

SSBT's College of Engineering and Technology, Bambhori, Jalgaon

Event Report

Cleaning of Rivers post Ganesh Visarjan

Ganesh festival is a major festival in Maharashtra. It continues for ten days. On day one the Ganesh idol is kept at place, called as *Sthapna*. On tenth day the idol is discharged into water called as *Visarjan*. The idol is decorated with flowers and Banana leaves and ornamental articles. They are all discharged into water. As almost every traditional household goes for this activity the discharge material becomes in excess. It pollutes the water body.

In Jalgaon, there are four – five prominent locations where the idol is discharged. One of the location is river Girna, flowing by the College. In year 2018, the Municipal corporation of Jalgaon decided to carryout a cleanless drive, post *Visarjan*. They decided to carryout it with the help of people participation with an aim to enhance mass awareness in this regard. So they called a meeting of NGOs, Voluntary organizations and Colleges. SSBT College being always prepared to undertake responsibilities of social service, joined this activity. The college was given the responsibility of cleaning of river Girna post *Visarajan*.

In year 2018, the Ganesh *Visarjan* was on September 23RD, (Sunday). The Municipal corporation provided tractor, instruments/tools and gloves etc to students. The College took 30 student volunteers for the activity. The students were given T – shirts by Jain Irrigation Systems Limited for encouragement. Prof S L Patil, Prof S P Shekhawat, Prof m Husain and Prof P A Shirule coordinated the activity. The activity helped in not only cleaning the river but also generated an awareness amongst the students.

