared joy.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	Students Council of St. Vincent College
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	The students learned the values of fraternity and togetherness
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	To promote fraternity, unity and togetherness amongst the students through food
No. of Participants	100+ students of St. Vincent
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Franklin Salvi
Documents Attached	1. Photographs





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