

Indian Culture and Human Values Preservation and Promotion Committee

‘Gudi Padwa and Marathi New Year Celebration’

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

Chair Person: - Dr Pravin Joshi, Director Prerna College of Commerce

Program Coordinator: Ms Neha Samundre

Date and Day:- Tuesday, 13th April 2021

Time: - Morning 9 am onwards

Objective:-

1. To identify the different components of Indian culture and the values.
2. To define values and to discuss the history of Indian culture and its influence on our lives.
3. To establish the relationship between culture and civilization.
4. To let the staff members introduce with the different culture of different religions.

Highlights:-

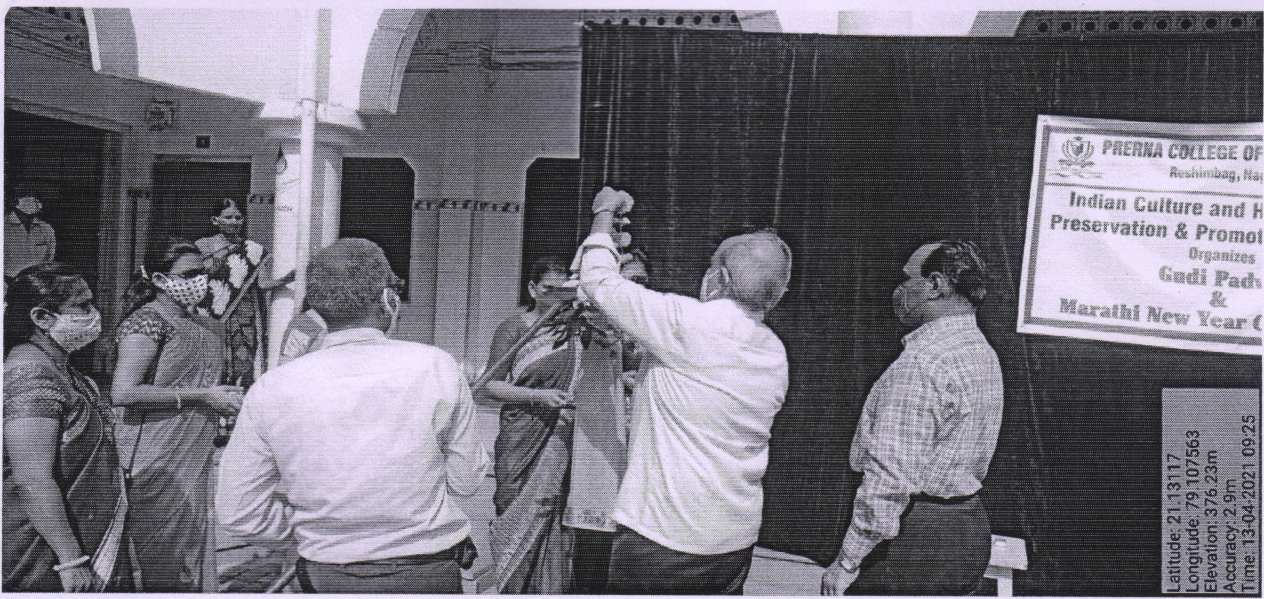
1. Culture refers to the patterns of thought and behavior of people. It includes values, beliefs, rules of conduct, and patterns of social, political and economic organisation. These are passed on from one generation to the next by formal as well as informal processes.
2. The program was organized to celebrate Gudi Padwa and Marathi New Year.
3. The program started by lightening to the traditional lamp at the gracious hands of Dr S.C. Gulhane, Dr. Pravin Joshi, Director, Prerna College of

Commerce offered Haldi Kumkum and some flowers to the Gudi, all the staff members performed the puja and then it was hanged up there on the grill of the corridor.

4. A Gudi conducts a Bamboo stick about 5ft long, a resham cloth, a gathi (sweet), garlanded with flowers, mango and neem leaves, topped with unturned silver or copper vessel. Each and everything involved in the preparation of the Gudi has its own importance.
5. Dr. Pravin Joshi, Director Prerna College of Commerce explained the meaning and the reason behind the celebration of Gudi Padwa. Sir has addressed the staff members that historically, the Gudhi symbolizes Lord Rama's victory and happiness on returning to Ayodhya after slaying Ravana. Since a symbol of victory is always held high, so is the gudhi (flag). It is believed that this festival is celebrated to commemorate the coronation of Rama post his return to Ayodhya after completing 14 years of exile. Gudhi is believed to ward off evil, invite prosperity and good luck into the house.
6. Sir also explained the importance of each and everything involved in the preparation of Gudi.
7. After Puja the Prasad (Sweet) was distributed to all the staff members present over there.
8. And then the program concluded by taking some Group photographs.

Outcomes:-

1. All the staff members came together for the celebration of Gudi Padwa which proves the 'Unity in Diversity' the culture of India.
2. The staff members other than Hindu Religion came to know about the celebration.
3. They knew the reason behind the celebration of Gudi Padwa.
4. All the staff members identified the different components of Indian culture and the values.



Dr S.C. Gulhane, Secretary, Prerna Sewa Mandal, Dr Pravin Joshi, Director, Prerna College of Commerce, doing puja of the Gudi



After the Gudi Puja, Dr. S.C. Gulhane, Secretary, Prerna Sewa Mandal, Dr. Pravin Joshi, Director, Prerna College of Commerce with the staff members

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