

## **GROW WITH THE PLANT**

Podar International School, Ahmednagar has taken an initiative to celebrate birthdays of the students in a unique way by starting the activity named *"Grow with the Plants"*. Our Hon'able Principal Sir announced that instead of distributing chocolates and gifts to students and teachers, birthday girl / boy can donate a plant to school, which can be planted by birthday boy / girl and Hon'able Principal Sir in our school area / nearby school area on the same day. So that birthday child would take care of that plant. Hon'able Principal Mr. Mangesh Jagtap said, "It would be a big positive move towards environmental protection if we all start planting birthday trees on our birthdays" He even said, "Planting a sapling on Birthday is like leaving something memorable for the school campus community and one can enjoy that excitement whenever they visit the campus later in their life. Birthdays can be made memorable and in turn we can improve the Biodiversity of the Podar International School Community." If we all start planting a tree on the birthday and help to promote this idea till it becomes the most trending thing.

## **MAGICAL SEED RAKHI MAKING FOR RAKSHABANDHAN**

Students of Podar International School, Ahmednagar made magical eco-friendly seed rakhi's for Rakshabandhan. These rakhis, as the name suggests, are made of biodegradable material and contain clay seals filled with seeds of herbal and flowering plants inside. Instead of being discarded after the festival, the rakhis can be planted in the soil. All the students participated enthusiastically and decided to celebrate this Rakshabandhan with a gift that grows as a sisters love grows for her brother.

## **TREE PLANTATION**

The students of Podar International School, Ahmednagar conducted tree plantation drive under the theme Joy of Giving. Our little ones brought sapling of their favorite plant and planted them in the school garden. The teachers taught the students the importance of trees for our ecosystem. The students promised to plant more trees and take care of them. It was pleasure seeing our little ones being gardeners for a day.

## **VRUKSHABANDHAN**

"RAKSHABANDHAN....." Literally means the bond of protection. The students of Podar International School, Ahmednagar celebrated this day in a unique way as "VRUKSHABANDHAN". Our all the Podarites tied Rakhi to trees as symbolic gesture to

create awareness to protect the Trees – our green saviors. Every single tree in the school campus was tied a thread of love and security. All the girls participated enthusiastically and resolved to save trees. Rakhis were made of different dals, rice and different seeds which will be food for the birds and if these materials fall on the ground from paper made rakhi's then new plants will germinate in this unique way students celebrated "RAKSHABANDHAN". "Save Trees and Feed Birds" keeping this as a motto of this unique Rakshabandhan students tied Rakhis to trees to protect birds and trees. "Our motive is to make children aware about the environment and teach children about how they can do their a bit towards the environment said Hon'able Principal Sir.

### **FIELD TRIP**

Field trips are crucial and exciting, as it enables practical knowledge. Children acquire knowledge "from concrete to abstract". Children love when such educational trips are organized, as they appeal to the senses. Podar International School, Ahmednagar organized educational field trips to various places such as farm, nursery, botanical garden, etc. to aware about environment.