



# SHREE NARANJIBHAI LALBHAI PATEL COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, UMRAXH

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## "Janmashtami: The Celebration of Lord Krishna's Birth"

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024**

Janmashtami, also known as Krishna Janmashtami or Gokulashtami, is one of the most widely celebrated festivals in India, marking the birth of Lord Krishna, the eighth avatar of Lord Vishnu. The story of Krishna's birth is symbolic of the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and dharma (righteousness) over adharma (unrighteousness). Beyond its religious significance, Janmashtami is deeply rooted in Indian culture and celebrated with great enthusiasm across the country. Each region has its unique traditions, from chanting Krishna's names and performing Ras Leela, to the lively Dahi Handi events and elaborate temple decorations. The festival fosters joy, festivity, and communal harmony, uniting people in devotion and celebration.

This year, our college began the Janmashtami celebration with a soulful session of bhajans, dedicated to Lord Krishna from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. These devotional songs, rich with spiritual significance, set a serene and reverent tone for the festivities, bringing students and faculty together in a shared expression of faith and joy. Following the bhajans, students of our college dressed up as Radha, Krishna, and Vasudev. In addition to that our students created a themed decoration on "Kansa Karagruha" (Kansa's prison). This creative display was a central attraction, enhancing the overall experience of the festival. Our celebration continued with the performance of the aarti by our principal, staff, and students at 12.30 pm. After the aarti, prasad, including panjari (a traditional assortment of offerings), was distributed to all. The function was then flowed by the 'Matki phod' after 1.15 pm. Girls and boys from each semester and division, participated in the 'Matki phod' (breaking the pot) event. This lively and engaging activity was a fun tradition symbolizing Krishna's playful nature and the communal spirit of the festival.

The atmosphere was filled with the joyous chants of "Nand Gher Anand Bhayo Jay Kanhaiya Lal Ki" and "Hathi Ghoda Palkhi Jay Kanhaiya Lal Ki." The celebration wrapped up with an exhilarating DJ Garba, where everyone danced with enthusiasm and revelry. The energetic beats and vibrant atmosphere brought a joyful and festive end to our Janmashtami festivities, leaving everyone with smiles and cherished memories.

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