

D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE

SESSION: 2023 – 2024

NAVRATRI CELEBRATION

‘People without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.’

On the auspicious occasion of Maha Navami, the ninth day of Navratri festival, D.A.V Public School, Thane organised **Navratri Celebration** for Grade VI on 22nd October 2023 in the school premises, to mark the victory of Maa Durga over the demon Mahishasura.

Navratri, one of the most celebrated Hindu festivals, holds a special significance in the hearts of millions not only in India but also across the world. The celebration commenced with welcoming of the the chief guests and lamp lighting, followed by the chanting of devotional hymns. Dance is the most beautiful expression of our feelings. Navaratri nights come alive with energetic dance forms like dandiya, in which people come together to celebrate and connect. It’s a time when communities unite, and the air is filled with music and the rhythmic twirls of dancers. The school’s ground and stilt area was vibrating with vibrantly dressed students and their parents , gyrating gracefully, doing Garba and Dandiya.

Navratri clothes are carefully chosen in every aspect, from the color and cut to the designs, work and embellishments, getting due attention. The students flaunted their gorgeous costumes with their elegant moves of garba on the **RAMP WALK**. **The Best Dressed Boy** and **The Best Dressed Girl** were selected and felicitated by the Principal and Chief Guests.

“Navratri is not just a festival; it's a journey of self-discovery and awakening.” Keeping this thought in mind, the parents were also given an opportunity to showcase their fashion sense and their talent on the stage. **The Best Dressed Woman** and **The Best Dressed Man** were applauded and felicitated too.

High-energy **one-minute games** like FLIP THE COIN, DROP THE BALL, etc were organised to challenge their speed, patience, concentration and coordination! In this lightning round, every second was counted as they competed to take up and fulfill a series of fun filled and exciting challenges.

The stalls serving delicious food and varied items made this gala evening more enjoyable for the students and their parents. The event ended with the announcement of the most awaited **Lucky Draw Winners**, in three categories, men, women and students.

This high spirited event is a reminder of the rich cultural tapestry of India in order to carry forward the traditions and a deep sense of cultural pride.

