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Report on

“Awareness Program: Precautions for Safe Celebration of Vinayaka Chavithi”

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MITS Community Radio has always been committed to the welfare of society through meaningful programs that spread awareness and encourage safe practices among the public. As part of this mission, a special session on “**Precautions during Vinayaka Chavithi Celebrations**” was organized on **26th August 2025** at **Sri Krishna Kalyana Mandapam, Madanapalle**.

The program was initiated by **Sri M. Narasimhacharlu, Program Manager, MITS Community Radio**, under the guidance of **Madanapalle DSP Sri Mahendra Garu**. The objective of this meeting was to bring together law enforcement officers, fire safety representatives, media, and the community to discuss the necessary precautions, rules, and guidelines to ensure peaceful and safe celebrations of Vinayaka Chavithi.

In his opening remarks, Sri Narasimhacharlu highlighted that **India is a land of unity in diversity**, and festivals like **Vinayaka Chavithi** hold special significance in fostering communal harmony. He emphasized the importance of celebrating with devotion while also adhering to safety and legal regulations.



Proceedings of the Meeting

Remarks by 2 Town CI, Sri Nagireddy Garu

CI Nagireddy laid emphasis on **public safety and discipline** during the celebrations. His key instructions were:

1. Ensure the chosen place for the festival is comfortable and safe for devotees.
2. Participants should avoid touching live electrical wires to prevent accidents.
3. If the idol size exceeds 4 feet, installation of CC cameras is mandatory.
4. Organizers must obtain proper permission from the Police Station and strictly follow all rules and regulations.
5. Music and sound systems must be stopped before 10:00 PM.
6. Political songs should not be played during the immersion (Nimajjanam) processions.
7. Dance programs by third genders must not be conducted as part of celebrations.

Remarks by Traffic CI, Sri Gurunadh Garu

Traffic CI Gurunadh focused on maintaining **traffic discipline** during idol installation and immersion. His guidelines included:

1. Public must follow traffic rules carefully during celebrations.
2. Organizers should ensure traffic regulations are in place, particularly during processions and Nimajjanam.

Remarks by DSP, Sri Mahendra Garu

The DSP, who presided over the meeting, provided detailed guidance and highlighted the responsibilities of organizers and community members:

1. Ensure proper arrangement of the place for installing Lord Vinayaka idols.
2. A clear plan must be prepared for Nimajjanam, including routes and timings.
3. Obtain official approval for routes and timings from the police.
4. Obscene dances are strictly prohibited.
5. Vehicle drivers must carry valid documents and be non-alcoholic during duty.
6. Media personnel's cooperation is essential to spread awareness and avoid misinformation.
7. Ensure that electric service wires are not disturbed during processions.

Remarks by Agnipamaka Saka President, Sri Siva Garu

The Fire Safety Department representative, Sri Siva Garu, focused on fire safety:

1. A safe place should be chosen for celebrations to avoid fire hazards.
2. Devotees should exercise caution while bursting crackers and celebrate in a responsible manner.

Remarks by Sub-Inspector, Sri Satyanarayana Garu

SI Satyanarayana gave an inspiring message on national unity and responsibility:

1. We are all **Indians first, beyond caste and religion**, and festivals must reflect this unity.
2. Vehicles used in celebrations must have a **valid driving license** to ensure road safety.

Key Precautions for Safe Celebration

From the discussions, the following major precautions were finalized for the public and organizing committees:

- Select a safe and suitable location for installing idols.
- Avoid contact with electric wires and unsafe surroundings.
- Install CCTV cameras for large idols (above 4 feet).
- Stop sound systems before 10:00 PM.

- Refrain from political songs, obscene dances, or controversial performances.
- Obtain permissions and follow police guidelines.
- Follow traffic rules and Nimajjanam route plans.
- Ensure drivers are sober, licensed, and carry valid documents.
- Exercise fire safety precautions while using crackers.
- Celebrate with a spirit of unity, devotion, and discipline.



Conclusion

The session concluded with remarks from **Sri M. Narasimhacharlu, Program Manager**, who appreciated the guidance given by the DSP, CI officers, Fire Department, and other participants. He reiterated the importance of celebrating Vinayaka Chavithi with devotion, discipline, and safety, keeping in mind the welfare of society. He extended warm wishes to the public for a **safe, joyful, and eco-friendly Vinayaka Chavithi**.

Outcomes for this program

Enhanced Public Awareness

The community gained clarity on safe practices, rules, and environmental precautions for celebrating Vinayaka Chavithi.

Law and Order Assurance

With the presence of DSP Sri Mahendra Garu, people felt reassured about police readiness to ensure peaceful and secure celebrations.

Fire & Safety Preparedness

Fire safety representatives provided valuable inputs on preventing accidents, handling emergencies, and using eco-friendly practices.

Relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being

- Promotes safe practices during celebrations to prevent accidents, injuries, and health hazards.
- Encourages eco-friendly materials to reduce pollution and health risks.

SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

- Awareness on avoiding immersion of chemical-based idols in water bodies, protecting water quality and aquatic life.

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

- Promotes safe, peaceful, and sustainable community celebrations.
- Strengthens disaster preparedness and public safety at community events.

SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

- Encourages the use of eco-friendly idols and decorations.
- Promotes waste management and discourages harmful materials.

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

- Involvement of law enforcement ensures peaceful celebrations.
- Strengthens trust and cooperation between institutions and communities.