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**Pune -411037**

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| Title of the Event  | Diwali Potluck Party and Cultural Celebration  |                    |                           |  |  |  |
| Date of the Event   | October 18, 2025   | Place of the event | St. Vincent College, Pune |  |  |  |
| Objectives of the Event   | To celebrate Diwali by fostering a sense of community through a shared potluck meal and cultural dance performances, emphasizing the festival's core values of generosity, inclusivity, and cultural appreciation in a simple and meaningful manner. |                    |                           |  |  |  |
| Name/s of the Resource Persons  | <hr/>  |                    |                           |  |  |  |
| A short narration of the program  |  |                    |                           |  |  |  |
| <b>Diwali Potluck Party and Cultural Celebration</b><br><br>In keeping with the spirit of Diwali—the Festival of Lights—St. Vincent College, Pune, organized a Diwali Potluck Celebration on October 18, 2025, followed by a series of student-led dance performances in the college auditorium. The event was conceived as a modest yet meaningful observance of the festival, emphasizing the values of sharing, inclusivity, and cultural appreciation.<br><br>The potluck was held early in the morning in the college quadrangle. Students and faculty members contributed a variety of homemade food items, including sweets, savories, and regional specialties, which were arranged on shared tables for communal enjoyment. Participation was entirely voluntary, and those who did not bring food were equally welcomed to partake, reinforcing the Diwali ethos of unconditional generosity and collective celebration. The informal gathering fostered a sense of warmth and camaraderie across year groups and departments, reflecting the college's commitment to nurturing a cohesive and caring academic community.<br><br>Later in the day, student volunteers presented a sequence of dance performances in the college auditorium. The selections spanned diverse Indian traditions and contemporary interpretations of dance forms. Each performance was rooted in cultural expression and aligned with Diwali's themes of light, joy, and renewal. The presentations were brief, respectful, and devoid of competitive elements, focusing instead on participation and the celebration of India's pluralistic heritage.<br><br>The event was coordinated by the cultural committee and Student Council with guidance from faculty advisors and support from the administrative staff. Emphasis was placed on simplicity, sustainability, and |  |                    |                           |  |  |  |



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inclusivity throughout—evident in the use of eco-friendly serving materials and the open invitation extended to all members of the college community.

By integrating a shared meal with cultural expression, the college honored Diwali not through spectacle, but through sincere acts of togetherness and mutual respect. The day served as a gentle reminder that festivals, at their core, are opportunities to strengthen human connection and reaffirm shared values.

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| Name of the Collaborating Agency                    | Cultural Committee and Students council of St. Vincent College   |
| Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants | Students and faculty experienced the spirit of Diwali through active participation in communal sharing and cultural expression, deepening their understanding of collective celebration, regional diversity, and the social significance of traditional festivals.                 |
| Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team           | The organizing team developed practical skills in coordinating inclusive, low-resource events that balance logistical planning with cultural sensitivity, while reinforcing the importance of student-led initiatives in building a cohesive and values-driven campus environment. |
| No. of Participants                                 | 100+ students and faculty members of St. Vincent College   |
| Faculty in Charge                                   | Mrs. Archana Nair  |
| Documents Attached                                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attendance Sheet</li><li>2. Geotag photographs</li><li>3. Resume of resource persons if any</li><li>4. Copy of remuneration paid if any</li><li>5. Notice of the event</li><li>6. Thank you letter to the resource persons</li></ol>      |