## **World Mountain Day**

11<sup>th</sup> December is observed as World Mountain Day across the globe. The theme proposed by the United Nations for celebrating World Mountain Day 2021 was 'Sustainable Mountain Tourism'. With a view to encourage conservation and sustainable development of mountains, on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Jindal Vidya Mandir at Salav took an initiative to organize an easy graded trekking activity for the students on a hillock situated opposite to the JSW Residential Area. The adventure commenced at 06.30 am under the guidance of trekking experts Mr Kishor Wader, Mrs Deepti Wader, Mast Atharva Wader (Alumini Batch {2018-2019}, JVM Salav) and Mr Kunal Salunkhe (Wildlife Photographer, Parent JVM, Salav). A total of 32 students studying in classes IX to XII were accompanied by Mr. Ritwiz Gaur (Principal, JVM Salav), Mr Jayant Mishra (Vice Principal, JVM Salav) and 5 teachers particularly, Mrs. Anuja Salunkhe, Mrs. Swati Patil, Mrs. Archana Todankar, Mr. Sandeep Tiwari and Mr. Vikas Nanekar on this trekking activity.

It took around 1 ½ hour to reach the summit. The trek was little exhaustive for some students due to lack of physical activity but after reaching the destination, the cold breeze, chirping sound of birds and the panoramic view was not less than a trophy for them. On reaching the pinnacle, every individual took the oath of 'Conserving Nature and Mountains'. Mr Wader and Mr Ritwiz Gaur ( Principal JVM Salav) addressed the students by sharing information on importance of mountains in nature and the need to conserve them. Students explored the natural wealth and interacted with the tribes that resided on the mountain top and survived only upon forest produce. Students expressed their strong desire to have more such events in near future.





