

MMLA – Kojagiri & Dandiya Night - October 2015

Satellite event at Irvine



Maharashtra Mandal Los Angeles (MMLA) recently organized a thumping Kojagiri-Dandiya night!

The new committee that took over the reins at Ganesh Utsav 2015 planned an event that was not in the usual list of Mandal-organized festivities. Given the logistics of scheduling and facility availability, the event was conducted at a community center in Irvine, CA on Fri 23 October 2015. The event was sold out at 140 attending, with a waiting list of over a 100! Attendance was from Orange county, LA county and surrounding area.



The program commenced at 7 pm with a small puja worshipping Shri Ganapati, Shri Laxmi, Indra dev and Kuber.



The food stall was a big hit with all-time favorites like Pav-Bhaji, Pasta and Masale Doodh.

Being a Friday night, the crowd was slow to trickle in, but folks were soon dancing to the upbeat Dandiya music.



The group was mixed-age, with high-schoolers and some enthusiastic adults (especially couples) stealing the show! The event concluded at 11:30 p.m. followed by wrap up/handover of the facility.



The event was well-received, and given enough interest from the community, MMLA will definitely consider planning on a larger scale next Navratri with live music!



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