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**Report on: Harvest Festival - Onam Celebration** 

**Title:** Harvest Festival-Onam 23 Celebration

**Date:** 30/8/2023 **Time:** 1.15 to 5 pm

Venue: DBIT (Seminar Hall, Bosco Hall, Mondini Hall)

Target Audience: COMPS/EXTC/IT/MECH (All students) and faculty Members

No. of Participants Present: 300 approx

Organizing Committee: Student Council, DBIT

Faculty Coordinator: Mrs. Poonam Chakraborty, Cultural Coordinator, DBIT

### **Objectives:**

- ♦ The Celebration aims to bring together our students and faculty to commemorate the spirit of unity and gratitude.
- ❖ To serve as a platform for cultural exchange, fostering a sense of unity and mutual respect.
- ♦ To help promote how diversity converges in a symphony of joy and togetherness

#### **Outcomes:**

- ♦ The event helped DBITians to experience the rich culture of Kerala.
- ❖ The event portrayed traditional dances, music, drama performances, and art exhibits in terms of various performances and competitions highlighting the diverse talents within our campus.
- ❖ The event created a platform to express appreciation for our cultural heritage and foster a sense of togetherness among the DBIT community.

## **Detailed Report:**

The Harvest Day Celebration aimed to bring together our students and faculty to commemorate the spirit of unity and gratitude. The event showcased various cultural performances, highlighting the diverse talents within our campus. It was a platform to express appreciation for our cultural heritage and foster a sense of togetherness among the DBIT community.

The Key Highlights of the Harvest Day Celebration were:

- Cultural performances by students and faculty
- Acknowledgment of our cultural diversity

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### - Expression of gratitude and unity

The event started with three parallel competitions that were conducted simultaneously at three different locations from 1:15 p.m. onwards. The first event, the elocution competition was held in the Bosco Hall, second floor A wing where six students participated in the competition. The event was coordinated by the LitSoc club along with the student council. Prof. Sachin Sugave, BHS faculty and LitSoc Incharge was the judge for this event.

The second event, the singing competition was held in the seminar hall, A wing on third floor where there were solo and group singing performances. The judges for the singing competitions were Reverand Father Brian Moras, Prof. Sunantha K, and Prof. Shree Prasad Manohar. There were around 10 group performances and 5 solo performances.

The third event, the Pookalam competition started at the respective department venues around 1.15 p.m. Each of the four teams was comprised of 5 faculty members and 10 students across the department. there were four teams, one from each department. The judge for this event was a special guest, DBIT ex-Principal Dr. Prasanna Nambiar.

The main cultural celebration started at 3.15 pm in the Mondini Hall with a welcome note by the anchors Rucha Tatkare and Aditya Shetty explaining the significance of the Harvest festival Onam. The event was followed by a Prayer by Reverand Father Nelson Carvahlo and a lamp-lighting ceremony. The gift of dance is a powerful way to communicate hope, joy, and peace messages. Dance has been used as a form of worship and celebration since ancient times. The performance started with a welcome dance. To explain the significance of Harvest Festival Onam, Prof. Poonam Chakraborty recited a poem in Hindi so that people of diverse cultures understand its significance. There was another dance performance by the dance club where the dancers showcased their boundless energy and artistry. A drama is the mirror of the reality that we meet every day in our life. It is also the inspiration for someone to learn, practice, and innovate. The Drama club of DBIT explained the significance of the harvest festival Onam by their drama performance. The student council of DBIT also wanted to express their emotions and feelings about the Onam celebration with their entertaining and exhilarating performance. The event went ahead with the prize distribution ceremony of the winners of the competition held during the day.

Dr. Prasanna Nambiar, the Judge of the Pookalam competition shared her thoughts on the celebration of Harvest festival Onam which serves as a platform for cultural exchange, fostering a sense of unity and mutual respect. She congratulated the students and Management for promoting such a diverse celebration. The vote of thanks was proposed by the cultural coordinators of the student council Ms. Umera Shaikh and Mr. Nisarg Koravane who thanked the Management and Principal for giving them permission to celebrate the event. They expressed their gratitude to all those who helped them in the smooth conduction of the event.

The event concluded with the Jam session.



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# **Snapshot of the Event:**















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**Welcome Dance** 





Performance by the Dance Club of DBIT





Performance by Drama Club of DBIT



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**Singing Competition** 





**Pookalam Competition** 





**Elocution Competition** 



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#### **Event Poster and Decor:**





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