

GOKULASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS

23rd August 2019

The birthday Sri Krishna, called Gokulashtami or Krishna Jayanthi, is conducted with a remarkable involvement of students, faculty and staff. The campus takes on a festive look and the students used to comment that it appears like Vrindhavan. Several colorful Cultural and Sports events are organized. A grand procession with floats depicting various significant episodes in the life of Sri Krishna is a major attraction. While the freshers from North compare it to Jagannathpuri Car Festival, the Keralites compare it with Kalpathi Car Festival.

Gokulashtami 2019 was celebrated on 23rd August 2019. Following the tradition of Amrita, celebrations started with Nagara Sangeethanam, followed by Floats and Procession and vibrant Sports and Cultural Events including Campus Decoration. The bhajans by the students and the ahsramites, that proceed up to the midnight enhance the spiritual flavor. The prasadam after the bhajans evoke the emotions of bhakthi and immense peace.

The students and staff appreciate the floats and procession based on the theme of float that depict the various events in the life of Lord Krishna, quality of procession, richness of float, innovative features used in floats and procession, accomplishment and properties in procession, reflection of cultural heritage, eco-friendly aspects, conduct of students in procession and team spirit. More than 5000 staff and students participated in the program with involvement and dedication and learn the culture of various states of India.

Twenty-one cultural events were conducted which includes classical music, light music, group music, instrumental percussion and non-percussion, solo dance, group dance, quiz, debate, mime, creative writing (English, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, Malayalam), sloka recitation, elocution, rangoli, painting, pencil sketching and spot photography.

There were five sports events which comprises of Uriyadi and pole climbing for boys, tug of war for boy and girls and lucky corner for girls.