

# ROYAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOR WOMEN

## REPORT ON MAKAR SANKRANTI

**DATE: 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2023**

**VENUE: MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

**TIME: 11:30 a.m.**

Makar Sankranti is a Hindu festival that is celebrated annually in India and Nepal. It is also known as the festival of harvest, and marks the beginning of the harvest season in the country. The festival is observed on January 14th every year, or sometimes on January 15th, depending on the Hindu calendar. Makar Sankranti is one of the most important festivals in the Hindu calendar, and is celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour across the country. The festival is dedicated to the Sun God, and is believed to mark the transition of the Sun into the zodiac sign of Capricorn (Makar Rashi) on its celestial path. Hence, the festival is named Makar Sankranti, where "Makar" means Capricorn, and "Sankranti" means transition.

### **Objectives of celebrating Makar Sankranti:**

**Celebrating the arrival of spring:** Makar Sankranti is celebrated when the sun moves into the zodiac sign of Capricorn (Makar). This marks the beginning of longer days and shorter nights, signifying the arrival of spring.

**Honouring the sun god:** The festival is also celebrated to honour Surya Dev, the sun god, and seek his blessings for a prosperous year ahead.

**Expressing gratitude:** Makar Sankranti is a time to express gratitude for the harvest and offer thanks to the gods for a good crop.

**Strengthening social bonds:** The festival is an opportunity for people to come together, exchange sweets, and strengthen social bonds.

The students of F.Y.B. Ed of 'Royal College of Education and Research for Women' organized 'Makar Sankranti' celebration on 14th January, 2023. The day began with a morning prayer, prayer song followed with a lightening of lamp. After that there was an informative paper reading which focused on five different states: - Punjab, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. We got an insight information about how Makar Sankranti is celebrated in these five states followed with dance, skit and song performed by different houses representing their respective state. The celebration ended with our principal ma'am Prof. Dr. Judy Grace Andrews, addressing the class by telling us the importance of this festival and appreciating all the FY.B. Ed students for their active participation in this programmed.

Celebrations are perceived as important part of education as they can help to create a sense of national or cultural community among the students. It helps in eradicating prejudice by spreading knowledge about different cultures and religion. It also gives an idea to students to conduct co-curricular activities successfully. The event ended with National anthem.

**The Makar Sankranti celebration organized by the students of F.Y.B. Ed of 'Royal College of Education and Research for Women' on January 14th, 2023 the post learning outcome are as follows:**

1. **Knowledge of Makar Sankranti:** The students gained knowledge about the Hindu festival of Makar Sankranti, its significance, and how it is celebrated in different states of India. This helped in increasing their understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity of India.
2. **Information sharing:** The informative paper reading and performances by different houses representing their respective states provided a platform for students to share information about different cultures and traditions. This helped in eradicating prejudice and promoting tolerance and respect for different cultures.
3. **Teamwork and co-curricular activities:** The celebration involved different activities such as dance, skit, and song performed by different houses, which required teamwork and coordination. This helped in developing teamwork skills and provided an opportunity for students to showcase their talents and skills.
4. **Appreciation and motivation:** The address by the principal, appreciating the students for their active participation in the celebration, provided motivation and encouragement to the students to continue to actively participate in co-curricular activities

## Glimpses of event:



