

# ROYAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOR WOMEN

## REPORT ON GUDI PADWA

**DATE: 01st APRIL, 2023**

**VENUE: MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

Gudi Padwa, also known as Samvatsar Padvo, is a significant festival celebrated by people of Maharashtra, India. It marks the beginning of the new year according to the Hindu lunisolar calendar, and usually falls in the months of March or April, on the first day of the Chaitra month. The festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm and is an occasion for family gatherings, feasting, and cultural events.

The festival is a symbol of hope, renewal, and prosperity. On this day, people decorate their homes with colorful rangolis and torans made of mango leaves. They hoist a Gudi (a flag-like structure made of a bamboo stick, adorned with a bright cloth and an inverted copper or silver pot) outside their homes. The Gudi is considered an auspicious symbol and is believed to bring good luck and prosperity to the household.

Objective to celebrate festivals in academics

Celebrations are perceived as important part of education as they can help to create a sense of national or cultural community among the students.

It helps in eradicating prejudice by spreading knowledge about different cultures and religion.

It also gives an idea to students to conduct co-curricular activities successfully.

The student of B. Ed of 'Royal College of Education and Research for Women' organized "Gudi Padwa" celebration on 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2023. The day began with by welcoming our Principal mam and Professors with traditional haldi Kumkum and lezium dance on entrance. The event began with a morning prayer and prayer song. After that Gudi Pujan was performed by our principal and teachers. The significance of Gudi Padwa was explained and informative paper reading was done by Vedika Aer and Simran Mhatre. To add grace to the event the traditional Lezium performance was given by the students of S.Y.B.Ed. The celebration ended with our Principal mam Prof. Dr. Judy Grace Andrews addressing the class by telling the importance of the festival and appreciating for participation of all the students who worked actively for backdrop and performance in this program. The event ended with National Anthem.

The post-learning outcomes from the Gudi Padwa celebration organized by the B. Ed students of Royal College of Education and Research for Women can be as follows:

1. **Increased cultural awareness:** The celebration of Gudi Padwa helped the students to understand the cultural and historical significance of the festival. It enabled them to appreciate the customs and traditions associated with the festival and develop a deeper understanding of the culture and heritage of Maharashtra.
2. **Enhanced co-curricular skills:** The students actively participated in organizing and performing various cultural activities such as traditional dances, paper reading, and Gudi Pujan. These activities helped them to develop their leadership, teamwork, and organizational skills.
3. **Improved inter-personal skills:** The celebration of the festival provided an opportunity for the students to interact and collaborate with their peers, teachers, and other stakeholders. This helped them to improve their communication, networking, and relationship-building skills.
4. **Promoted inclusivity and diversity:** The celebration of Gudi Padwa helped in promoting the values of inclusivity and diversity by spreading knowledge about different cultures and religions. It encouraged the students to appreciate and respect the diversity of cultures and traditions.
5. **Fostered a sense of community:** The celebration of the festival helped to create a sense of community and belongingness among the students. It enabled them to connect with their peers and teachers and develop a sense of identity and pride in their cultural heritage.

Overall, the celebration of Gudi Padwa in the academic context can be seen as an effective way to promote cultural and social awareness, enhance co-curricular skills, and foster a sense of community among the students.

Some glimpses of the event:





