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A Report on **Rakhi for Soldiers-2023**



Raksha Bandhan with our Armed Forces
Tied to Culture...by Threads of Love and Respect!

A Nation Building Program



**Hon'ble Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan tying Rakhi to
Hon'ble Lt Gen K. Surendra Nath, PVSM, AVSM, VSM**



**Samskruti Foundation Directors presenting Bharat Mata to
Hon'ble Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan**



Hon'ble Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan addressing the gathering



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Foreword

Approximately 800 students from 26 Higher Educational Institutions in the Hyderabad area physically tied "Rakhi" to more than 2000 soldiers from Army, Air Force, and Navy units stationed in Hyderabad and throughout India as a way of showing their love and respect for soldiers. The kids were in a state of euphoria while the soldiers were pleasantly thrilled. They wished each other well at the events hosted at various military locations.

The Hyderabad-based NGO Samskruti Foundation hosts the "Rakhi for Soldiers" program each year to show our love, gratitude, and affection for them as well as to lessen their feelings of missing the Rakhi holiday. Every year on "Shravana Poornima," brothers and sisters celebrate Raksha Bandhan, a holy day on which they reaffirm their unbreakable tie, symbolized by the tying of "Rakhi" by sisters to their brothers. While the general public has plenty of opportunities to enjoy the festival, our warriors frequently miss it because they are performing their national duty and cannot get together with their sisters and families to celebrate.

In the past, female students from 35 engineering colleges in Hyderabad delivered Rakhis along with notes of love and appreciation via postal mail to over 15,000 soldiers stationed in forward locations in order to reach them on time.

The initiative known as Rakhi for Soldiers has been a huge success. We think that everyone who took part in this event has come to understand the importance of soldiers and how they sacrifice their lives for their country. This kind of thinking is sufficient to inspire a sense of nationalism in the younger pupils. If we work to push more people in the right direction and with the correct mindset, our nation's exponential growth will not cease.

An NGO called Samskruti Foundation was founded in 2009 to protect and promote our rich and historic culture by utilizing the youth power of our country. The Foundation organizes a number of annual events in addition to "Rakhi for Soldiers," such as "Yoga for Youth," "Vivek Band," National Science Day, Samskruti Samvad, and other events that focus the youthful energy of our nation on national development and cultural rejuvenation.

By entering into Memorandums of Understanding with prestigious academic institutions to establish "Cultural Leadership Centers" around the nation to support and encourage the practice of our ancient culture abroad, the Samskruti Foundation is also extending its activities nationally.



Dr. C. Umamaheswara Rao
IAS (Retd.)

Introduction of Samskruti Foundation

Samskruti Foundation with a mission to preserve, protect, and encourage the practice of Bharatiya Culture and Ethos through research, education, training, and dialogue, called for students to unleash the power of Raksha Bandhan as a festival to foster brotherhood and nationalism. Students made Rakhis coordinated by faculty members and sent them through post to the Soldiers of the Indian Army stationed in different cantonments across the country. They also visited the nearest cantonment area and celebrated Raksha Bandhan with the Soldiers. The entire experiential learning activity, the making of the Rakhis, the dispersal, the physical visit, the experience of tying the Rakhi, and most importantly the thought processes of love and patriotism were exhilarating.

Our Vision: To be a National Resource Centre for Culture

Our Mission: To preserve, protect, and encourage the practice of the Bharatheeya Culture and Ethos through research, Education, training, and dialogue.

India's "Unity in Diversity" binds it together. Indian culture gives the country its unique identity and recognition throughout the world, instilling in its people a sense of immense pride and gratitude for its rich cultural legacy.

Festivals are an outlet for the outpouring of love, care, and respect. Respect for the culture of self and others teaches that the world is one family

{Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam}.



Initiatives of Samskruti Foundation

Cultural Leadership Center:

Cultural Leadership Center (CLC) Promoting Cultural Leadership Centres across Higher Educational Institutions in India. CLC is a concerted campaign for building youth leaders from Educational institutions for nation-building. Indian culture is unique but practices are manifold. People of parts of the country practice it in myriad ways. The CLC involves leaders at all levels of society. It provides students with opportunities to take the lead in projects and activities. Students also benefit by being coached and mentored by eminent practitioners to improve and enhance their knowledge of culture. CLC motivates students in Higher Education Institutions to act towards achieving CLC goals. Institution-level CLC is established through a MoU between SF and the concerned Institution. Under the CLC initiative, students of the institution plan and execute six Cultural Leadership activities, as listed below throughout the year.

Activities of Cultural Leadership Center:

1. Vivek Band

A flagship campaign of Samskruti Foundation run every year in January to spread the legacy of Swami Vivekananda and to celebrate his birthday i.e. National Youth Day by participating in “Be Good – Do Good” activities with a symbolic wrist band for a period of 2 weeks from January 12th to 26th.

2. National Science Day:

Samskruti Foundation as a part of its commitment to the Scientific Temper conducted study tours for students to various national and academic institutions in Hyderabad. The program was intended to instill scientific temper among students and motivate them to contribute towards technologies for a sustainable future. Study tours for students – to ensure the program reaches a diverse set of students.

3. Yoga for Youth:

It aims at bringing inner transformation within students to cope with the pressure that modern education brings in this fast-paced life. Yoga is a powerful tool to overcome life's challenges. It will help to gain the ability to make the right decisions, physical health, maintain youthfulness, moderation in five aspects of life, methods for concentration, sublimation understanding the law of nature.

4. Samskruti Samvad:

A platform to create awareness and sensitize the youth of this country on our cultural values, practices, and scriptures. It is a useful, authentic, and interesting way to do it by connecting intelligentsia of the society to the people in general through interactive discussions and debates.

Samskruti Adhyayana Kendra

Every nation takes pride in its cultural heritage which becomes an expression of national identity. Given the Mission and vision of the Samskruti Foundation, the motivation to explore the potential benefits of linking public policy with our cultural heritage has been strong since its inception. Further, following the guidance provided by eminent speakers in two important national events highlighting the central role of culture in nationhood and in democracy, the Samskruti Foundation promoted the “Samskruti Adhyayana Kendra” with the following objectives:

1. To study and re-establish the social and scientific spirit of our old customs and traditions with the potential for guidance for public policy formulation.
2. To identify and understand the practice of our age-old civilization in Public Administration, Environmental Governance, Sustainable Agriculture, Economics, etc.,
3. To review and research good practices in governance and public policy from Bharatiya Samskruti.
4. To provide a platform for experts from various domains to discuss, deliberate and design policies for strengthening culture-guided governance.



