## SARASWATI PUJA 2023

ॐ सरस्वति महाभागे विद्ये कमललोचने विद्यारूपे विशालाक्षि विद्यां देहि नमोस्तु ते॥



On the auspicious day of Basant Panchami, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2023, students and faculties of GIMSH came together to seek the blessings of Goddess Saraswati. The students, in their best ethnics, gathered bright and early to help with the puja preparations. The students from our very own batch carried out the duties of the priest for the puja. We received the administration and academic departments as our guests. The nursing and paramedical departments in our institution were also invited.

The venue of the puja was the girl's common room. Both the senior and junior batches worked wholeheartedly from 2 days before upto the day of the puja.

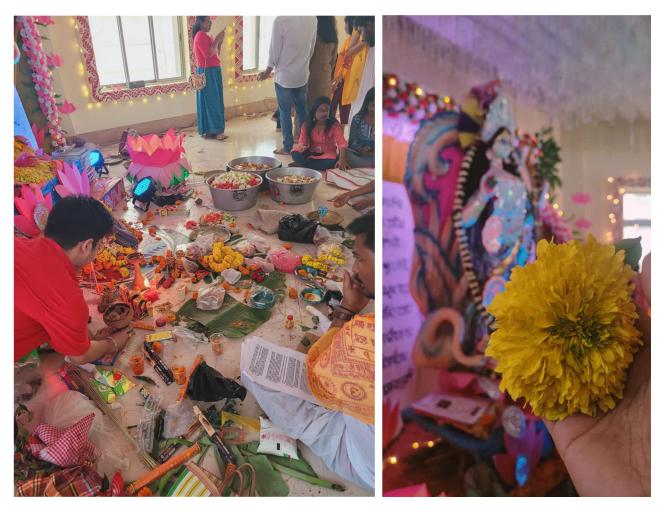


From cleaning and maintaining the sanctity of the puja room to decorating the venue with lights, flowers, drawing rangolis, painting beautiful pieces of art related to Maa Saraswati, to inviting the departments, their participation and enthusiasm for the whole event was heart-warming to watch.





On the morning of the puja, all the students gave pushpanjali, which was followed by distribution of Prasad. Annabhog for the day was provided in the college itself, where all the guests and students sat down together to partake in it, by afternoon. This was followed by the Sandhya Arati, which concluded the day.



The sound of conch shells, the chants of the sacred mantras, melodious devotional songs made the evening even more auspicious.

The next day, the ritual of dadhikaramba was carried out. Then the priest performed a yajna and imparted the blessings of the Goddess through his chants to each department in the academic block.



With the holy chants, the puja was finally brought to an end. In the evening, the students bade farewell to the Goddess for the year by playing with gulaal in the idol immersion procession. The idol was immersed in a pond within the campus itself. The day came to a close with the student's asking for the blessings of Goddess Saraswati for success in their future endeavours.

