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PONGAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION 2024

Vistas celebrated Pongal with great enthusiasm, inviting singer Mr. Santhosh Narayana as the chief guest. The event featured vibrant performances, with students singing, dancing, and showcasing traditional art forms like Oyilatam and Karagatam. Engaging traditional games added to the festive spirit, while a captivating magic show entertained the audience. Dr. Preetha Ganesh, Vice President of Vistas, was in attendance, encouraging participants and emphasizing the importance of cultural heritage. The celebration fostered a sense of community, uniting everyone in the joy of Pongal.



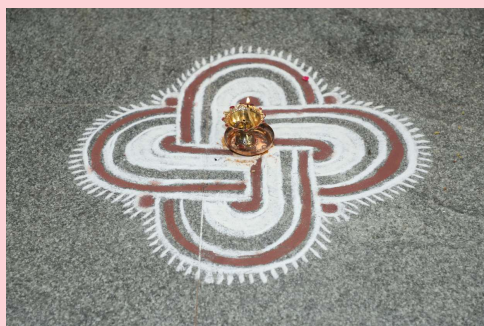
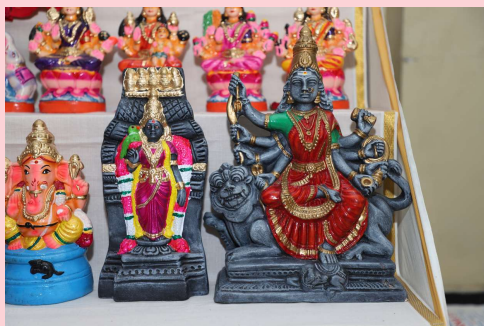
ONAM FESTIVAL CELEBRATION 2024

The Onam celebration at Vistas was a vibrant display of Kerala's rich traditions. The highlight was the beautiful Athapookalam, a colorful floral arrangement that welcomed guests. The rhythmic beats of Chendi Melam filled the air, creating an electrifying atmosphere. Dr. Preetha Ganesh, Vice President of VISTAS, graced the occasion by distributing certificates to the winners of various cultural competitions, recognizing their talents and efforts. The event included traditional games, a sumptuous Onam sadhya, and lively performances that showcased the spirit of unity and celebration. It was a memorable day that fostered community bonds and celebrated cultural heritage.



NAVARATHRI FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Vistas celebrated Navratri with vibrant enthusiasm, showcasing a stunning Navratri Golu display. Participants adorned the festive setup with colorful idols and decorations, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the festival. The celebration included traditional music, dance, and community gatherings, fostering a spirit of unity and joy among all attendees.



AYUDHA POOJA FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Vistas celebrated Ayudha Pooja with heartfelt reverence, sanctifying all lab instruments to honor their role in education and innovation. Faculty and students participated in traditional rituals, decorating instruments with flowers. The event fostered a spirit of gratitude and respect, highlighting the importance of knowledge and cultural traditions within the institution.



VINAYAGAR CHATHURTHI FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Vinayakar Chaturthi was celebrated with great enthusiasm, as each department showcased their creativity by crafting unique Vinayakar idols. The beautifully designed idols were evaluated by an esteemed panel, including Pro Chancellor Dr. A. Jothi Murugan, Vice Chancellor Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan, and Registrar Dr. P. Saravanan. The event fostered teamwork and artistic expression, highlighting the cultural spirit of the institution and bringing together faculty and students in a joyful celebration of tradition.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

VISTAS celebrated Christmas with festive joy, featuring a delicious rum cake made by Dr. Preetha Ganesh, Vice President of Vistas. The celebration included a cheerful cake-cutting ceremony, lively carol singing, and a special visit from Santa, spreading happiness and warmth throughout the gathering, creating cherished memories for all attendees.



BAKRID CELEBRATION

The "Sharie Altaeem Alearabii – Street Food of Arabia" festival on account of Bakrid took place, organized by the II Year Diploma and B.Sc HCM students. The festival aimed to celebrate the vibrant street food culture of the Arab world and provide a platform for cultural exchange and culinary exploration. The event welcomed special invitees, including the founding family members, designated officials from Vels University, and representatives from the hotel industry. The festival kicked off at 6:30 p.m., setting the stage for an evening filled with tantalizing aromas and delightful flavors. The venue was adorned with colorful decorations and traditional elements, creating an inviting and immersive atmosphere reminiscent of Arabian street markets. A diverse array of food stalls lined the festival grounds, offering a wide selection of authentic Arabian street food. From delectable shawarmas and falafels to aromatic kebabs and flavorful hummus, the stalls showcased the richness and diversity of Arab cuisine.



EID-UL-FITR CELEBRATION

Vistas celebrated Eid al-Fitr with great enthusiasm, marking the joyous conclusion of Ramadan. The highlight of the celebration was a sumptuous meal designed to bring people together. The dining area was beautifully arranged, featuring an array of traditional dishes that catered to diverse palates. Guests savored delicious biryani, flavorful kebabs, and an assortment of sweets, including rich baklava and creamy kheer, symbolizing the joy of breaking the fast. Laughter and lively conversations filled the air as families and friends shared stories and memories. The celebration not only emphasized the importance of community but also highlighted values of compassion and generosity. Vistas' Eid al-Fitr celebration was a heartwarming occasion, creating cherished moments and fostering deeper connections among all who attended.



DIWALI FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

VISTAS celebrated Diwali in a lively and meaningful way, with Vice President Dr. Preetha Ganesh leading the festivities. Joined by enthusiastic students, she burst crackers, filling the air with excitement. In the spirit of giving, Dr. Preetha Ganesh also distributed Diwali hampers to those in need, spreading joy and kindness within the community. The celebration not only highlighted the festive spirit but also reinforced the importance of compassion and sharing during this significant occasion, fostering a sense of unity and goodwill.