Introduction of Rakhi for Soldiers

Raksha Bandhan festival celebrates the unique bond between a brother and his sister. The festival is observed on the full-moon day or Purnima in the Hindu calendar month of Shravan. This year Rakhi festival celebrated on 30th August 2023. The tying of the Rakhi depicts the unconditional faith the sister has in her brother. She also prays for his long life. Sisters also apply a 'tilak' on the forehead of the brothers. The story of Raksha Bandhan is related to the Hindu epic Mahabharata. In Mahabharata, Lord Krishna once cut his finger which then started bleeding. Seeing this Draupadi then tore a piece of cloth from her saree and tied it on his finger to stop the bleeding. The piece of cloth then became a sacred thread. The act of Draupadi tying a piece of cloth on Krishna's wounded finger is synonymous with Raksha Bandhan — a girl tying Rakhi on her brother's wrist and he, in turn, promising to protect her just as Krishna protected Draupadi.

Rakhi for Soldiers (RFS) is an activity to encourage female students from higher education institutions to express their gratitude for the outstanding contributions, sacrifices, and bravery of our Soldiers.

Sending rakhis to Foreword areas.

The Rakhi for Soldiers program involved sending Rakhis from female students, who also participated in a signature campaign. Students from 30 colleges in Hyderabad and colleges from Telangana took part in this event.

The purpose of the “Rakhi for Soldiers” program is to honor and recognize Indian soldiers by delivering and tying Rakhi, a traditional Indian thread bracelet, to them. The festival of Raksha Bandhan. The Hindu celebration of Raksha Bandhan honors the special friendship and mutual protection shared by brothers and sisters. Rakhi for Soldiers gives civilians a chance to demonstrate their appreciation and solidarity with the Armed Forces.

There is an impending need for students of the modern higher education system to appreciate our cultural values and make these values stronger through their contribution. Festivals, rituals, and cultural programs are platforms through which these objectives can be reached. Raksha Bandhan is one such festival that cuts across barriers and teaches universal love and brotherhood. Samskruti Foundation takes pride in organizing cultural bridges that connect students with their cultural roots.

This year, Raksha Bandhan was celebrated with the Armed forces and was an overwhelming event. Students across the country participated in the gratitude letters campaign, sent Rakhis, and also went to the border areas and cantonments to tie the Rakhis. The outcome was overwhelming as Soldiers expressed their gratitude and sense of belonging. This has motivated the students also to organize more such events with the support of the faculty members and develop respect and appreciation for our country's cultural heritage.



Rakhi for Soldiers – Physical Event in Hyderabad & Telangana

Participant Colleges & Cantonment Units

S.no	Name of the Higher Education Institution	Name of the Cantonment Zone
1	All Colleges students	Raj Bhavan
2	Malla Reddy Engineering College	Secunderabad MH
3	BVR Institute of Technology	Arty Centre
4	KL University	
5	KG Reddy College of Engineering and Technology	Arty Centre
6	Mahaveer Institute of Science and Technology	
7	Hindi Mahavidyalaya	EME Center 1
8	Govt. Degree College for Women, Begumpet	
9	Sri Venkateshwara Degree College	
10	Hindu College	
11	TKR College of Engineering and Technology	EME Center 2
12	HRD Degree and PG College	
13	Vivekananda Government Degree College	AOC Center
14	Sardar Patel College	
15	Aurora's Technological and Research Institute	
16	Vignan Bharati Institute of Technology	
17	Sree Datta Institute of Engineering and Technology	MCEME – 1
18	Bharat Institute of Engineering and Technology	MCEME – 2
19	Vignan's Institute of Management and Technology for Women	
20	Sreyas Institute of Engineering and Technology	
21	CMR College of Engineering and Technology	MCEME – 3
22	JB Institute of Engineering and Technology	
23	AV College of Arts, Science and Commerce	Begumpet Airforce Station
24	Badruka College of Arts and Science	
25	Malla Reddy Institute of Engineering and Technology	Hakimpet Airforce Station
26	Malla Reddy Pharmacy College	
27	Local Colleges from Vizag	Eastern Naval Command – Vizag
28	Local Colleges from Mumbai	Western Naval Command – Mumbai
29	Local Colleges from Kochi	Southern Naval Command - Kochi

Rakhi for Soldiers Program at Raj Bhavan

The "Rakhi for Soldiers" program made its inaugural debut at the historic Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad, marking a significant event organized by the Samskruti Foundation. This prominent organization is dedicated to promoting Indian traditions and values. The occasion was graced by the honorable Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, whose presence added immense value to the event.



Hon'ble Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan tying Rakhi to Hon'ble Lt. Gen. K. Ramachandra Rao

The "Rakhi for Soldiers" program is a unique and heartwarming initiative designed to honor and express gratitude to the brave soldiers who selflessly serve the nation. Traditionally, Raksha Bandhan is a festival that celebrates the bond between brothers and sisters. However, this event expanded the festival's scope to include soldiers as symbolic protectors of the country. The program epitomized the true significance of Raksha Bandhan: a mutual commitment to protect and care for each other. Women from various walks of life participated by tying rakhis on the wrists of soldiers, thereby conveying their appreciation and emotional support for the sacrifices made by these heroes.

The Samskruti Foundation, through this initiative, aimed to instill a sense of patriotism and respect for the military among the younger generation. The event was a resounding success, setting a precedent for similar programs in the future and strengthening the bond between the military and civilian populations. It highlighted the cultural and emotional ties that bind the nation together, proving to be a touching tribute to the soldiers of India.

In this event, women students from diverse colleges came together to celebrate Raksha Bandhan with the soldiers. The program, run for an hour, included the participation of esteemed Defence veterans and serving Defence Officers from all three forces (Army, Navy, and Air Force), civil dignitaries, and senior representatives from the Samskruti Foundation.

“I am proud to learn that this annual program of Rakhi for Soldiers is being organized by Samskruti Foundation all over the country. This program was started several years ago and has become their flagship national event. I am given to understand that this year around 15000 rakhis have been sent by girls from different colleges of our Telangana and across the country to soldiers on the border and today, at fourteen units of defense establishments, a similar function has been organized in the city of Hyderabad. I congratulate Samskruti Foundation and her volunteers for this noble task and wish them success in reaching out to every soldier of this country.” - Hon’ble Dr. TAMILISAI Soundararajan

Chief Guests:

1. Lt. Gen. K. Ramachandra Rao - PVSM, AVSM, VSM, (Retd)
2. Lt Gen. K. Surendra Nath, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, (Retd)
3. Commodore Sudheer Parakala, (Retd)
4. Major Gen. Rakesh Manocha SM, VSM - GOC TASA
5. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jha – Chairman & Managing Director, MIDHANI

Overall, the first-ever "Rakhi for Soldiers" program at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad, was a landmark event that paid a touching tribute to the soldiers of India. It celebrated the cultural and emotional bonds that unite the nation, ensuring that the spirit of Raksha Bandhan extended beyond traditional boundaries to include the brave protectors of the country.



