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## “Activity Report: Vraksha Rakshabandhan (2021-2022)”

**Event:** Vraksha Rakshabandhan

**Date:** August 23, 2021

**Location:** College Campus

**Participants:** 35 Students

### Introduction:


This report summarizes the Vraksha Rakshabandhan activity held on the college campus on August 23, 2022, with 35 students participating. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of tree conservation and encourage students to actively participate in protecting them.

### Methodology:

- The event began with a gathering under the shade of existing trees on campus.
- Students participated in a symbolic act of tying rakhis (sacred threads) on these trees, signifying their pledge to protect them.
- This was followed by informative sessions where students:
  - Learned about the ecological significance of trees and their benefits for the environment.
  - Discussed the threats faced by trees due to deforestation, pollution, and climate change.
  - Explored practical ways to contribute to tree conservation, such as planting trees, adopting sustainable practices, and advocating for environmental protection.
  - Engaged in interactive activities and discussions to solidify their understanding and commitment.

### Outcomes:

- The event successfully engaged 35 students in learning about and taking action towards tree conservation on the college campus and beyond.

  
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- The act of tying rakhis fostered a sense of personal responsibility and connection with the trees.
- The informative sessions provided valuable knowledge and encouraged active participation in discussions.
- Students gained practical skills and ideas for contributing to tree conservation efforts in their college community and personal lives.

**Aims and Objectives of the College Campus Vraksha Rakshabandhan Event:**

**Aims:**

- To cultivate a deeper appreciation for the trees on the college campus and their ecological significance. This includes understanding their role in providing shade, beauty, and a healthy environment for the college community.
- To encourage active participation in tree conservation and protection efforts within the college campus. This can involve learning about potential threats, exploring sustainable practices, and taking responsible actions.
- To connect the cultural significance of the Rakshabandhan tradition to environmental responsibility. This fosters a sense of connection between cultural values and the well-being of the campus environment.
- To provide students with an opportunity to connect with nature on their own campus, even in a small-scale setting. 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 within the college. By participating in a shared event, students can feel empowered to contribute to the well-being of their campus environment.

**Objectives:**

- Students will be able to identify different tree species on the college campus and describe their ecological benefits.
- Students will be able to discuss potential threats to the trees on campus and suggest solutions for their protection and conservation.
- Students will be able to explain the connection between the Rakshabandhan tradition and environmental responsibility, drawing parallels between protecting trees and nurturing the campus environment.
- Students will be able to actively participate in tree-related activities on campus, such as planting, watering, or creating awareness campaigns.
- Students will be able to articulate their commitment to taking action for tree conservation and environmental protection within the college community.

**Conclusion:**

The Department of Botany's College Campus Vraksha Rakshabandhan event successfully transformed the grounds into a vibrant space for learning, reflection, and action. Despite the limited area, the event fostered a deeper appreciation for the diverse trees that grace the campus, highlighting their ecological significance and their role in creating a healthy and

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beautiful learning environment. Through active participation in various activities, students gained valuable knowledge about the different tree species, identified potential threats and explored sustainable solutions for their protection. Connecting the cultural tradition of Rakshabandhan to environmental responsibility resonated deeply, urging students to view tree care as a form of nurturing the very space they call their academic home. The event fostered a sense of community and collective action. Together, students planted new saplings, pledged to water and care for existing trees, and even brainstormed creative awareness campaigns to inspire their peers. Their enthusiasm and commitment were palpable, promising a continuation of these efforts beyond the event itself. This Vraksha Rakshabandhan celebration served as a potent reminder that environmental stewardship can begin right where we stand, amongst the familiar trees of our own campus. It empowered students to become active participants in creating a greener, healthier environment, not just for their college community but for the larger world they are a part of.

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Vrakshe Rakshabandhan in college campus