

REPORT ON 'Basant Panchami'

Committee: -

Indian Culture and Human Values Preservation and Promotion Committee

Chief Guest: - Dr S.C. Gulhane, Secretary, Prerna Sewa Mandal, Nagpur

**Chairperson:- Dr Pravin Joshi, Director, Prerna College of Commerce,
Nagpur**

Guest of Honour:-

1. Mrs. Abhilasha Gudadhe, CEO, Prerna Sewa Mandal, Nagpur.
2. Dr Ujwal Lanjewar, Principal, Prena College of Commerce, Nagpur

Day & Date: Saturday, 5th Feb, 2022.

Time: 12:00 noon onwards.

Objectives: -

1. To highlights the different aspects of Indian culture and the values.
2. To let the staff members be introduced with the different culture of different religions.
3. To make the staff members aware of the significance of Basant Panchami.
4. To let the staff members know about the puja of Maa Saraswati and spring festival.

Highlights: -

1. Ms. Neha Samundre welcomed the chief guest and other dignitaries of the program and all the staff members.
2. The program started with the traditional lamp lightening and offering flowers to the goddess Saraswati who is the deity of learning, music and art.
3. Dr Ujwal Lanjewar explained the significance of Saraswati Puja on this day in his introductory remarks, he added that Maa Saraswati was born on this day and thus to achieve wisdom and art from her people celebrate Basant Panchami as Saraswati Pooja.

why it is celebrated.

5. Dr Joshi explained that the spring season is the season of happiness for all and this call for Basant Panchami celebrations. It is also known and celebrated as Saraswati Pooja in Eastern parts of India. Panchami marks the beginning of Basant or spring according to the Hindu calendar. As per Hindu calendar it is celebrated on the fifth day of Magha Maas.
6. He further elaborated that it is very auspicious day; people start new work, get married or start anything new on this day.
7. Dr S.C. Gulhane further added the importance of Yellow colour on this day and added that Basant Panchami symbolized by the color yellow, which is the Goddess Saraswati's favourite color. Therefore, yellow attire is worn by the devotees of Maa Saraswati. Also, the color yellow signifies the harvest time for the mustard crop. Traditional dishes were prepared and distributed amongst all to celebrate 'Basant'. The colour yellow symbolizes peace, prosperity and energy.
8. Ms Afsha Khan proposed a vote of thanks and the program ended with the saraswati vandana.
9. After the program the sweets as prashad distributed to all the staff members.

Outcome: -

- All the staff members came together to celebrate the auspicious day.
- They have learnt about the significance of the Basant Panchami
- The staff members learnt about the importance of Sarswati Puja on this day.
- They knew about the celebration of Basant Panchami and the start of spring season.

No. of Participants: -

About 50 participants attended this program.



Doing Puja of Maa Saraswati during the celebration.



Ms Neha Samundre compered the session.



All the dignitaries doing Saraswati Vandana



Dr Pravin Joshi addressing the staff members


Neha Samundhe
Programme Co-ordinator
Prerna College of Commerce