Hon’ble Dr. TAMILISAI Soundararajan tying Rakhi to Major Gen. Rakesh Manocha SM, VSM



Dr. SK Jha, CMD-MDHANI, Dr. WG Prasanna Kumar-Convenor, Sri T. Rambabu-Convenor and other guests



Welcoming Hon'ble Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan by Sri T. Rambabu-Convenor-Samskruti Foundation



SC Military Hospital

The event saw the participation of one college and aimed to honor and celebrate the dedication of soldiers. The "Rakhi for Soldiers" event in SC Military Hospital was marked by excellence in various aspects. The single participating college and the soldiers shared a wonderful interaction, making the event memorable.

The interaction during the event was described as excellent. Soldiers and participants engaged positively and had a wonderful experience.

- **College Participated:** Malla Reddy Engineering College
- **Army Unit Program Officer:** Col Nishu Singh
- **Resource Person:** Sri N. Ksheera Sagar
- **Veteran Officer:** Maj. Geeta
- **SF Representative:** Sri Ch. Ajay
- **Faculty Coordinators:** Sri Bala Krishna
- **No. of Students participated:** 20 students

Veteran Officer Maj. Geeta ji, a guest speaker from the Army, captivated the audience with her enriching experiences as a Navigator. She emphasized the importance of hard work and perseverance, encouraging students to stay committed to their goals. Following the speeches, a heart-warming Rakhi tying ceremony took place. Students tied Rakhis to the soldiers, symbolizing a bond of respect and protection. Plates containing sweets, Rakhis, and Kumkum were meticulously prepared. Each student applied Kumkum on the soldiers' foreheads and tied the Rakhis on their wrists, expressing profound gratitude and solidarity. This gesture reinforced the emotional connection between the soldiers and civilians, with the soldiers visibly moved and expressing their appreciation.



Sri N. Ksheera Sagar and Students from Malla Reddy Engineering College





ARTY CENTRE

The event involved three colleges and aimed to honor and celebrate the commitment and sacrifices of the soldiers. The "Rakhi for Soldiers" event was marked by a sense of unity, respect, and admiration towards the soldiers. The interaction with army officers was described as good. Participants and army officers coordinated effectively, fostering a sense of camaraderie and understanding.

One notable aspect was the commendable discipline displayed by the students, reflecting their recognition of their responsibilities. Faculty members played a crucial role at every stage of the event, contributing significantly to its success.

Key Individuals:

- **College Participated:**
 1. BVR Institute of Technology
 2. KL University
- **Resource Person:** Sri U. Venu Gopal & Dr. K. Sirisha
- **Veteran Officer:** Brig. JK Rao
- **Army Unit Program Officer:** Lt Col Rahul
- **SF Resource Persons:** Sri K. Sudheer Babu, & Sri Sreedeshmukh
- **No. of Students participated:** 115

The event commenced with a rendition of "Vande Mataram." Captain Rahul inaugurated the program with a speech about the Raksha Bandhan festival, expressing his gratitude to the Samskruti Foundation for organizing such a fantastic initiative. Following this, Sri Udutha Venu Gopal introduced the Samskruti Foundation and detailed its various initiatives.

The attendees were then introduced to the Chief Guest, Brigadier JK Rao, who shared an overview of his career accomplishments and provided insights into the values and mission of the Army.

The students and army soldiers gathered for the Rakhi tying ceremony, fostering a strong emotional connection between the soldiers and civilians. The students had the opportunity to speak individually with each soldier while enjoying refreshments, discussing their personal experiences, and seeking guidance on how to join the Army.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Sri Sreedeshmukh, who highlighted the soldiers' happiness in receiving respect and admiration from the students. He encouraged greater student involvement in organizing future events, suggesting that at least two students from each college participate under a coordinator. The participants' commitment and discipline were commendable, with students arriving on time and maintaining decorum. Photography was permitted throughout the event.



EME Center 1

- **College Participated:**
 1. Hindi Mahavidyalaya
 2. Government Degree College for Women, Begumpet
 3. Sri Venkateshwara Degree College
 4. Hindu College for Women
- **Resource Person:** Sri Durga Reddy
- **Veteran Officer:** Lt Col P A Nagaraj
- **Army Unit Program Officer:** Lt Col Pradeep
- **SF Resource Persons:** Kum. Shanmukhi Pravalika, Sri Koteshwara Rao
- **No. of Students participated:** 80

The "Rakhi for Soldiers" program at TASA - 3 (EME Center 1) was a heartfelt and patriotic event uniting students and soldiers to celebrate Raksha Bandhan. The event honored our brave soldiers and fostered unity and respect between civilians and the military.

The event commenced with "Vande Mataram," setting a patriotic tone. Lt. Col. Pradeep Rahul inaugurated the program with a speech on Raksha Bandhan's significance and thanked the Samskruti Foundation. Kum. Shanmukhi Pravalika introduced the Foundation and its initiatives, followed by Chief Guest Lt Col P. A. Nagaraj sharing insights from his career and Army values.

Lt Col P A Nagaraj captivated the audience with stories of his experiences as a Navigator, emphasizing hard work and perseverance. His speech inspired many young minds.

The highlight was the Rakhi tying ceremony. Students tied rakhis to the soldiers, symbolizing respect and protection. Plates with sweets, rakhis, and kumkum were prepared for the ceremony. Each student applied kumkum on the soldiers' foreheads and tied rakhis on their wrists, expressing gratitude and solidarity.

Sri Koteshwara Rao concluded the event with a vote of thanks, highlighting the soldiers' happiness and encouraging greater student involvement in future events. The participants' commitment and discipline were commendable.



