

Report on “Dussehra Pooja”

Date- 5th October 2022

Time:10.00A.M.

Venue: Reception

Dussehra, also called **Dasara** or **Vijayadashami**, in Hinduism, holiday marking the triumph of Rama, an avatar of Vishnu, over the 10-headed demon king Ravana, who abducted Rama’s wife, Sita. The festival’s name is derived from the Sanskrit words *dasha* (“ten”) and *hara* (“defeat”). Symbolizing the victory of good over evil, Dussehra is celebrated on the 10th day of the month of Ashvina (September–October), the seventh month of the Hindu calendar, with the appearance of the full moon, an event called the “bright fortnight” (*shukla paksha*). Dussehra coincides with the culmination of the nine-day Navratri festival and with the tenth day of the Durga Puja festival. For many, it marks the beginning of preparation for Diwali, which occurs 20 days after Dussehra.

Dussehra is celebrated with great fervour and fanfare. In North India, it incorporates Ram Lila, a gala theatrical enactment of Rama’s life story. Effigies of Ravana—often along with those of Meghnada (Ravana’s son) and Kumbhkarana (Ravana’s brother)—are stuffed with firecrackers and set ablaze at night in open fields.

ASM’s IPS staff celebrated Dussehra Pooja on 5th October, 2022. Pooja was arranged at IPS reception area. Pooja was done by Director Dr. Sudhakar Bokehode. All staff attended pooja and Arti on Dussehra wished each other got Prasad and enjoyed festival.

