

“Dassera Carnival”

This extracurricular activity titled as “Online Dassera Carnival” was organised by Department of First Year Engineering, VIT. The main objective behind arranging this event was to showcase various traditions, cuisines, and costumes from the North, East, West, South, Central India, and North-east India during Navratri on Vijayadashami. It was an attempt to mark new beginnings with fresh ideas and freedom from the present day evils. It included an array of performances like dance, drama, poetry recitation, singing, rangoli making and much more. The Navratri colors, bliss, and beauty of this festival is bound to spread joy among all.

Significance of Dassera

‘Vijayadashami’ most commonly known as ‘Dassera’ celebrates the victory of good over evil. It is one of the major Hindu festivals that is celebrated across India on the tenth day of Navratri every year, in the month of *Ashwin* or *Kartik*, according to the Hindu calendar. The festival is known by different names in various parts of the country and is celebrated in a unique way everywhere.

About the event

In this event, a pre-recorded video of approximately 45 minutes was made to celebrate Dassera by explaining the rich cultural heritage of India and was published on our very own VIT YouTube channel. An event to create a positive vibe by narrating different stories, enactments, dance, and celebrations by VIT students and faculty. An attempt to showcase our tradition through vibrant Navratri colours and the regional delicacies to imbibe a sense of rich cultural heritage, belongingness and togetherness when everyone is apart from one another.

Takeaways

Dassera, is one of the most important festivals in India which marks the end of the nine-days festival of Navratri. The major takeaways of this event are as follows –

1. It is an attempt to inculcate positivity, strength, wisdom, and devotion by seeking the blessings of Goddess Durga, an embodiment of power
2. Stunning performances by our VIT students illuminated this event with lots of happiness
3. It showcased various traditions from all over India