EME Centre 2

- **Colleges Participated:**

1. TKR College of Engineering and Technology
2. HRD Degree and PG College

- **SF Resource Persons:** Dr. P. Somanadam & Sri Sharat Chandra Narahari
- **Faculty Coordinators:** Dr. Sunitha and Smt Srilatha
- **Vetaran officer :** Lt Col B Ramaswamy
- **Army Unit Program Organizer:** Lt Col Pradeep
- **No of Students participated:** 80

The "Rakhi for Soldiers" program at TASA - 4 (EME Center 2) was a patriotic event uniting students and soldiers to celebrate Raksha Bandhan. The program began with "Vande Mataram," Lt Col Pradeep inaugurated the event with a speech on Raksha Bandhan's significance and thanked the Samskruti Foundation. Dr. P. Somanadam and Sri Sharat Chandra Narahari from the Foundation elaborated on its cultural initiatives.

The highlight was the Rakhi tying ceremony, where students tied rakhis to soldiers, symbolizing respect and protection. Students applied kumkum to the soldiers' foreheads and tied rakhis on their wrists, expressing gratitude and solidarity. After the ceremony, students interacted with soldiers over refreshments, sharing experiences and seeking guidance on joining the Army, fostering deeper understanding and respect.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Sri Sharat Chandra Narahari, the "Rakhi for Soldiers" program was a resounding success, celebrating cultural and emotional bonds, honoring brave soldiers, and inspiring the younger generation to appreciate and support the armed forces.



AOC Centre

- **College Participated:**
 1. Vivekananda Government Degree College
 2. Sardar Patel Degree College
- **Resource Person:** Dr. NRK Reddy
- **Veteran Officer:** Capt. Sujeet Saxsena
- **Army Unit Program Officer:** Capt Dhairyashil Handal
- **SF Resource Persons:** & Smt Sampada Krishna Murthy & Sri Madhusudhan J.
- **Faculty Coordinators:** Dr K Kishore Kumar
- **No. of Students participated:** 92 students

The event was implemented according to the planned timeline, organized by Capt. Dhairashil and Capt. Sujeet Saxsena from the Army Unit Program. The program commenced with a warm welcome by Smt. Sampada, followed by a soulful rendition of "Vande Mataram." Dr. NRK Reddy provided a brief introduction to the Samskruti Foundation, emphasizing the importance of Indian culture.

A heartfelt moment arrived when the students tied Rakhis to the soldiers, symbolizing a bond of protection and respect. The students presented the soldiers with plates containing sweets, Rakhis, and Kumkum for Tilak. Emotions ran high, and both students and soldiers were overwhelmed by the experience.

Overall, the event successfully brought together students, faculty, and soldiers, fostering a sense of unity, respect, and gratitude. The Samskruti Foundation's initiative to celebrate "Raksha Bandhan" with the soldiers proved to be a memorable and impactful experience for all involved.



AOC Centre

- **Colleges Participated:**

1. Aurora's Technological and Research Institute
2. Vignan Bharati Institute of Technology

- **Resource Person:** Dr. MVVP Sharma
- **Samskruti Foundation Resource Persons:** Smt Anupama Shah
- **Faculty Coordinators:** Sri Naresh Kumar and Smt Supriya
- **Army Unit Program Organizer:** Captain Dhairyashil Handal
- **No of Students participated:** 80

The "Rakhi for Soldiers" program at AOC was a heartfelt initiative bringing together students and soldiers to commemorate Raksha Bandhan, honoring those who serve our nation and fostering unity between civilians and the military. The event began with a ceremonial rendition of "Vande Mataram," evoking patriotism among attendees. Dr. MVVP Sharma, the resource person, emphasized Raksha Bandhan's cultural significance and thanked the Samskruti Foundation for organizing the event.

Smt Anupama Shah from the Samskruti Foundation highlighted efforts to promote Indian values. Faculty coordinators Sri Naresh Kumar and Smt Supriya ensured smooth event coordination. Dhairyashil Handal, the Army Unit Program Organizer, facilitated soldier participation, enhancing the event's impact. 80 students from Aurora's Technological and Research Institute and Vignan Bharati Institute of Technology actively engaged.

The highlight was the Rakhi tying ceremony, students symbolizing respect and protection. Each tied rakhis and applied kumkum, expressing gratitude and solidarity. Post-ceremony, students interacted meaningfully with soldiers over refreshments, sharing stories and seeking military insights, fostering mutual understanding and respect.



MCEME-1

The "Rakhi for Soldiers" event in MCEME 1 was deemed a good experience, with one college participating.

- **College Participated:** Sreedatta Institute of Engineering and Science & Bharat Institute of Engineering and Technology
- **Resource Person:** Chief Electronic Engineer Malaviya
- **Army Unit Program Officer:**
- **SF Resource Persons:** Dr. P. Somanath ji & Sri T. Rambabu ji
- **Faculty Coordinators:**
- **No. of Students:** 30 Students

The Event started with Vande Mataram with a speech about the Raksha Bandhan festival. Chief Electronic Engineer Malaviya inaugurated the event. Furthermore, he expressed his gratitude to Samskruti Samskruti Foundation for such a fantastic initiative. Later Dr. P. Somanath ji introduced the Samskruti Foundation and the various initiatives taken by the Foundation.

It was incredibly enlightening and inspiring. The main ritual, which involved tying Rakhis to our fellow brothers in uniform, the soldiers, came next. Every Individual girl was overjoyed to be doing this, and their joy could be seen all over their faces. The students had the opportunity to speak with each soldier individually while enjoying refreshments. They spoke about their personal experiences and sought guidance on how to register in the Army. Finally vote of thanks was given by Dr. P. Somanath ji following that, we all sang the national anthem and Shanti Mantra. At the program's conclusion, group photographs were taken.



MCEME

- **College Participated:** CMR College Engineering and Technology & JB Institute of Engineering and Technology
- **Resource Person:** Sri Prabhakar Rao
- **Army Unit Program Officer:** Maj Nitender
- **SF Resource Persons:** Sri DK Madhukar ji
- **No. of Students:** 80

The event began with a stirring rendition of "Vande Mataram," evoking patriotic sentiments. Sri Prabhakar Rao, the resource person, highlighted the cultural and symbolic significance of Raksha Bandhan in his opening address. Representing the Samskruti Foundation, Sri DK Madhukar elaborated on efforts to preserve and promote Indian culture.

Maj Nitender, the Army Unit Program Officer, facilitated soldiers' participation, with 80 students from CMR College of Engineering and Technology and JB Institute of Engineering and Technology actively involved. The highlight was the Rakhi tying ceremony, symbolizing respect and gratitude. Students tied rakhis on soldiers' wrists and applied kumkum on their foreheads.

The program ended with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude for soldiers' sacrifices and encouraging ongoing support from the younger generation.



