

GREENESHA ADVISORY 2024

India being a land of diverse culture and vibrant festivals, constantly buzzing with activity and festivities, and now it is preparing for the much anticipated Ganesh festival, which celebrates the arrival of Lord Ganesha with his mother Goddess Parvati/Gauri. This festival is now celebrated all across the world by the people who have their roots in India. With the Ganesh festival just around the corner, United Way Mumbai has prepared this Greenesha Advisory to share some ideas to make the celebration eco-friendly this year.



CHECKLIST BEFORE BUYING ECO FRIENDLY GANESHA IDOL

Let's opt for the eco-friendly idols instead of buying idols made of Plaster of Paris (PoP).

- Clay idols made from natural colours, clay/shadu materials or eco friendly material and water colours
- Tree Ganesha made from red soil

Both are 100% biodegradable and easily immerses in the bucket at home.



LIMIT TO SMALL GANESHA IDOLS

The huge size and design of the idols often catches the eye of the beholder. Most often these huge idols are made of PoP. For households, it is better to choose simple and small idols that can be easily immersed in a tub of water at home. The big pandals, can opt for a metal/stone idol that can be used every year.



GO FOR ECO FRIENDLY DECORATION

Flowers, tree leaves, colored paper, rangolis, and diyas are excellent traditional alternatives for decorations. Choose reusable, eco-friendly, and biodegradable materials instead of single-use or disposable items.



3 R`S – REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Reduce your consumption by opting for reusable products and recycling your waste. Spread the awareness among your neighbours, friends and family for Green celebration.



GO FOR POLLUTION FREE CELEBRATION

Use traditional instruments in place of loudspeakers and avoid playing loud music to reduce Noise pollution. Do not use firecrackers to mitigate Air, Noise and Soil pollution.



ENERGY EFFICIENT CELEBRATION

While lighting up the community pandals use energy-efficient lighting fixtures like LED lights or traditional earthen diyas. Make sure that excessive lights are not used and speakers to play music or songs to

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KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE NEWLY ADOPTED SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAN.

List of banned single-use plastic items:

1. Thermocol decorations
2. Plastic cutlery (spoons, forks, knives)
3. Plastic utensils (plates and cups)
4. Plastic-wrapped products



MAKE COMPOST FROM NIRMALYA

You can make a home compost of all the biodegradable items such as flowers and garlands to fertilize your other house plants.



MAKE USE OF ARTIFICIAL PONDS OR OPT FOR SYMBOLIC IMMERSION

Consider immersing idols in artificially made tanks by local government instead of immersing them in the natural water bodies such as ponds, creeks & sea. You can also symbolically immerse your idol in a bucket or pick a metal or stone idol to be immersed at home and use it again the following year.



DONATE YOUR IDOL OR REMAINING SHADHU MATI (CLAY SLUDGE) AFTER VISARJAN

You can also donate your idol and the leftover shadu mati to an NGO after the Visarjan to be reused and repurpose. You can visit the following website to know more and donate.

<https://punaravartan.org/>
Email: punaravartan@gmail.com

[Click here to find out artificial ponds in your area for your Ganesh idol visarjan in Mumbai.](#)



Join United Way Mumbai for a post-immersion cleanup at **Mahim Reti Bunder Beach on 18th & 19th Sept 2024**, from 8:30 to 10:30 AM.

To register, click the link below.

<https://forms.gle/KAsXVe9TUsvWK7KT7>

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Date	Day	Event	Day	High Tide Time	Height (in metres)
7th Sep 2024	Saturday	Ganesh Chaturthi	1	2:02 AM	3.97 m
				2:00 PM	4.00 m
8th Sep 2024	Sunday	Visarjan	1.5	2:33 AM	3.89 m
				2:24 PM	3.83 m
9th Sep 2024	Monday	Visarjan	3	3:08 AM	3.76 m
				2:49 PM	3.63 m
11th Sep 2024	Wednesday	Visarjan	5	4:41 AM	3.40 m
				3:54 PM	3.20 m
12th Sep 2024	Thursday	Gauri-Ganpati Visarjan	6	5:59 AM	3.27 m
				4:56 PM	2.98 m
13th Sep 2024	Friday	Visarjan	7	7:49 AM	3.34 m
				6:54 PM	2.87 m
15th Sep 2024	Sunday	Visarjan	9	10:00 AM	3.96 m
				9:56 PM	3.50 m
17th Sep 2024	Tuesday	Anant Chaturdashi	11	11:19 AM	4.53 m
				11:36 PM	4.33 m

Note:

1. Sea high tide timings are mentioned according to the important dates for the safety of people.
2. Avoid going for Idol Visarjan into the sea during high tide.
3. The above-mentioned high tide timings are as per Mumbai.
4. If you want to get information on tides for other locations please visit <https://www.tidetime.org/asia/india/>