Awareness and Workshop Program for Eco-Friendly Celebration of God Ganesh Ji Idol Festival 2026

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Ganesh Chaturthi festival celebrated by Indians all over world to worship God Ganesh is becoming more eco-friendly nowadays. Generally, God Ganesh idols are made of Plaster of Paris (POP) and decorated by the chemical colours and other non-biodegradable items, at the different intervals of 11 days worship of God Ganesh Ji; after Ganesh Chaturthi festival culmination, idols are immersed in water bodies which harm and pollute the holy rivers and ponds. Because of indiscipline manner and hybrid modern culture of society, people are ignoring vast pollution problems caused by modern habits of chemical based festival celebration. Only few cities and people are practicing the eco-friendly idol immersion at temporary idols immersion places like water ponds and home during Ganesh Chaturthi. Because of traditional culture and habit, people are immersing POP idols in water bodies but they are aware that we are doing wrong but they follow ancient culture which is resulting in colossal quantity of chemical pollution and large heaps of polythene bags, plastic items and cloths. So Sucheta Singh (President) and Hambir Singh (Secretary) of Save The Environment unit-Kuldipika Singh Memorial Environmental Awareness Program (Uttar Pradesh Chapter) organized eco-friendly celebration awareness and natural clay based idol making workshop programs among the students and peoples. Agra Municipal Corporation is practicing for eco-friendly immersing of Lord Ganesh Ji idols in the temporary water filled ponds in the different locations of city. During and after immersion of God idols, more than 1250 kg of non-biodegradable plastic bottles, cloths, glass, plastic and metallic-synthetic garlands, plastic coated glitter paper, etc were collected from and around the temporary idols immersion pits by us both Sucheta Singh and Hambir Singh. During the idols tableau procession and immersion, most of the people also ignore all the safety process. So, present situation of pollution problem require deep and real awareness among the people. STE UP chapter-Kuldipika Singh Memorial Environmental Awareness Program is working on both these issues swachh Bharat and creating awareness among people which is organized for three months every year (August to October).