



DUSSHERA POOJA

Date: 01ST October 2025

Time: 02:30 pm to 04:00 pm

Venue: IPS Library

Introduction:

Dasshera, also known as Vijayadashami, is one of the most important and widely celebrated festivals in India. It marks the victory of good over evil, symbolizing the triumph of truth, righteousness, and knowledge over ignorance and negativity. Traditionally, this festival commemorates the victory of Lord Rama over the demon king Ravana, as well as the triumph of Goddess Durga over Mahishasura, reflecting courage, devotion, and moral strength. Beyond these mythological stories, Dasshera is also recognized as a day to honor knowledge, learning, and the tools that empower human progress.

In educational institutions, Dasshera has a special significance as it is observed as a day to worship books, instruments, and educational resources, reflecting the deep-rooted cultural belief that learning and wisdom are sacred. At ASM IPS College, the library is not just a place to borrow

books—it is a treasure house of knowledge, where students and faculty alike engage with texts that broaden their understanding, sharpen their skills, and inspire intellectual growth. Worshipping books and granthas on this day symbolizes respect for knowledge and serves as a reminder that learning is a lifelong pursuit that guides both personal and professional life. The Dasshera Pooja in the ASM IPS Library, held on 1st October 2025, aimed to blend cultural tradition with academic reverence. By performing this ritual, the college not only celebrated an important festival but also instilled a sense of gratitude among students and staff for the invaluable resources provided by the library. The event highlighted the importance of books as carriers of wisdom, emphasizing that respecting and valuing educational resources is essential for success, growth, and enlightenment. This celebration also strengthened the cultural and spiritual environment of the college, fostering unity, devotion, and a shared appreciation for learning within the community.

Objective:

- To celebrate the auspicious festival of Dasshera in a meaningful and traditional manner.
- To show reverence towards books and granthas as sources of learning and knowledge.
- To inculcate in students the values of respecting educational resources.
- To combine cultural practices with the academic environment of the college.
- To foster unity and togetherness among faculty, staff, and students through collective celebration.



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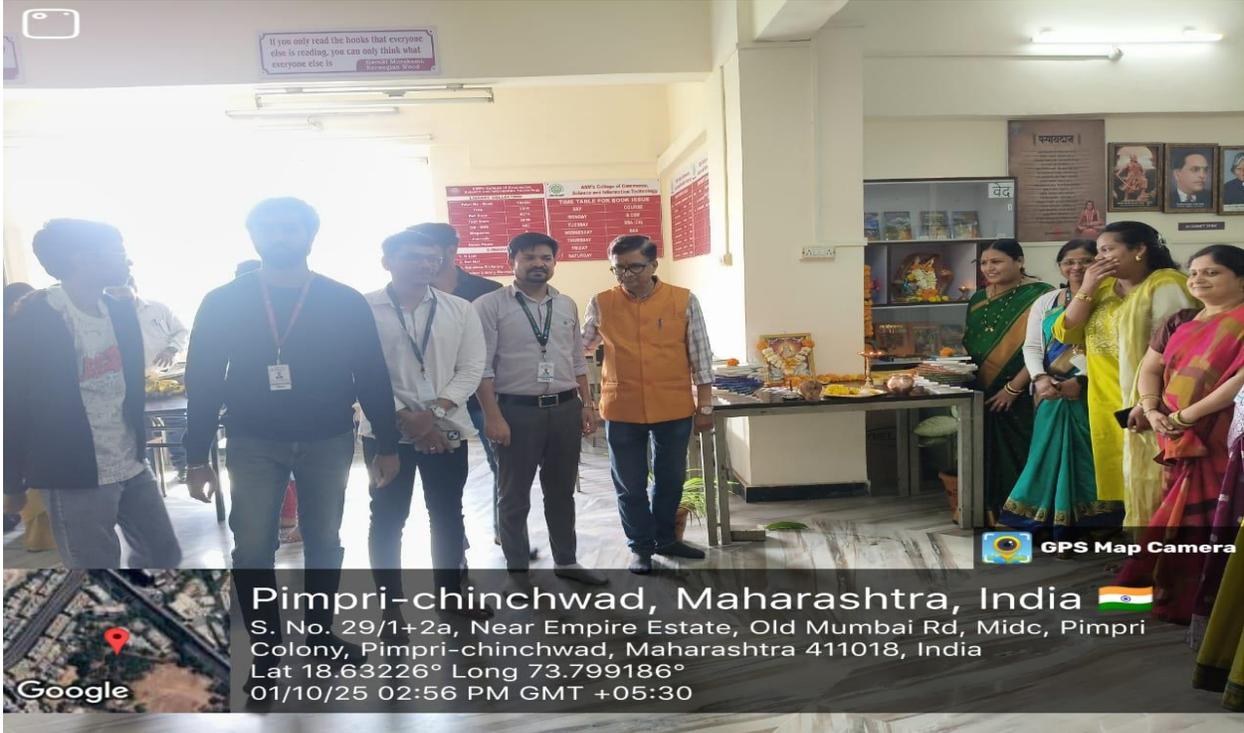
Report:

The Dasshera Pooja in ASM IPS Library was organized on 1st October 2025, from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM, with great enthusiasm and devotion. The library, being the heart of academic resources, was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Colorful rangolis adorned the entrance, while fresh flowers and decorative lamps were placed across the shelves, creating a serene and festive environment. The aesthetic arrangement of books and granthas highlighted the importance of the resources and added a spiritual touch to the surroundings. Faculty members, library staff, and students gathered in the library to participate in the pooja. The ceremony began with chanting of mantras and traditional prayers invoking Goddess Saraswati, the deity of wisdom, knowledge, and learning. Each book and grantha in the library was carefully arranged and offered pooja with flowers, turmeric, kumkum, and incense sticks. Fruits and sweets were also presented as offerings, symbolizing gratitude and respect for the invaluable knowledge contained within these texts. During the rituals, faculty members addressed the students, emphasizing the cultural and educational significance of the event. They highlighted how books serve not only as sources of information but also as guides for developing critical thinking, creativity, discipline, and moral values. The students actively participated by assisting in the arrangement of books, decorations, and pooja items. Their involvement reflected a sense of responsibility and respect for the knowledge resources available to them. The pooja concluded with a collective aarti, where all

participants joined in prayer for academic success, wisdom, and personal growth. The atmosphere was filled with devotion, joy, and a sense of togetherness. Following the rituals, refreshments were served to everyone, including samosas, chips, and bananas, along with the prasada offered during the pooja. This created a warm and festive environment where students and staff could interact, share happiness, and celebrate the occasion together.

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Outcomes:

The Dasshera Pooja held in the ASM IPS Library on 1st October 2025 proved to be a meaningful and spiritually uplifting event. It successfully blended cultural devotion with the academic spirit of the institution. Through the worship of books and granthas, students and faculty were reminded of the sacred value of knowledge and the importance of respecting educational resources. The event created an atmosphere of peace, positivity, and gratitude within the college. Students actively participated in the decorations, rituals, and arrangements, which encouraged teamwork, discipline, and cultural awareness.



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