

## Rangoli Competition

### Diwali Utsav

Parivartan, the NSS unit of Mata Sundri College for Women organized "Rangoli Competition" on the occasion of Diwali Utsav. Around 30 volunteers participated in the competition. Volunteers were asked to submit our photos/videos making rangoli by 3rd November, 2021 7PM. It was a very creative yet a fun event for the volunteers.

Rangolis are usually made during Diwali, Onam, Pongal, and other Hindu festivals in the Indian subcontinent, and are most often made during Diwali. The rangoli represents happiness, positivity and liveliness of a household, and is intended to welcome Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and good luck. Diwali/Deepawali is every year celebrated on 15th day of the Kartik month as per the Hindu Lunar calendar. This year the festival of Deepavali fell on Thursday, November 4, 2021. Its celebrated primarily to herald the coming of the Goddess Lakshmi. Prayers are offered to her, asking for her blessings in the form of wealth.

The volunteers participated whole-heartedly with their rangolis. They shot videos of them making the rangolis. Some volunteers used organic colours to bring their beautiful imaginations to life and some used flowers to create their rangolis. Some used it to raise awareness. Volunteers seem especially enthusiastic about this event after all the things this year had to offer. It was a good change from the regular activities.

The event being a competition, winners were picked out from the various entries the volunteers had sent using the drive link provided to them. The top three spots were picked out on the basis of the video of rangoli making and the final product that was sent by the volunteers through pictures. A total of five winners were announced. Two volunteers tying for the first spot, one on the second spot and again two of the volunteers tying in the third spot. All volunteers were happy with the result and has a great time.