



# Jain International Residential School

## Raksha Bandhan Celebration

Relationships are the essence of any festival and it holds true for any Indian occasion. Each occasion brings the family together which calls for a celebration. Raksha Bandhan is a celebration of one such relation - that of a brother and a sister. It is a festival which celebrates the bond of affection between brothers and sisters. It is a day when siblings pray for each others' well being and wish for each others' happiness and goodwill. This relationship is celebrated in a unique way at Jain International Residential School every year. On 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011, JIRS had a festive look and the students in their best dresses enjoyed the joyous festival of bond between brothers & sisters.

This is one of the first & splendid festivals celebrated at JIRS in the month of August.

A solemn occasion where sisters tie the sacred thread on the wrist of their brothers is celebrated every year with full fervor. The decorated plates with sacred threads, lighted lamps, floral & colour powder rangolis adorn the temple. The house parents with children burn midnight oil to create marvels of floral carpet patterns & over 50 hand painted thalis (plate) all over the temple floor. All boys dressed in their traditional attire wait lined up in front of the temple awaiting their turns to be tied the rakhi threads which strengthen their bonds of brother-sister relationship further.

Unity in diversity could also be seen when Koreans, Germans, Thai boys & girls also enjoyed tying the rakhi & put the tilak on the brother's forehead & do the arathi.

Music is a language in itself. It touches all hearts and binds us as one. In the evening the Inter house Solo singing competition was organized when the children entertained the audience with their melodious voice. Thus Raksha Bhandan was celebrated with of ecstasy and excitement!