## ECO-FRIENDLY RAKSHABANDHAN CELEBRATION

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A festival is an event celebrating any religious or cultural aspect of a community. India is a land of festivals and fairs. Festivals are time when families come together to enjoy. As festivals create goodwill and happiness it should not be celebrated at the cost of environment. It should be a time for gratitude towards nature.

Festival of Rakshabandhan celebrates the love between siblings. On this day, sisters tie rakhi on the wrists of their brothers to protect them against evil influences, and pray for their long life and happiness.

Every year millions of rakhis are thrown in waste that are made of nonbiodegradable materials and adds to the carbon footprints. We can be responsible to our environment by making rakhis at home with eco-friendly materials instead of plastics, sparkles, thermocol etc.

CERC ENVIS conducted a workshop on 'Making of Eco-friendly/ homemade Rakhi' at the conference hall, CERC (Annexure I). Reused materials such as coloured paper, thread, beads, buttons, wool etc were used to make rakhis. **Plantable Rakhi** was made using clay, Tulsi seeds and colours and were distributed amongst the staff.

The objective was to promote the celebration of the festival in an eco-friendly way and raising consciousness towards conservation of Mother Nature.

## **ANNEXURE -I**



## **GALLERY:**



























