Greenesha 2016

Celebrate an Environment Friendly Ganesh Festival

Mumbai, ever bustling with life and festivities is gearing up for the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi, the festival to celebrate birth of Lord Ganesh. Despite the joy it brings, this celebration often causes large scale pollution and poses great hazard to our environment and marine life, with beaches littered with remnants of flowers, decorations and semi-dissolved idols. We request you to join us in celebrating an eco-friendly Ganesh festival to preserve our precious environment.

Did You Know?

- Dissolving idols made of Plaster of Paris reduces levels of oxygen in the water, killing the fish and other aquatic life.
- The polluted water often comes into contact with the human body which can cause infections and skin diseases.
- Bursting of firecrackers not only adds to noise pollution but also leaves dust and waste on the streets and in the water.

How You Can Go Green

- Use eco-friendly Ganesha idols. Also, use smaller idols to minimise damage to the environment.
- Energy Efficient lightbulbs. Use lights only when required.
- Keep noise levels down. Avoid overuse of firecrackers and loudspeakers.
- Segregate holy waste into biodegradable and non-biodegradable
- Avoid Plastic Bags. Use cloth bags during puja.
- Deposit segregated holy offerings in dedicated municipal vehicles earmarked for collection.
- Put Nirmalya into the Nirmalya Kalash provided by the MCGM at all immersion sites. The waste can be converted into organic manure.

 Suppliers of Eco-Friendly Materials for Ganesh Festival

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**As part of its Greenesha campaign, United Way Mumbai organizes sensitization activities with Ganesh Mandals to adopt environment friendly celebrations, Nirmalya collection drives and post immersion Clean-Up drives at major city beaches. To know how you can support this campaign please click here or contact us on the details given below.**

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