

## RAKSHA BANDHAN & NARALI PURNIMA

### Bonds of Protection and Gratitude

Raksha Bandhan has always been more than just a festival of tying a thread; it is a timeless reminder of trust, protection and belonging. In today's fast-changing world, where relationships are often overshadowed by self-interest and digital distances, Raksha Bandhan stands out as a festival that calls us back to our roots - to the warmth of human connection.

On 6th August 2025, the Ramdandees celebrated Raksha Bandhan Utsav with zeal and zest, reminding themselves that the true strength of a Ramdandee is not only in discipline and training but also in nurturing bonds of trust and mutual respect

### Historical Anecdotes

- Mythology - Goddess Laxmi tied a Raksha Sutra to King Bali, freeing Lord Vishnu from his bond of duty.
- Rajputana Valour - Rani Karmavati of Chittorgarh sent a rakhi to the Emperor Humayun, who marched to her aid.

### Narali Purnima: Gratitude to the Sea

On the same day of Raksha Bandhan,

Maharashtra's Konkan coast celebrates Narali Poornima. Fisherfolk offer coconuts to the sea, seeking blessings for safety and prosperity before they venture out into the waters after the monsoon.

The coconut is considered a 'fruit of faith' It has three eyes, which in Hindu belief represent the Trinity - Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh. Breaking a coconut is seen as breaking one's ego and offering it to the sea symbolizes surrender to nature's power. In coastal villages, elders narrate how fishermen once survived a mighty storm after offering coconuts to the sea and since then, the ritual continues as a pledge of protection and gratitude.

### Values Today

- Self-Control – Respecting each other's space and dignity.
- Humanity – Standing by one another in need.
- Tolerance – Accepting differences with maturity.
- Gratitude – Honouring nature, which sustains life.



## The Utsav at Bhonsala

The ceremony at Bhonsala marked both tradition and symbolism.

Commandant, Principal BMS, and Principal BSS tied Raksha Sutra to the School Captain, Vice-Captain, and Adjutant.

Company In-Charges tied rakhis to Company Captains, while class teachers tied raksha sutra to monitors — emphasizing that leadership is a sacred duty of protection and guidance. The spirit of brotherhood and friendship came alive during the Rakhi Celebration in class. Ramdandees tied rakhis not only to their friends but also to their Class Captain, Vice-Captain and other leaders, symbolizing respect, unity and shared responsibility.

The celebration ended with a pledge to plant saplings, a reminder that just like trees and just like the coconut, relationships must be nurtured with care, patience and commitment.

## Voices of the Ramdandees

“A Rakhi is not just a thread; it is a promise to stand by each other.” Cadet of Class VIII Rd Aditya Shrivastava.

“When I tied a rakhi to my classmate, I felt I was tying our friendship with trust.” Cadet of Class IX Ramdandee Naitik Chandel.

## Rakhi Celebration in Class

The simple act of tying a thread strengthened the bond of trust and teamwork, reminding everyone that leadership thrives when it is nurtured with care, respect, and togetherness.

The celebration beautifully echoed the festival’s essence - protecting and valuing relationships while upholding the spirit of harmony within the classroom family.

The programme was gracefully compered by Rd Aditya Bagal of Class X A, leaving everyone inspired that Raksha Bandhan and Narali Poornima together remind us to value unity, protection and gratitude - both in human relationships and in our bond with nature.

