**Title:** 'Bandhan' – Annual activity of preparing and sending Rakhis to Military Jawans

### **Objectives:**

- 1. To develop sensitivity among students regarding sacrifices by Jawans.
- 2. To nurture the values of patriotism in students.
- 3. To send message of love and gratitude to Jawans in Indian Army.

# Need Addressed and the Context:

'Inculcating a Value System among Students' is one of the core values of NAAC and patriotism is one the most cherished human values. The Institution undertakes serious efforts to harness this value in the young budding generation. More than a decade has passed the institution is committed to this cause and hence undertakes the activity of Preparing and sending handmade Rakhis to Jawans every year.

Preparing and sending Rakhis and greetings on the occasion of Rakshabandhan is a medium to manifest the feelings of love and gratitude towards soldiers who stay away from family for months together, even during the festivals. The practice also generates sensitivity among the students regarding sacrifices made by soldiers.

On the occasion of festival of Raksha Bandhan tying the knot of Rakhi denotes the expression of gratefulness towards the one whom one trusts. Sending handmade Rakhis and greetings is a way to show thankfulness to the soldiers who ensures safety of countrymen day and night. It is also a way to show solidarity with soldiers who guard the country against all kinds of calamities working many a times in inhuman weather conditions. Hence the activity is held every year in the month of August before the festival of Rakshabandhan.

### **The Practice:**

'Bandhan' – an activity of preparing and sending Rakhis to Military Jawans is an annual activity of the college. Every year NSS in-charge circulars the notice and students are given the deadline to submit handmade Rakhis and greetings. These Rakhis and greetings are handed over to the members of KAMYAB Foundation, Nagpur. The volunteers of KAMYAB Foundation and some of the NSS students of the college carry these Rakhis and Greetings to the Military cantonment of Kamptee. They get the opportunity to meet soldiers and tie Rakhis. The student volunteers receive warm welcome from the Jawans every time they visit the cantonment.

# **Evidence of Success:**

Letter of gratitude from KAMYAB Foundation. Photographs of Jawans tying handmade Rakhis made by our students.

## **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

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