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Activity Report on "Vraksha Rakshabandhan" under MOU Faculty Exchange Program

Date: 20th August 2024

Time: 1:30 PM

Organized by: Botany Department, Nutan Mahavidyalaya, Selu

Venue: Nutan Mahavidyalaya, Selu

Present Faculty:

• Dr. Asmita Sharad Salve, Modern College of Computer Science & I.T., Aurangabad

• Prof. Nabiha Khan, Modern College of Computer Science & I.T., Aurangabad

Introduction:

The Botany Department of Nutan Mahavidyalaya, Selu, organized an extension activity titled "Vraksha Rakshabandhan" under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Faculty Exchange Program on the 20th of August, 2024. This event aimed to promote environmental awareness and the importance of tree conservation among students and faculty members. The activity also symbolized the bond between humans and nature, reinforcing the commitment to protect and nurture trees.

Aims & Objectives

Aims:

- 1. To promote environmental awareness by celebrating the cultural tradition of Rakshabandhan with trees.
- 2. To in still a sense of responsibility towards tree conservation among students and faculty members.
- 3. To strengthen the bond between humans and nature through symbolic and meaningful activities.
- 4. To encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge exchange on environmental issues.

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5. To foster community participation in afforestation and tree preservation efforts.

Objectives:

The primary objective of the "Vraksha Rakshabandhan" event was to in still a sense of responsibility towards the environment, particularly in the context of tree conservation. By celebrating Rakshabandhan with trees, the event emphasized the cultural and ecological significance of preserving nature.

Program Details:

The event commenced at 1:30 PM in the Botany Department of Nutan Mahavidyalaya, Selu. The activity was graced by the presence of Dr. Asmita Sharad Salve, a faculty member from Nutan Mahavidyalaya, and Prof. Nabiha Khan from Modern College of Computer Science & I.T., Aurangabad, under the faculty exchange initiative.

Program Highlights:

- 1. Welcoming the Guests: The program began with a warm welcome extended to Dr. Asmita Sharad Salve and Prof. Nabiha Khan by the faculty and students of the Botany Department.
- 2. Rakshabandhan Ceremony: The students and faculty members tied Rakhi to the trees within the campus, symbolizing their pledge to protect and nurture them. Dr. Asmita Sharad Salve and Prof. Nabiha Khan actively participated in this ceremony, emphasizing the significance of this symbolic act.
- 3. Expert Talk: Prof. Nabiha Khan delivered an insightful talk on the role of trees in maintaining ecological balance and the importance of community participation in tree conservation efforts. She also highlighted the cultural relevance of the Rakshabandhan festival and its connection to environmental ethics.
- 4. Interactive Session: The event included an interactive session where students engaged in discussions with the guest faculty members. Topics ranged from the significance of trees in urban areas to practical steps that can be taken to promote afforestation and tree conservation.

Outcome:

The "Vraksha Rakshabandhan" event successfully created awareness among students and faculty members about the importance of tree conservation. It strengthened the bond between the participants and nature, instilling a sense of

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duty to protect and nurture trees. The collaboration between the Botany Department of Nutan Mahavidyalaya and Modern College of Computer Science & I.T., Aurangabad, through the faculty exchange program, enriched the learning experience and reinforced the importance of interdisciplinary approaches to environmental education.

Conclusion:

The "Vraksha Rakshabandhan" event successfully bridged cultural traditions with environmental stewardship, fostering a deep sense of responsibility among participants towards tree conservation. Through symbolic acts and meaningful discussions, the event highlighted the vital role of trees in sustaining ecological balance and encouraged students and faculty to actively engage in preserving nature. The collaboration between Nutan Mahavidyalaya, Selu, and Modern College of Computer Science & I.T., Aurangabad, under the MOU Faculty Exchange Program, not only enriched the participants' understanding of environmental issues but also strengthened the bonds between the two institutions. This initiative marks a significant step towards integrating traditional values with contemporary environmental practices, ensuring a greener future for all.

Evidence of Success:



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