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# Celebration of Maharishi Valmiki Jayanthi - 2024

MVJ College of Engineering celebrated **Maharshi Valmiki Jayanthi** on 17<sup>th</sup> **October 2024**, paying tribute to the revered Adi Kavi (First Poet) **Maharshi Valmiki**, the author of the great Indian epic, the **Ramayana**. This special day commemorates his contributions to Indian literature, culture, and spirituality, with a celebration aimed at enlightening students and faculty about his profound legacy.

#### **Event Details:**

• **Date**: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

• Time: 10:30 AM

Venue: Smt. Rajalakshmi Seminar Hall, MVJ College of Engineering

The celebration was graced by the presence of the Principal, Deans, Faculty, and Students, making it a vibrant and meaningful event.

## **Flow of Events:**

#### **Welcome Address:**

The event commenced with a warm **welcome address by Manogna M Bhat**, a student of MVJCE, who eloquently welcomed the dignitaries, faculty, and students. Her speech set the tone for the celebration by highlighting the significance of Maharshi Valmiki's life and teachings.

## **Invocation Song:**

To invoke the blessings of the divine, a beautiful **Invocation Song** was performed by **Pranathi** and **Hrishitha** from **Team Dwani**. Their melodious voices filled the hall, creating an atmosphere of reverence and spirituality.

## **Lighting of the Lamp:**

The symbolic **lighting of the ceremonial lamp** followed, representing wisdom and enlightenment. The distinguished guests who took part in this auspicious act were:

- o Dr. Uma Maheswaran R, Principal, MVJCE
- o Dr. Sreenivas L Gombi, Dean Academics, MVJCE
- o Dr. A C Niranjanappa, Dean Research, MVJCE
- o **Dr. M Brindha**, Dean Affiliation, MVJCE
- o Dr. Hameem Shanavas, Dean Student Affairs, MVJCE

The lighting of the lamp signified the removal of ignorance and the illumination of knowledge, an important theme in Maharshi Valmiki's teachings.

# Speech on the Life and Contributions of Maharshi Valmiki:

**Dr.** Uma Maheswaran, Principal of MVJCE, delivered an enlightening speech on the life and contributions of Maharshi Valmiki. He spoke in detail about Valmiki's transformation from a robber to a sage, his authorship of the Ramayana, and the moral lessons derived from the epic. Dr. Uma's speech emphasized the values of righteousness, compassion, and the pursuit of knowledge, all of which are central to Valmiki's teachings.

# **Cultural Performances by Students:**

The celebration included an array of cultural performances by the talented students of MVJCE, showcasing the creativity and dedication of the students in bringing Maharshi Valmiki's teachings to life.

## • Singing Performance:

Manogna M Bhat and Manaswini from Team Dwani presented a soul-stirring rendition of the Kannada song "Innasthu Bekenna Hrudayakke Rama". Their performance captivated the audience and beautifully highlighted the essence of devotion and spiritual wisdom found in Valmiki's Ramayana.

# Skit Performance:

Bhoomika, Sai Sumedh E.S, Deepa, Bhanu and Sri ram from **Team Ragabinaya**, performed a captivating skit titled **"Robber to Sage: Valmiki's Transformation"**. The skit portrayed the life-changing moment when Valmiki, once a feared dacoit named Ratnakara, transformed into a saint after his encounter with the divine teachings of the sages. The

students' powerful portrayal of Valmiki's journey from sin to sainthood left a deep impact on the audience, emphasizing the themes of redemption and self-realization.

The celebration of Maharshi Valmiki Jayanthi at MVJ College of Engineering was a resounding success, filled with spiritual insight, cultural richness, and student engagement. The event not only paid tribute to the great sage but also fostered a sense of unity and inspiration among the college community. The participation of students and faculty alike contributed to making the celebration truly memorable. The organizing committee extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making the event a success, and we look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come.



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Invocation Song was performed by Pranathi and Hrishitha from Team Dwani.



Lighting of the Lamp by the Principal, Dean's and Student of MVJCE.



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Singing Performance by Manogna M Bhat and Manaswini from Team Dwani.



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