

All about Rakhi

A Hindu Festival



Raksha Bandhan

Raksha Bandhan, also known as Rakhi, is a Hindu festival. It is traditionally a celebration of the love between brothers and sisters.



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The Lunar Calendar

Rakhi is celebrated when the moon is full, during the month of Shravan in the lunar calendar.



Did you know...?

The lunar calendar is based on the orbit of the Moon.

The Rakhi

The word 'Raksha' means protection. 'Bandhan' means to tie.

The rakhi is a bracelet made of red and gold threads woven together, with stones and jewels threaded in-between.

This is tied around people's wrists as a sign of love and protection.



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Tying the Rakhi

Traditionally, sisters tie a rakhi around their brother's wrist. This is done to celebrate being brother and sister, and is a symbol of love between them both. It is also a sign that the brother will protect the family.



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The Ceremony

Special sweets are prepared and diyas (candles) are lit.

As the rakhi is tied, prayers are said, asking for happiness and wealth.

The sweets are eaten and the brother gives a gift to his sister to show his love for her.



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New Traditions

These days, new traditions are beginning.

- Rakhis are tied between friends, as well as mothers and daughters.
- The bracelets can be tied around the wrists of soldiers.
- Important leaders send rakhis to kings and other world leaders, as a sign that they will protect each other's lands.



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