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## “Activity Report: Vraksha Rakshabandhan (2020-2021)”

**Event:** online Vraksha Rakshabandhan

**Date:** August 30, 2020

**Mode:** Online

**Participants:** 31 Students

**Location:** Trees near students' homes

### **Introduction:**


This report summarizes the online Vraksha Rakshabandhan activity organized online in August 2020, involving 31 students. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of tree conservation and encourage students to actively participate in protecting them.

### **Methodology:**

- Due to the online format, students were encouraged to tie rakhis (sacred threads) on trees near their homes, symbolizing their pledge to protect them.
- Online sessions were conducted where students:
  - Learned about the ecological significance of trees and their benefits for the environment.
  - Discussed the threats faced by trees due to deforestation and pollution.
  - Explored ways to actively contribute to tree conservation, such as planting trees, reducing paper consumption, and advocating for sustainable practices.
  - Shared their experiences and photos of tying rakhis to trees, fostering a sense of community and collective action.

### **Outcomes:**

- Despite the online format, the event successfully engaged 31 students in learning about and taking action towards tree conservation.
- By tying rakhis to trees, students made a personal commitment to their protection.
- The online sessions provided valuable knowledge and encouraged discussions about environmental responsibility.

  
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- Students gained practical tips and ideas for contributing to tree conservation in their daily lives.

### **Aims and Objectives of the Online Vraksha Rakshabandhan Event:**

#### **Aims:**

- To cultivate a deeper appreciation for trees and their ecological significance. This includes understanding their role in providing oxygen, mitigating climate change, and supporting biodiversity.
- To encourage students to actively participate in tree conservation and protection efforts. This can involve learning about threats to trees, exploring sustainable practices, and taking personal action.
- To promote the cultural significance of the Rakshabandhan tradition and connect it to environmental responsibility. This fosters a sense of connection between cultural values and ecological well-being.
- To provide students with an opportunity to connect with nature and their local environment, even virtually. This can inspire them to engage more meaningfully with the natural world around them.
- To foster a sense of community and collective action for environmental protection. By participating in a shared online event, students can feel empowered to contribute to larger conservation efforts.

#### **Objectives:**

- Students will be able to describe the ecological and cultural significance of trees and their various benefits to the environment and society.
- Students will be able to identify threats to trees in their local area and discuss potential solutions for conservation and protection.
- Students will be able to explain the connection between the Rakshabandhan tradition and environmental responsibility, drawing parallels between protecting trees and nurturing life.
- Students will be able to share their personal experiences and observations about trees in their local environment, even through online platforms.
- Students will be able to articulate their commitment to taking action for tree conservation and environmental protection, both individually and collaboratively.

#### **Conclusion:**

The Department of Botany's online Vraksha Rakshabandhan event proved to be a unique and inspiring experience for the participating students. Despite the virtual format, the event successfully fostered a deeper appreciation for trees and their interconnection with both ecological and cultural well-being. Through active participation and knowledge sharing, students gained a deeper understanding of the vital role trees play in providing oxygen, mitigating climate change, supporting biodiversity, and enriching our lives. Connecting the tradition of Rakshabandhan to environmental responsibility resonated with students, encouraging them to view tree protection as a form of nurturing life itself. While the event took place online, the spirit of community and collective action shone through. Sharing personal experiences about local trees and exploring virtual resources fostered a sense of

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connection to the natural world, even beyond physical boundaries. Students expressed their commitment to taking action, both individually and collaboratively, towards tree conservation and environmental protection. This online event served as a stepping stone for students to continue their journey of appreciating, learning about, and actively protecting trees within their own communities and beyond. Their commitment to a greener future promises a positive impact on both the environment and society.

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