

Rama making Lord Ganesha idols

The PSA geared up to organize one of the great, unusual and rare events in the history of SIES— inviting Ms. Rama Shah to make idols of Lord Ganesha in its premises.

Two auspicious days 8th and 9th of September 2009, were chosen. Believing in the power of the highest single digit 9, a humble well known artist who makes beautiful, washable and unbreakable Ganesha Idols, Ms Rama Satish Shah planned to begin the work on Monday 8th September at 09:09:09am and finish on Tuesday 9th September (Angaraki Chaturthi) at 09:09:09am .

The formal inauguration of lighting the traditional lamp was done at the hands of Shri Jayaram Mani, Vice President, South Indian Education Society at 8.45am. Shri Shashikant G. Vora, President of PSA and Shri M.R. Bhatia, Vice Principal were also present. Ms. Shah was blind folded and she made the first idol of Lord Ganesha to the utter surprise of students, staff and the public and everyone gathered clapped their hands in delight.

Shah continued doing the idols nonstop in different shapes and sizes without using any mould, through the day and the night. She did not lose her moods or her patience when at night the power went off. Rama continued her work with full dedication and determination in candle light. In all she made 999 idols of the Lord in 24 hours, out of which 9 idols were made blind folded. It is a great achievement and a wonderful record.

There was the display gallery also where 99,999 idols previously made, were displayed and the display was extended by a day on public demand. The display included Ganesha in different poses..standing, sitting, sleeping.

We in SIES are blessed to have so many replicas of Lord Ganesha in our campus in front of us at the same time. It is also very surprising to mention here that Rama has full support from her family and that she does not make any money out of this.