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# Celebration of the 79th Independence Day through Rakhi and Rangoli Competitions by Department of Environmental Science

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To commemorate the **79th Independence Day of India**, the Department of Environmental Science, under the aegis of its environmental club **ECO-SYNC**, organized a **Rakhi Making and Rangoli Competition** on **13th August 2025** with great zeal, enthusiasm, and patriotic fervor. The event served as a vibrant platform to celebrate the essence of **Indian culture**, **tradition**, **and unity in diversity**, while also instilling values of creativity, sustainability, and national pride among the students.

The celebration was designed to blend **artistic expression with cultural ethos**, symbolizing not only the festival of Raksha Bandhan but also the spirit of freedom, fraternity, and collective responsibility that Independence Day represents. Students from various programs and disciplines enthusiastically participated, reflecting the inclusive and multidisciplinary spirit of Integral University.

## **Rakhi Making Competition**

The Rakhi Making Competition witnessed an overwhelming response, with participants bringing forward their innovative ideas and craftsmanship. Students showcased their artistic skills by designing Rakhis using **eco-friendly and sustainable materials** such as cotton threads, beads, mirrors, dried flowers, and natural colors. This initiative not only highlighted their creativity but also promoted the message of environmental responsibility by reducing the use of synthetic and non-biodegradable items.

The Rakhis symbolized not only the **bond of love and protection between siblings** but also values of **unity**, **safeguarding the environment**, **and mutual respect**, resonating deeply with the spirit of Independence Day.

#### **Results:**

- 1st Prize: Satyam Kumar Gupta, B.Sc. ZBC 1st Year
- **2nd Prize:** Jvoti Yadav, B.Sc. (H) Environmental Science 1st Year
- 3rd Prize: Priya Yadav, B.Sc. (H) Environmental Science 1st Year

# **Rangoli Making Competition**

The Rangoli Making Competition added vibrancy and liveliness to the celebrations, as the corridors of the department lit up with colorful and meaningful patterns. Participants created **aesthetic and thematic Rangolis** using natural powders, grains, flowers, and other biodegradable materials.

The designs predominantly reflected themes of patriotism, peace, and cultural heritage. Many students artistically incorporated elements such as the Indian tricolor, the Ashoka Chakra, and the national flag, showcasing their respect and admiration for the nation's journey of freedom and progress.

# **Results:**

• 👅 1st Prize: Deepti and Nikki, M.Sc. Environmental Science 1st Year

- 🟅 2nd Prize: Syed Mohd Ali, Ananya Rastogi, and Rashi, BCA 1st Year
- 3rd Prize: Tanvi Singh, M.Tech Computer Science & Eng., and Sofiya with her team, B.Sc. (H) Environmental Science 1st Year

## Valedictory Session and Prize Distribution

The event concluded with the **Prize Distribution Ceremony**, where **Dr. Ambrina Sardar Khan**, Head of the Department of Environmental Science, congratulated all the winners for their creativity and dedication. She encouraged other participants to continue exploring their talents and contributing positively to the academic and cultural environment of the University.

Certificates of merit were awarded to the winners, who were cheered enthusiastically by the audience, making the moment both joyous and motivational. Dr. Khan reiterated that such events not only encourage students to showcase their creative abilities but also strengthen their connection to Indian traditions and the significance of Independence Day.

The program was coordinated under the able guidance of the faculty members **Dr. Azram Tahoor**, **Dr. Anand Mishra**, and **Dr. Rushda Sharf**, who ensured smooth execution of the event. The **student coordinators**, **Miss Afreen and Mr. Shahzan**, played a vital role in mobilizing participants and maintaining the festive spirit throughout the event.

Overall, the celebration turned out to be a **true amalgamation of freedom, creativity, culture, and environmental responsibility**, leaving behind cherished memories and inspiring the students to uphold the values of **unity, discipline, and sustainable living** in their academic journey as well as personal lives.

#### GLIMPSE OF THE EVENT













With Deep Regards

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