



On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan the festival of eternal love and bond between a brother and sister, the students of MIT's Vishwashanti Gurukul participated in a 'Rakhi Making Contest'. But unlike any ordinary competition, this event had a sweet twist that the rakhi's and cards made by the students have been dispatched to the Indian border for the soldiers in the Army and the Air Force! This made the whole activity more meaningful and the students poured in their heart and soul in to rakhis of love and protection they crafted. The diligence and dedication shown by the students resulted in beautiful creations that can barely be described in words.

The strong messages passed on by the children in their creation made everyone speechless as they described the soldiers to be more than just a hero. The patriotic fervour and creativity of the students was tapped in on just the right occasion for the right cause. It was more than just a 'rakhi'. It was the gratitude for making them feel secure and the promise of doing what is right and helping them to make India a better place.

With the material provided, the students beautifully proved that creativity needs people to go beyond and think outside the box which is precisely what the students exhibited. Whether it is folding the paper into unique shapes or neatly attaching the beads to the card, no idea was left behind and all of this was done in a limited time span of about 60 minutes.

But keeping the materialistic aspects behind, the emotions attached to making these items is what makes it so beautiful. While the army and the air force fight behind the border for our safety and security, the students felt like it was their duty to appreciate and respect them. The message was very clear: they are our heroes in one-way or another and this was thoroughly appreciated.