Begumpet Air force Station

- **College Participated:** AV College of Arts, Science and Commerce & Badruka College of Commerce and Arts
- **Resource Person:** Smt. Suhasini
- **Airforce Unit Program Officer:** Sqn Ldr Sangamithra
- **SF Resource Persons:** Sri G. Sai Shyam
- **Faculty Coordinators:** Lavanya
- **No. of Students:** 80

The "Rakhi for Soldiers" program at Begumpet Air Force Centre was a poignant event that brought together students and soldiers to commemorate Raksha Bandhan, fostering unity and respect between civilians and the military. It began with a patriotic rendition of "Vande Mataram," followed by an opening address from Smt. Suhasini, highlighting Raksha Bandhan's cultural significance and thanking participants.

Sqn Ldr Sangamithra shared insights and emphasized the event's importance in strengthening community bonds. Station Commander Manisha Kumar ensured soldiers' active participation. 80 students from AV College of Arts, Science and Commerce, and Badruka College of Commerce and Arts participated enthusiastically.

The highlight was the Rakhi tying ceremony, symbolizing appreciation and solidarity towards soldiers. Students also applied kumkum on soldiers' foreheads. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt. Suhasini, acknowledging soldiers' commitment. It celebrated cultural traditions, honored soldiers' bravery, and fostered unity, reinforcing bonds between the armed forces and the community.



Hakimpet Airforce Station

College Participated: Resource Person:

1. Malla Reddy Institute of Engineering and Technology
 2. Malla Reddy Pharmacy College
- **Veteran Officer:** Air Commodore P. Ramu
 - **Air force Unit Program Officer:** Sqn Ldr Chaitanya
 - **SF Resource Persons:** Lt. Col. Swarna Reddy & DK. Madhukar ji
 - **Faculty Coordinators:** Prof. Arjun
 - **No. of Students:** 68 Students

The program began with a patriotic rendition of "Vande Mataram," setting a respectful tone. Smt. Suhasini ji from the Samskruti Foundation highlighted the significance of Raksha Bandhan and expressed gratitude to all participants.

Veteran Officer Air Commodore P. Ramu shared insightful experiences, emphasizing how Raksha Bandhan fosters unity between civilians and the military. Army Unit Program Officers ensured soldiers' active participation, enhancing the event's impact. 68 students participated enthusiastically from Malla Reddy Institute of Engineering and Technology and Malla Reddy Pharmacy College, demonstrating strong community support.

The Rakhi tying ceremony symbolized respect and gratitude as students tied rakhis on soldiers' wrists and applied kumkum on their foreheads. Students engaged in meaningful interactions with soldiers, exchanging stories and gaining insights into military life. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, underscoring soldiers' dedication and encouraging continued community support.



Western Naval Command - Mumbai



Southern Naval Command - Kochi



Jammu & Kashmir





Colleges that participated in the 'Signature' and 'Posting Rakhis' Campaign

S.no.	Colleges from Hyderabad	Location	No. of Rakhis Collected
1	Sardar Patel College	Padmarao Nagar	450
2	Vivekananda Government Degree College	Vidya Nagar	350
3	Aurora's Technological and Research Institute	Parvatapur	600
4	Vignan's Institute of Management and Technology for Women's	Ghatkesar	850
5	Government Degree College	Begumpet	420
6	Malla Reddy Institute of Engineering and Technology	Dhulapally	250
7	Malla Reddy Pharmacy College	Dhulapally	120
8	CMR College of Engineering and Technology	Dhulapally	220
9	Malla Reddy Engineering College	Dhulapally	80
10	Government City College	Old City	150
11	Mahaveer Institute of Engineering and Technology		330
12	HRD Degree and PG College	Narayanaguda	100
13	Hindi Mahavidyalaya	Nallakunta	200
14	AV College of Arts, Science and Commerce	Gagan Mahal	820
15	TKR College of Engineering and Technology	Meerpet	2000
16	KG Reddy College of Engineering and Technology	Moinabad	125
17	Sreyas College of Engineering and Technology	Nagole	400
18	Guru Nanak Institute of Technology	Ibrahimpattanam	300
19	Venakteshwara Degree College	Dilsukhnagar	260
20	Keshav Memorial College of Arts and Science	Narayanaguda	300
21	Badruka College of Arts & Commerce	Kachiguda	910
22	BJR Government Degree College	Narayanaguda	250
Total			9485

S.no.	Colleges from Telangana	Location	No. of Rakhis Collected
1	Ekasheela Degree and PG College	Jangaon	405
2	Sandeepani Degree College	Kamareddy	250
3	Kavitha Degree College	Khammam	260
4	Priyadarshini Medha Institute of Science & Technology for Women	Khammam	206
5	Singareni Collieries Women's Degree College	Kothagudem	150
6	Govardhan Reddy Degree College	Palamuru	125
7	Government Degree College	Khammam	200
Total			1596

Rakhi for Soldiers Program at Colleges

Sardar Patel College, Padmarao Nagar



At Sardar Patel College in Padma Rao Nagar, Principal Dr. N. Hemalatha, faculty member Sri Amar Singh, CLC Leaders, and other students participated in the “Rakhi for Soldiers” program. During the event, Dr. Hemalatha highlighted the sacrifices, commitment, and bravery of Indian soldiers, encouraging NSS students to consider joining the Army. She also expressed her gratitude to the Samskruti Foundation for their commendable work. Dr. P. Vijay Kumar, a representative from the Samskruti Foundation's Central Zone, collected 450 Rakhis from Sardar Patel College to be sent to the forward areas.

Vivekananda Government Degree College, Vidya Nagar

At Vivekananda Government Degree College in Vidya Nagar, Principal Dr. G. Sukanya, along with faculty member Dr. Bharathi, other faculty members, CLC Leaders, and students, participated in the “Rakhi for Soldiers” program. Dr. Sukanya engaged with the students, discussing the greatness of Bharat's eternal culture and traditions, the essence of being a Bharatiya woman, and the importance of understanding and practicing customs and traditions. She explained the significance of the “Rakhi for Soldiers” initiative by the Samskruti Foundation and the importance of the Raksha Bandhan festival. The students expressed their happiness, signed a gratitude letter, and handed over their 350 self-made

Rakhis along with the letters to Samskruti Foundation representative Sri Dasari Tukaram. The college management, faculty, and students expressed their appreciation to the Samskruti Foundation.



