

RAKSHA BANDHAN 2026

Cheat Sheet



What Is Raksha Bandhan?

Raksha Bandhan is a celebration of the bonds of love which bind a brother and a sister. This celebration is as unique as it is beautiful and enjoys a long, rich and varied tradition.

Celebrations generally take the following format: On the *Purnima* or Full Moon Day in the month of *Shravana* (usually August), siblings and community members gather in Mandirs and other places of worship and pray to *Sri Satyanarayana* by performing his *Vrata Katha* and then they seek each others' well being by cele-

brating Raksha Bandhan.

'**Raksha**' means **protection** and '**Bandhan**' is a **bond or promise**, hence on this day, sisters place (tie) a 'Rakhi' or auspiciously decorated wrist band on her Brother's right hand and offer them sweet and *Satwic* foods. Brothers, in turn, shower their Sisters with beautiful gifts and money and promise to seek their welfare, protect them and cherish them at all times.

This is a reaffirmation of the laws of a compas-

sionate and well developed community. The beauty of this occasion is in the pledge of a lifetime commitment to moral, cultural and spiritual values between brothers and sisters.



"RAKSHA BANDHAN IS CELEBRATED YEARLY, ON PURNIMA (FULL MOON) DAY, IN THE MONTH OF SHRAVANA"

HINTS:

- ♦ **Date:** Thursday August 27th 2026
- ♦ **Sri Vishnu Sahastranaam Mandir**
- ♦ **Time:** 7 - 9 pm
- ♦ **BROTHERS:** Don't forget your gift and money!
- ♦ **SISTERS:** Don't forget your Raakhi and Sweets!



How Do We Celebrate?

Sisters firstly perform a simple adoration of their brothers by offering them flowers, Tilak and Arti. Once this is completed, she feeds him some sweets and then ties the 'Rakhi' on his right hand.

Brothers then offer gifts to their sisters and bless them.

NOTE: Rakhi Brothers and Sisters are males and females who consider each other as such. **On this day many sisters tie Rakhi on males they consider as a brother to show their feelings of love and consideration.** Raksha Bandhan is NOT only for biological brothers and sisters but anyone who considers a person as such.

What Do We Need?

SISTERS:

- Rakhi
- Sweets / Sweet Food
- Arti
- Chandan / Tilak
- Flowers

BROTHERS:

- Gifts & Money

Celebrate with your sibling at Mandir on Thursday 8/27

Come out & celebrate with Dharma Inc.

Have your pic/memory taken to remember this wonderful day!



Happy Raksha Bandhan, from Dharma Inc.