



## **FSAI and NSS Collaboration - Ganesh Mandal Audit**

### **DAY 1**

**Date:** - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Time:** - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Place:** - Andheri to Borivali

**Platform:** - Offline

September 17th, 2023, Mumbai.

National Service Scheme (NSS) Council of Fr. CRCE in collaboration with the Fire and Security Association of India (FSAI) embarked on an important mission to audit Ganesh Mandals of Mumbai. On the first day, we aimed for Andheri to Borivali stations.

The audit aimed to comprehensively assess fire safety measures and identify potential hazards associated with Ganesh Mandals during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival to promote safety and security awareness and ensure a safe and enjoyable celebration for all.

Meets and Orientations were conducted, where NSS volunteers as FSAI representatives were briefed on the objectives, methodologies, and parameters to be assessed during the audit. The volunteers were divided into teams, further, the teams were assigned to a specific area from Andheri to Borivali for comprehensive coverage. A standardized survey APK was used to systematically gather data, ensuring consistency and accuracy. Before the event's commencement, FSAI organized training programs for volunteers to provide education about APK.

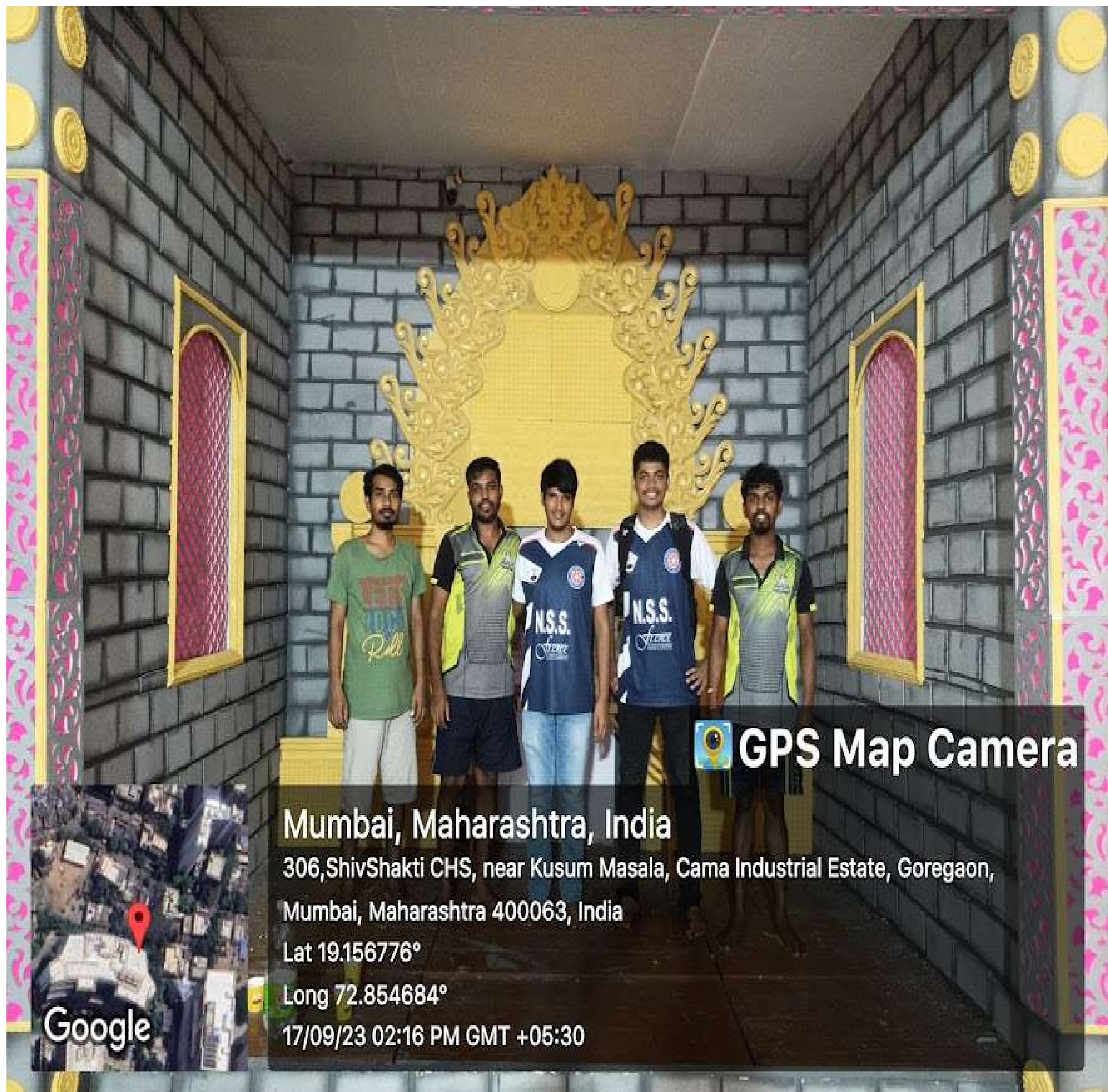
Upon reaching the selected Mandals, preliminary assessments were conducted. Volunteers conducted on-site inspections of Ganesh Mandals. This involved an initial walkthrough of each Mandal to evaluate existing fire safety measures, security protocols, crowd management plans, and emergency preparedness. The teams engaged in discussions with Mandal's representatives to gather valuable insights into their fire safety and security strategies and volunteers registered the Ganesh Mandals on the APK and filled in the required information associated with Pandals.

