

## Namami Gange

As part of the initiative of IMCTF (Initiative for Moral & Cultural Training Foundation), the students of PSBB, T. Nagar conducted “Ganga Vandanam”, the thematic samskaram for sustaining environment on 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 at Sri YGP Auditorium at 10.15 am.

“I am the Ganga among the rivers” – said Sri Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita. Ganga water is well known for its extraordinary resilience and recuperative capacity. This Samskaram of Ganga Vandanam was rooted in the concept of conservation of all rivers, the need of the hour.



The program began with the lighting of the traditional Kuthuvilakku followed by the prayer “*Maitrim Bhajatha*” the song which emphasizes mutual love and respect towards everyone in the world.

Our ancestors having realised the presence of divinity in all the aspects of creation, considered all the rivers as a form of mother and worshipped Ganga the most sacred of all the rivers, having religious, cultural and environmental value in our country.

The importance of Ganga and other rivers in Bharat, their worship and the need to conserve them was highlighted through a power point presentation by the students of Class 8. It ended with a call to the student community to be part of the solution and not pollution.



The school choir then presented a soulful rendition of Ganga Stotram composed by Sri Adi Sankaracharya in praise of Ganga matha and the legacies associated with her. A beautiful Aarathi dance was performed for the Thambiraparani River. Holding a lamp in their hands, the students offered their humble pranams through their graceful dance steps.



This was followed by the samskaram Ganga Vandanam. Student representatives of classes 6 – 8, performed puja to Ganga Kalasa, decorating it with chandanam & kumkum and offering flowers amidst the chanting of Ganga Naamavali. After a prayer for good rains and prosperity, the samskara ended with the Ganga Aarathi song thanking Ganga Maa for her blessings.

The students then took the IMCTF pledge, committing themselves to the different valued based initiatives.

Mrs Sheela Rajendra, the Deputy Dean and Director and Correspondent of PSBB group of schools emphasised the need to remember the value behind the samskaram – preserving and protecting the water bodies and find ways and means to follow it every day through conscious efforts. She also highlighted how the traditional practices of worship of rivers, plants and animals handed down by our ancestors help in sustaining the environment.

Mrs Kavitha , a parent representative , appreciated the school for conducting such programs which sow the seeds for promoting respect and reverence towards all life forms and nature in the young minds.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks and Shanti Mantra.

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