

MERI MAATI MERA DESH

Observation of Raksha Bandhan at Oral School for Deaf Children

“It's often said that happiness is a choice and one can choose it by giving.”

On **30th August 2023**, **13 students** from the Sociology department celebrated Raksha Bandhan at Oral School for the Deaf Children. The event commenced with an introductory speech on Rakhi as an occasion of love and bonding shared between people across communities in our country representing the country's diversity. This was followed by a dance performance on the song *Bam Bam Bole*.

It was a very emotional moment for the volunteers to see the **47 children**, although couldn't speak, expressed great joy through their smiles when they received Rakhis on their hands by their didis and dadas. The Rakhi tying ceremony was followed by distribution of sweets to all the volunteers. The program concluded with a drawing competition for the children on the theme of '**Raksha Bandhan**' where they, through their drawings, depicted the essence of Raksha Bandhan.

The event was quite overwhelming for the volunteers, as shared by Mayuraksha Dey *“We keep on lamenting about how life is full of hustle for us, but going there each one of us felt an aura of peace. I learned the true meaning of the festivity today from the children, how through mere gestures of love and gratitude we can conquer the world. Whenever from now onwards I will think of Rakhi I will remember each of their faces. I wish to carry forward this responsibility of sharing gratitude and love with them forever”*.



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Getting to know each other
Tying the rakhis



Performing a dance for the children
Young children flaunting their rakhis



Arranging the rakhis
All participants together for a click



Children eagerly await their turn





Drawing
competition with
the theme of
Raksha Bandhan