In this way, volunteers made the Pandals aware of the pre-and post-event fire security procedures and precautions to be taken.

The first day marked the beginning of the joint investigation mission to ensure a safer and more secure Ganesh Chaturthi celebration for all participants. The team worked hard to become familiar with the review process. The audit of the region highlighted both commendable practices and areas that require improvement in terms of fire safety during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival. Local authorities, Ganesh Mandals, and the community must work together to address these findings and prioritize fire safety, ultimately ensuring a safer and more enjoyable celebration in the future.

The audit's overarching goal is to provide valuable insights into safety and security measures practised by Ganesh Mandals during the festival. The partnership between FSAI and NSS reflects the commitment to promoting safety awareness and enhancing festival security.

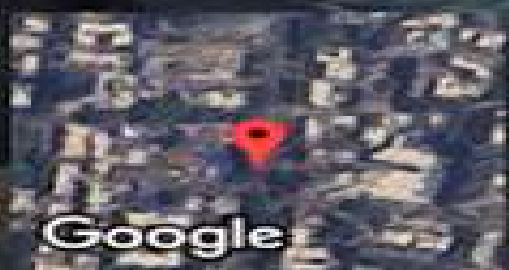
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### **DAY 2**

**Date:** - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Time:** - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Place:** - Dadar to Mulund

**Platform:** - Offline

September 18th, 2023, Mumbai.

National Service Scheme (NSS) Council of Fr. CRCE along with the Fire and Security Association of India (FSAI) on the second day of our collaborative audit mission, extended their efforts to assess Ganesh Mandals aiming Dadar to Mulund stations. The day was marked by the enthusiasm of the pre-festive season. The audit aimed to comprehensively assess more Mandals for fire safety measures and identify potential hazards associated with Ganesh Mandals as audited on day one.

Orientation sessions were conducted to assign respective stations and accordingly, the teams were organized to cover the Ganesh Mandals in the Dadar to Mulund area. New Mandal registrations were done on the same standardized survey APK used to systematically gather data. Comprehensive documentation of observations, photographs, and data collection continued throughout the day. The data was diligently entered with utmost attention, recognizing its pivotal role in crafting FSAI's audit reports.