Aurora's Technological and Research Institute, Parvathapur



Principal Dr. Awari Mahesh Babu, along with faculty, CLC Leaders, and other students, participated in the “Rakhi for

Soldiers” program. He emphasized that soldiers, who make numerous sacrifices to defend our national borders, should be regarded as brothers and members of our family. The students were delighted to have the opportunity to send Rakhis to the soldiers. "Students should respect the sacrifices made by soldiers and be patriotic," he stated. The students enthusiastically took part in the program, demonstrating their love and respect for the country by sending Rakhis to the soldiers, considering them as brothers. Sri Ch. Raju and Sri D. Tukaram collected 600 Rakhis and handed them over to the Samskruti Foundation.

Vignan's Institute of Management and Technology for Women, Ghatkesar



Principal Dr. G. Apparao Naidu, Faculty Smt Shalini, and Smt Srilatha, other faculty members, CLC Leaders, and Students participated in the “Rakhi for Soldiers” event. All the Students have prepared the hand-made Rakhis to send them to the Brave Soldiers. The Principal Dr. G. Appa Rao Naidu said that, “Rakhi for Soldiers” program conducted by Samskruti Foundation is very ideal. This program will help the students to have a strong sense of love and respect for the country and show love towards the solders to learn about the sacrifices made by them. CLC student Leaders collected signatures on Gratitude letters and Rakhis made by students. Kum. B. Annapurna collected 850 Rakhis from this college.

Government Degree College for Women, Begumpet



Dr. Padmavathi, Principal of the Government Degree College for Women, Begumpet, along with Dr. Padmaja, a faculty member, CLC Leaders, and other students, participated in the Rakhi for Soldiers program. The Samskruti Foundation provided us with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this festival with the nation's soldiers. Dr. Padmavathi collected Rakhis from the female students, who enthusiastically seized this opportunity to participate, showing special admiration and respect, and expressing their heartfelt gratitude.

KG Reddy College of Engineering and Technology, Moinabad

Dr. S. Sai Sathyanarayana Reddy, Principal of KG Reddy College of Engineering and Technology, along with HOD Dr. Udaya Sri, CLC Leaders, and students, participated in the Rakhi for Soldiers program. On this occasion, Dr. Udaya Sri mentioned that student participation in such programs

enhances their patriotism and raises awareness about the work of the Army, fostering respect and admiration for the soldiers. The students also expressed that the youth should consider joining the Army to protect our country. Sri D. Tukaram collected the rakhis.



Badruka College of Commerce and Arts, Kachiguda



Dr. B. Mohan Kumar, Principal of Badruka College of Commerce and Arts, along with faculty member Lavanya, CLC Leaders, and other students, participated in the Rakhi for Soldiers program held at their college.

Principal emphasized the importance of respecting the country and acknowledged that the soldiers protecting our motherland are like family members, deserving of our respect. He noted that this program is exemplary and encouraged all students to participate.

He stressed the importance of students understanding the sacrifices and challenges faced by soldiers, urging them to follow the soldiers' example in achieving their own goals.

CMR College of Engineering and Technology

At CMR College of Engineering and Technology, a heartwarming event was celebrated to honor and appreciate the dedication and sacrifice of our soldiers organized under the banner of "Rakhi for Soldiers. Students from across the college enthusiastically participated by collecting rakhis, symbolizing their gratitude and respect for the brave men and women serving in the armed forces. This act of solidarity demonstrated the deep bond between the civilian population and the military, emphasizing the unity and strength of our nation.

Representatives from the esteemed Samskruti Foundation, Sri DK. Madhukar ji, in charge of North Zone, and Sri D. Tukaram ji, CLC Co-ordinator, graced the

occasion. The Principal of CMR College of Engineering and Technology expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Samskruti Foundation for providing the platform to express appreciation to our soldiers.



Hindi Maha Vidyalaya, Nallakunta



The Rakhi for Soldiers event was joyfully celebrated at Hindi Maha Vidyalaya, Nallakunta, where Principal Dr. Avinash Jaishwal, Vice Principal Ashwini Ji,

faculty members, CLC leaders, and students enthusiastically participated in collecting rakhis. The students were delighted to have the chance to send rakhis to the soldiers. Emphasizing the importance of respecting the soldiers' sacrifices and fostering patriotism among the students, the principal expressed gratitude to the Samskruti Foundation for providing the opportunity to celebrate this festival with the country's soldiers. Kum. Annapurna, a representative of the Samskruti Foundation, collected rakhis from the college.

HRD Degree College



The Rakhi for Soldiers event at HRD Degree and PG College, Narayanaguda, was a great success, symbolizing the heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of the student community towards the brave soldiers of our nation. Led by Smt. Anuradha, the esteemed Principal,

along with Smt. Srilatha and dedicated faculty members, CLC leaders, and enthusiastic students, the event showcased a remarkable spirit of unity and patriotism.

The act of collecting and submitting these rakhis to the Samskruti Foundation was a touching gesture, affirming the students' commitment to expressing solidarity and support for the guardians of our nation.

Kum. Annapurna, representing the Samskruti Foundation, graciously accepted the rakhis on behalf of the soldiers, recognizing the significance of the student's contribution and the foundation's role in facilitating such meaningful initiative.

Keshav Memorial Institute of Commerce and Sciences, Narayanaguda

Dr. K. Someshwar Rao, the esteemed Principal of Keshav Memorial Institute of Commerce and Sciences, led the faculty members and students in actively participating in the Rakhi for Soldiers event. With his guidance and encouragement, the institute embraced the opportunity to express gratitude and solidarity towards the brave soldiers of our nation. Their support and involvement underscored the collective commitment of the institute to honoring the sacrifices made by our soldiers.

Students, inspired by the spirit of patriotism instilled by their principal and faculty, wholeheartedly embraced the initiative. Through their enthusiastic participation, they demonstrated their appreciation for their dedication. The event at Keshav

Memorial Institute of Commerce and Sciences served as a powerful platform for fostering a sense of national pride and unity among the students and faculty members alike. It exemplified the institute's ethos of social responsibility and civic engagement, encapsulating the essence of service towards the nation and its defenders.



Kavitha Memorial Degree and PG College, Khammam



At Kavitha Memorial Degree and PG College, the Rakhi for Soldiers campaign witnessed heartfelt participation from the college community. Led by the esteemed Principal, Dr. K.V. Ramana Rao, faculty members, and enthusiastic students, the event resonated with a deep sense of appreciation and gratitude for the brave soldiers of our nation. Sri Koti Reddy, representing the Samskruti Foundation, graced the occasion with his presence and collected the rakhis with utmost reverence.

