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**Mandovi Beach Cleanup Drive**

Beach cleanup is considered to be very important because throwing trash on the beaches and into the ocean which is a better known pollution. When trash gets into the oceans, marine animals easily mistake it for food. It is observed that many deaths of marine animals resulted from marine debris/trash.

In Ratnagiri, during the Ganesh Visarjan, Ganesh idols are immersed into the sea at various beaches. During the process, a lot of offerings are also immersed. Since many of idols are made up of Plaster of Paris which does not dissolve and the broken parts of the idol and offerings are brought back to the sea shore by waves. It is a very piteous situation.

With this view and due respect to holy occasion, the beaches need to be cleaned immediately. The students of Department of Electrical Engineering, Finolex Academy of Management and Technology took part in the beach cleanup drive every year.

This year, the drive was organized on **Friday, 13 September, 2019** at 6.30am on Mandovi beach which is closed to Ratnagiri city. Usually, all major idols are immersed at this beach. **44 students** of the department led by Prof. Sudhir Wamane cleaned the entire beach jointly with Jiddi Mountaineering team.

**Mr. Dhiraj Patkar**, Founder of Jiddi Mountaineering said, "After celebrating the Ganpati festival, we really need to see what we have done to the beaches and the environment. The civilians are advised to use non-POP idols which are Eco friendly."

"I was impressed to see the hard work of the students in the beach cleanup drive. Their enthusiasm was enormous", **Prof. Suhas Mhabadi**, HoD Electrical Engineering Department expressed.

After the combined effort by the students and team members of Jiddi Mountaineering, the debris was taken away in trucks by the Ratnagiri Municipal Corporation. **Mr. M. N. Tagare**, and **Mr. Kiran Keshyagoal** helped **Prof. Sudhir Wamane** to coordinate the drive successfully.

## Photographs



**Students participating in drive with Prof. S. S. Wamane**



**Students cleaning the beach**



**Students collecting the debris for disposal**