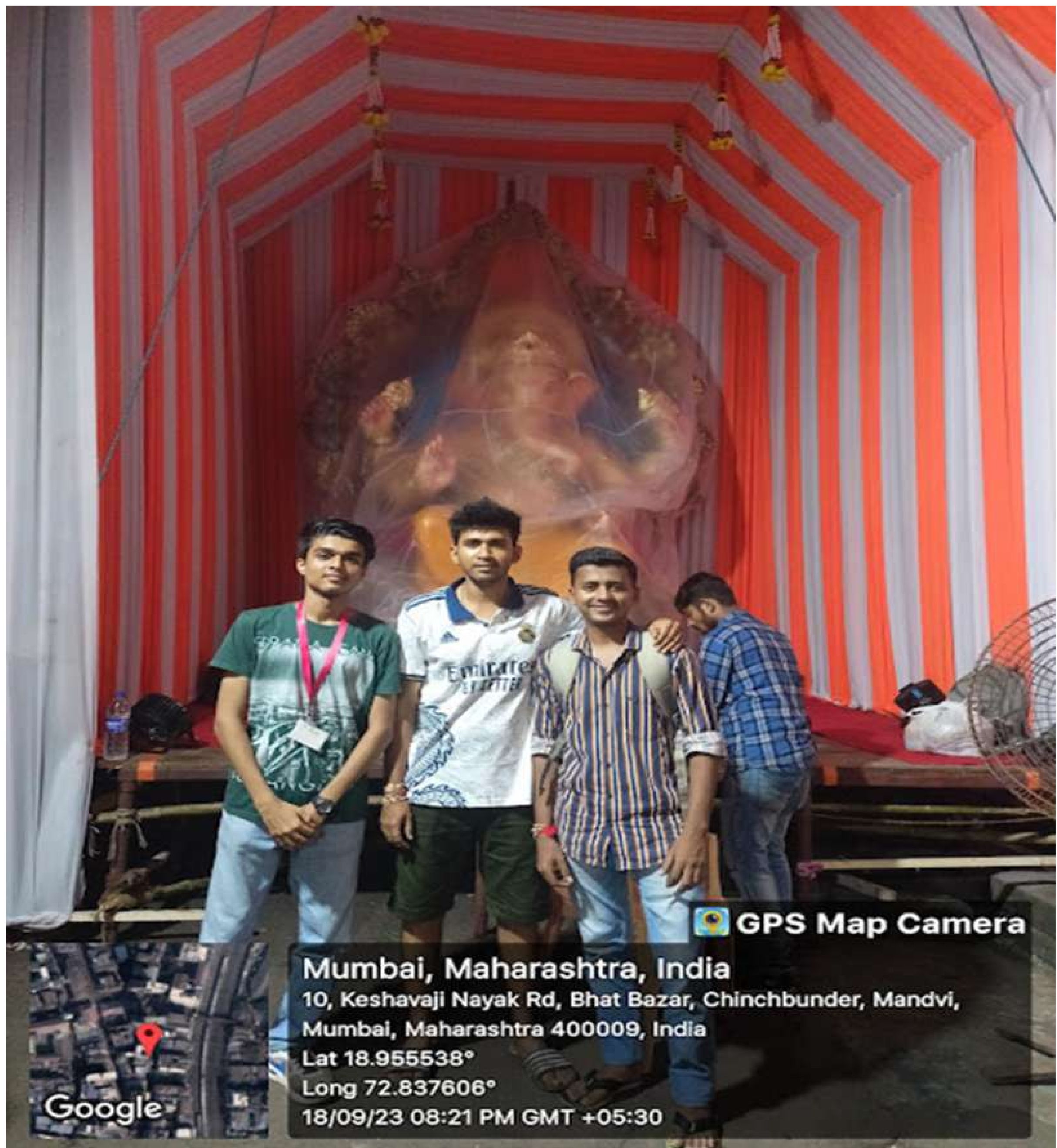
The teams travelled to the designated locations within Dadar to Mulund station areas, scouting for Ganesh Mandal' s audit. Site selection was based on criteria including size, location, and accessibility, to prevent duplication of Mandal registrations. The NSS Council maintained continuous communication with volunteers to avoid repetition and to keep in mind the safety of volunteers. Volunteers engaged in constructive discussions with Mandal representatives. Valuable insights were gathered regarding their fire safety and security practices and their willingness to collaborate on safety enhancements. In this way, volunteers made the Mandals aware of the pre-and post-event fire security procedures and precautions to be taken.

Despite the focus on safety and security, the festive spirit in the Dadar to Mulund area was palpable. Mandal members and volunteers exhibited remarkable enthusiasm in welcoming the Ganpati idols and attendees. The colourful decorations, vibrant processions, and community involvement added to the festive charm of the event.

Day 2 of our collaborative audit mission was a continuation of our commitment to ensuring the safety and security of Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. The participation of NSS volunteers, combined with the festive atmosphere, showcased the importance of harmonizing tradition with safety.

The data collected and observations made during these audits enabled us to provide valuable feedback and recommendations to Mandals, contributing to safer and more secure Ganesh Chaturthi festivities in the future. This connection between FSAI and NSS reflects the commitment to promoting safety awareness and enhancing festival security.

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## **FSAI and NSS Collaboration - Ganesh Mandal Audit**

### **DAY 3**

**Date:** - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Time:** - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Place:** - Dadar to CSMT

**Platform:** - Offline

September 19th, 2023, Mumbai.

On the auspicious Ganesh Chaturthi day, the National Service Scheme (NSS) Council of Fr. CRCE with the Fire and Security Association of India (FSAI) on the third day of audit embarked on a vital mission to audit major Ganesh Pandals across Mumbai. Our team members extended their efforts to assess Ganesh Mandals aiming Dadar to CSMT stations. The assessment focused on major Pandals evaluating fire safety measures, security protocols, crowd management, and emergency preparedness during Ganesh Chaturthi Festival. For comprehensive coverage, our teams were segregated within Dadar to CSMT station areas.

In India, Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated with immense enthusiasm in Mumbai, resulting in significant traffic congestion. Despite these challenges, our dedicated volunteers managed to reach the bustling location of main and famous Pandals such as Parelcha Raja, and Lalbaugcha Raja. Not only that we were delighted to observe various artistic representations of Lord Ganesh, including those made of tissue, showcasing the city's rich cultural diversity and artistic flair.

The audit involved systematic data collection, utilizing the same standardized survey APK. Volunteers meticulously gathered information to ensure consistency and accuracy. The main Pandals attracted a massive crowd of devotees. We observed the commendable efforts made by Mandal's representatives and volunteers to ensure the safety and orderly movement of participants. However, this survey marked the findings that approximately 70% of the surveyed Ganesh Mandals had at least one fire extinguisher readily accessible. However, 30% of the Mandals lacked this crucial fire safety equipment.