Priyadarshini Medha Institute of Science and Technology for Women

The Rakhi for Soldiers program held at Priyadarshini Medha Institute of Science and Technology for Women brought together the college community in a heartwarming display of support and gratitude for the soldiers of our nation. Led by the Principal, faculty members, and enthusiastic students, the event was a poignant tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of our soldiers.

Representing the esteemed Samskruti Foundation, Sri Koti Reddy graciously collected the rakhis, symbolizing the collective appreciation and solidarity of the college towards the armed forces.



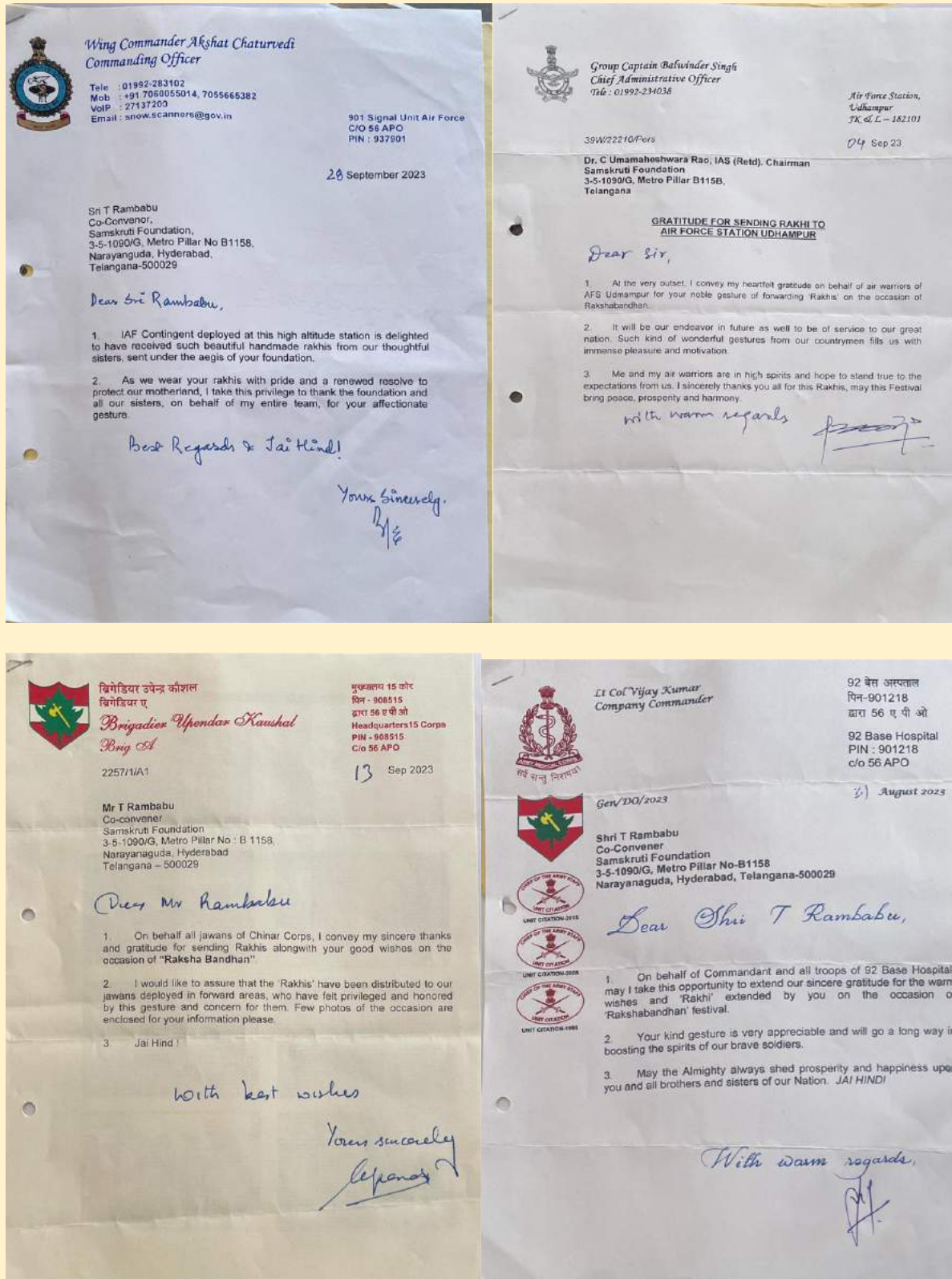
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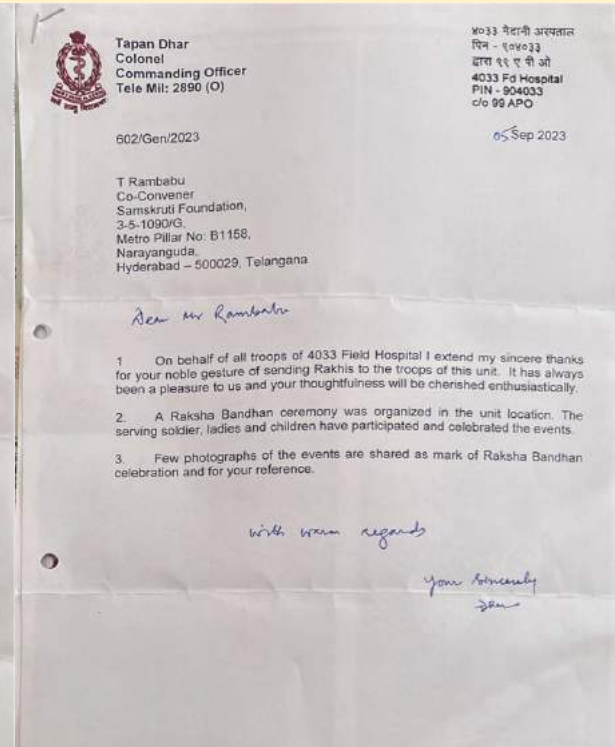
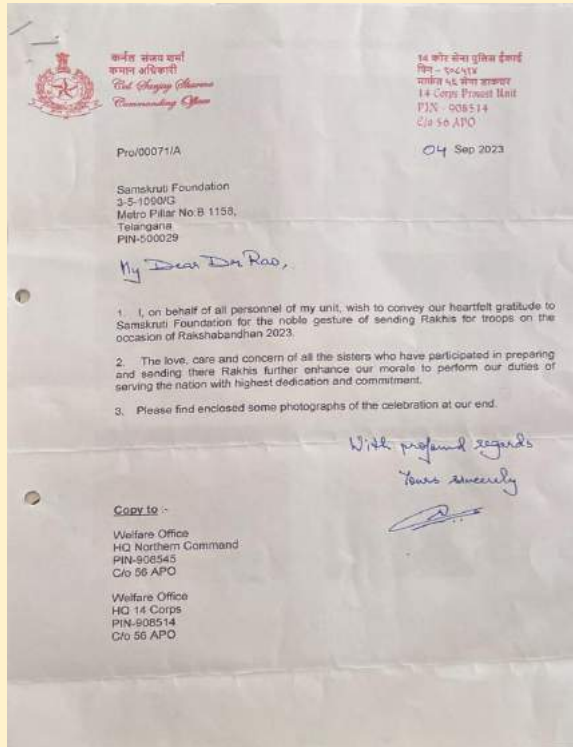
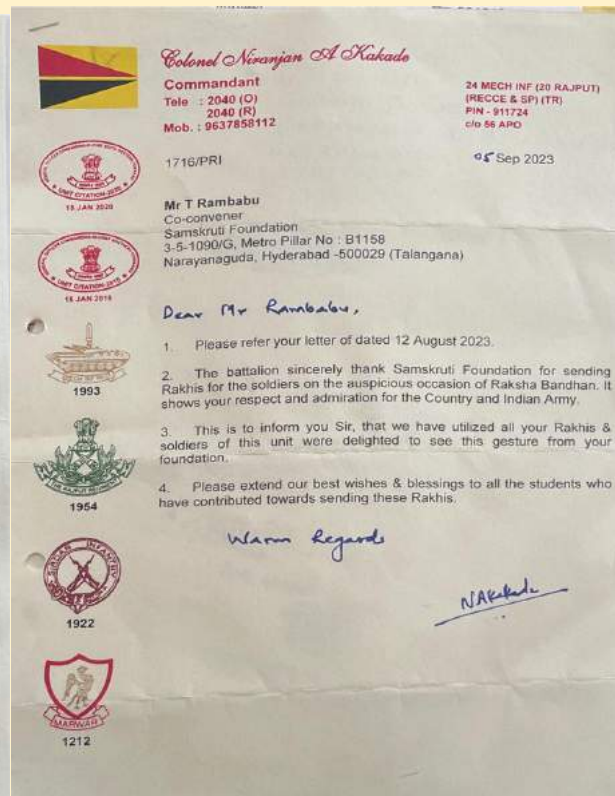
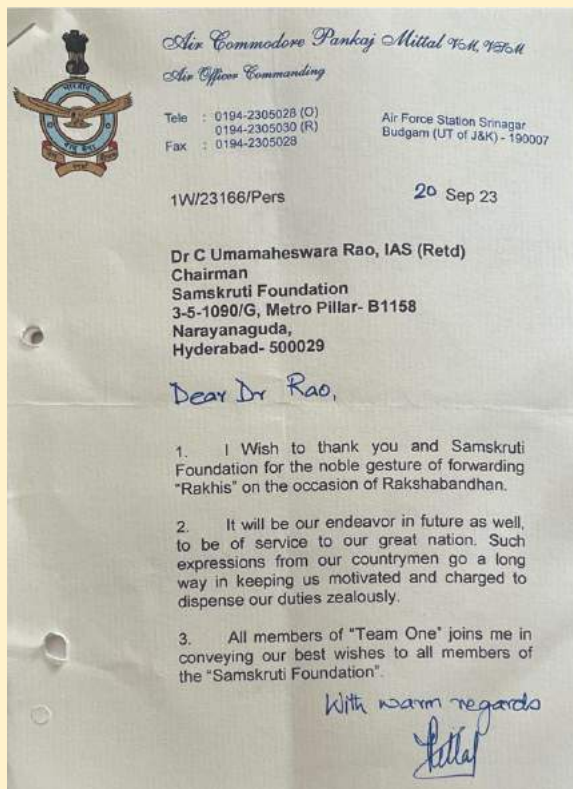







