



# Rotary Club of Borivli

District 3141



Organizes

## Eco-Friendly Ganesh Chaturthi CONTEST

ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Visarjan: \_\_\_\_\_

Manner of Visarjan IDOL: \_\_\_\_\_

Manner of Disposal of Decoration Material: \_\_\_\_\_

Theme Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Idol : Plaster of Paris / Clay / Other \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Code:

Submit At :

3, Kahan Bhavan, Next to Diamond Talkies, Above Abhushan Jewellers, L.T. Road, Borivali (W), Mumbai – 92.  
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### Following Points will be considered for competition:

- ◆ Material of idol
- ◆ Material of decoration.
- ◆ Type of disposable used during the festival
- ◆ How much electricity used for decoration
- ◆ Type of Pooja Samgree used
- ◆ Mode of Visarjan.
- ◆ Extra points for Theme of Social Cause.

**\* Decision for winners will be taken by organizers and it will be final.**

### ***Suggestions for successful Eco Friendly Ganesh Utsav***

- ◆ Use eco friendly idol made of either sadhu / clay / Paper Mache. You may think of Permanent Murti which is reused every year.
- ◆ Avoid Ganesh Murti made of Plaster of Paris.
- ◆ Prefer eco-friendly colors for Murti
- ◆ Eco-friendly decoration - Avoid using Thermacol / Plastic
- ◆ Avoid disposables of plastic , Thermacol, Styroform
- ◆ Use traditional Dona & Pattal, paper plates and glasses or suparee paan disposables
- ◆ Do Visarjan at home
- ◆ Avoid using too much lighting
- ◆ Avoid loud music and creating noise pollution.

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TIPS for Eco-Friendly Ganesh Festival

### Tips for Eco-Friendly Ganesh Idols and their Immersion

- Do not buy Ganesh idols that are made of chemicals, Plaster of Paris, plastic, thermocol (polystyrene) etc. Buy Ganesh idol made up of natural, biodegradable material such as clay! In fact, Shadu idols are worshiped in Maharashtra traditionally since ancient times. Shadu is a type of clay found by the river banks and do not pollute environment.
- You may even think of making clay Ganesh idol yourself. This will also save you some money and you will get immense satisfaction of making an Idol yourself. Not only clay, you may also make Ganesh idol with other ingredients such as paper pulp, popularly known as paper mache.
- Paint your home made Ganesh idols with natural colors. These may include turmeric, multani mitti (Fuller's earth), sindoor (vermilion) and geru (an earthy red color). You may also use spinach paste, beetroot juice, rice paste to get different colors like green, red and white.
- If, however, you are buying an eco friendly Ganesh idol instead of making it, ensure to ask the vendor about the paints used to color the idol. Buy only if they have been painted with natural colors.
- If you are in no mood to buy eco friendly Ganesh idol or make one every year, just do this. Get a permanent Ganesh Idol made up of stone like marble or wood or metal such as brass or copper etc. Or you may worship your own Ganesh idol that you worship daily as your puja ritual. Worship this metal or wood idol during Ganesh Chaturthi days as per the set traditions.

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### TIPS for Eco-Friendly Ganesh Festival

- On the day of Ganesh visarjan, immerse the idol in a bucket full of water with all the mantras and hymns that you would recite while immersing the idol in a water body. Then keep this Ganesh idol in your Puja room again and worship as usual. This symbolic immersion of Ganesh idol is also a good way to observe an eco friendly Ganesh Chaturthi.
- If you want to participate in the procession for Ganesh Visarjan, take this Idol with you to the water source, hold it under the water for some time but don't leave it to immerse there. Take it back with you to your home and re-establish at your home.

#### Tips for Eco-friendly Decoration of Ganesh Idols

- Don't use thermocol or plastic accessories to decorate Ganesh idol.
- Use such natural things as cloth, wood, paper, flowers, leaves etc. that are natural and biodegradable even when you do not remove them and they get immersed in water with the idol. The best way to decorate is to use such natural things as grass.
- The best way to dispose off the accessories, however, is to remove them from the idol before immersing it into the water. You can then place the flowers, leaves and other organic material in the compost pit. These can then be used as natural fertilizers for your garden and plants.
- There are three key factors when thinking about how to recycle – The 3 R's. The three R's – reduce, reuse and recycle – all help to cut down on the amount of waste we throw away. Reduce is best way to manage waste. Reuse products in different ways. Recycling the Ganesh festival flowers and festival leftovers is another way to manage waste.

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