That is why our NSS volunteers made sure that during our interactions with Mandal representatives, we not only assessed their fire safety and security measures but also

shared information about pre-and post-event fire security procedures and precautions. This knowledge exchange aimed to enhance safety awareness.

As we proceeded with our audit, we wished to reiterate the critical importance of fostering collaboration between local authorities, Ganesh Mandals, and the community at large to address the findings and give priority to enhancing fire safety measures. The Fire Safety Association survey of Ganesh Mandals has shed light on commendable practices as well as areas in need of improvement concerning fire safety during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival.

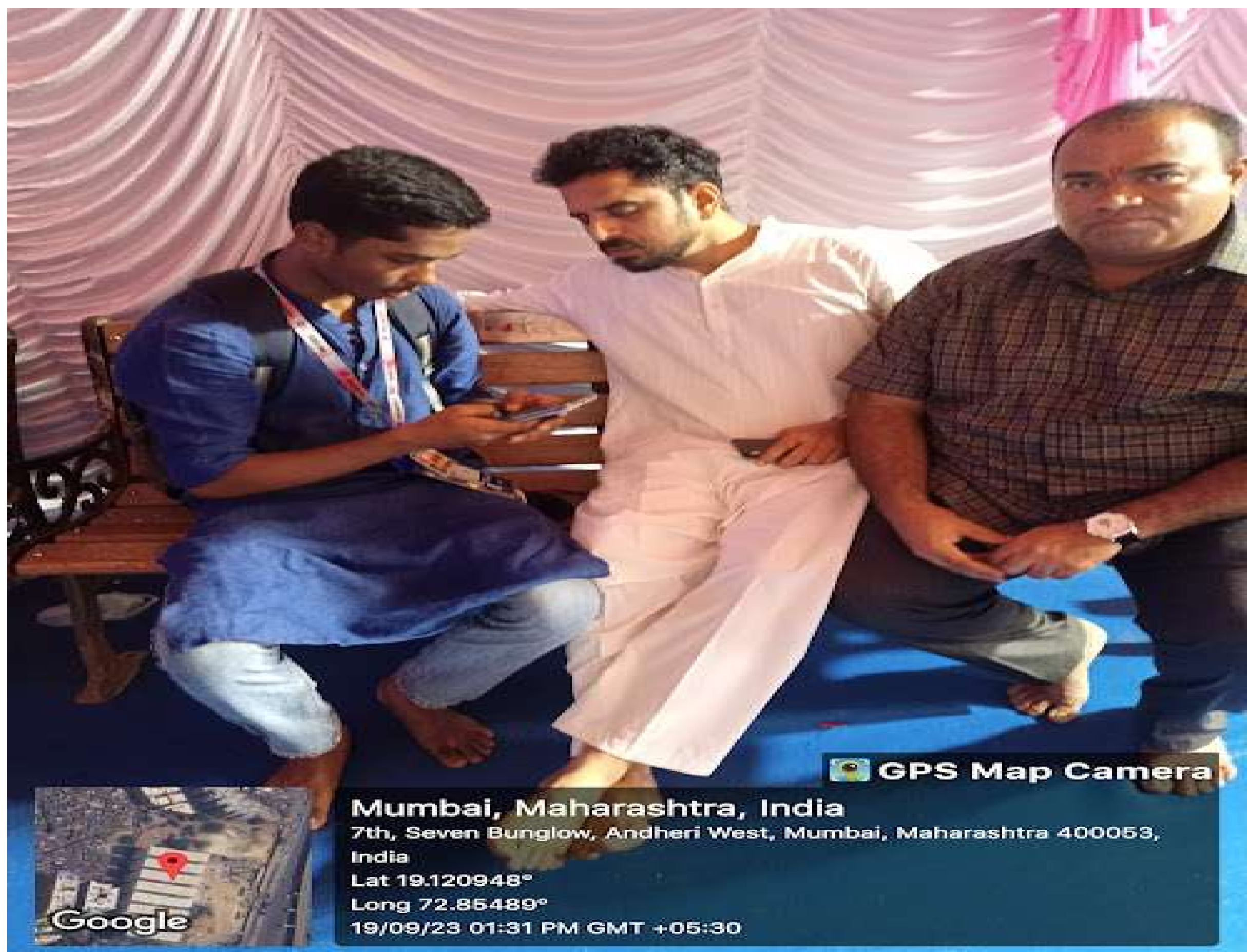
Our ultimate objective continues to provide insights that will lead to safer and more secure Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations in the future. The enduring partnership between FSAI and NSS stands as a testament to our unwavering dedication to promoting safety awareness and elevating festival security.



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