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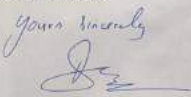
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Dear Mr Rambhu,

1. I extend my warmest congratulations to you and your whole team of Samskruti foundation on the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan. We thank you for such a gracious gesture on the occasion of the auspicious festival of Raksha Bandhan.

2. On behalf of "Team Leh", it is a proud and grateful moment for us that while we guard the borders, the countrymen and the assets of the nation, you all are so kind and thoughtful towards us. Your belief in us always give us a morale boost and strength to perform our duties in such adverse climatic conditions.

3. On behalf of the entire team of Air Force Station Leh, I extend our gratitude to the entire team of "Samskruti Foundation".

Yours sincerely



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Dear Shri T Rambhu

1. I wish to express my sincere gratitude on behalf of all personnel of Air Force Station Nal to Samskruti Foundation for the noble gesture of sending Rakhis to soldiers. The very thought of remembering us on the festival of Rakhi deserves a loud applause. I am personally touched and feel extremely proud to be a soldier of Indian armed forces which are backed by responsible citizens.

2. I once again appreciate the efforts put in by you and your team and wish grand success in all the future endeavours of Samskruti foundation.

With warm regards
Yours sincerely



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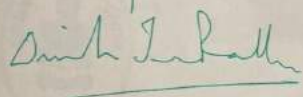
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Dear Shri Rambhu,

1. Please refer to your letter dated 20 Aug 23.

2. On behalf of all personnel under my command, I thank you for your kind greetings on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan and beautiful divine Rakhis. I deeply appreciate the humanitarian work undertaken by your organisation towards awakening national consciousness by upholding virtues of our culture and traditions.

3. Here is wishing you and your family good health, happiness and success in the years to come.

Warm regards,




A Word of Appreciation

The "Rakhi for Soldiers" program was a tremendous success. The Samskruti Foundation extends heartfelt gratitude to all the team members who passionately coordinated the event. The Foundation also sincerely thanks the participating colleges and students who made this event possible. This initiative to collect, deliver, and tie rakhis to deployed soldiers had a profound impact, serving as a powerful symbol of the love and appreciation felt for those serving in the Armed Forces.

Through meticulous planning, careful preparation, organization, and implementation, this campaign successfully achieved its goal. The Rakhi for Soldiers initiative has strengthened the bond between our Armed Forces and the people they protect and serve by honoring the special tie shared by brothers and sisters. The Samskruti Foundation thanks the Armed Forces officers who took the time to send letters of appreciation to the Foundation. This motivates us to continue this campaign every year, touching the lives of both civilians and soldiers.

Samskruti Foundation acknowledges and thanks the volunteers and team members who contributed to this effort.

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Rakhi for Soldiers at ARTY Centre



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