

Onam and Varamahalakshmi Festival Celebrations

Jain University, School of Graduate Studies, celebrated Onam and Varamahalakshmi festivals on 27 August 2015. It is believed that worshipping Goddess Varalakshmi on this day is equivalent to worshipping Ashtalakshmi – the eight goddesses of Wealth, Earth, Learning, Love, Fame, Peace, Pleasure, and Strength. Onam is a Hindu festival celebrated in Kerala, India. Onam is reminiscent of Kerala's agrarian past, as it is considered to be a harvest festival. The day had a complete festive ambiance with the centre quadrangle decorated with thoranas, banana shoots depicting the pooja and a colourful flower carpet or pookalam was spread out on the floor in the centre representing the onam traditions. All the teachers and students were in the traditional attire onakodi and the students presented the traditional dance – thiruvathira which was a treat to the eyes of the onlookers.

