

## **Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan's Raksha bandhan celebration with Indian army.**

On 11 August 2022, 5 students from 'Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan' got the opportunity to visit Military camp of Kalina University, Santacruz with the help of Prof: Miss Yogita Mandole and the principal of Gandhi Shikshan, Mrs Sunanya Kadle who initiated by taking permits from Captain Shinde and Captain Naik.

The students gathered at Patukala College in Santacruz at 8.30 am and were taken to the military camp by 9.45 am. After a thorough checking of 20 mins the students along with Prof. Yogita Mandole entered the area. The area was in the cradle of nature which allowed the students' to experience a soothing environment which was unexpected in Mumbai.

The students at first were taken to a unique temple where deities of all religious gods including Ganpati, Krishna, Ram, Alah, Waheguru etc. were present. The students were made to sit in the temple along with the Indian army. A very soothing speech was delivered by temple poojaris in order to make their minds calm, clean and importance and unknown facts about raksha bandhan were delivered by the two. The talk was followed with Onkar meditation which bestowed in the students a pleasant and positive attitude.

After the session Indian army stood in a queue and then rakhi was tied to each by the students. There were soldiers who had no sister and who saw their sister in the students and the teacher. Miss Yogita Mandole got her brotherly attachment with a soldier and that soldier too got attached to her, which depicted how small is the world and what we finally need is love, care and people.

There were also soldiers who cannot celebrate Raksha Bandhan with their families as they are away, so they went to their quarter, got the rakhi which was posted to them by their beloved sisters and asked the students to tie it to them.

This made all the students emotional and aroused in them a feeling of love, compassion and lot of respect for Indian army and their sacrifice.

There was also a young soldier who was a three star and he narrated his story where he mentioned that his brother is in navy, he is in army and his father was in air force. This fact arouse a feeling of pride that how a whole family which is Indian by blood is ready to shed blood for the safety and security of our mother nation.

After the rakhi ceremony the students delivered speeches to thank Indian Army for their love and sacrifice for the country and portrayed respect for them. After the thanks giving the Army brothers gave chocolates to their sisters and also had breakfast with them. The students were overwhelmed by their hospitality.

The students were very emotional yet satisfied and experienced true happiness of raksha bandhan where they tied rakhi to the brothers who protect us daily , every time, every hour, min, second and day.

The students and Prof: Yogita Mandole left the place by 11am with a heavy yet satisfied heart and made their way back to college for Kavya wachan at Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan.