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## RAKSHABANDHAN

**C**elebrated by all sects of Hindus, Rakshabandhan, popularly known as Rakhi, falls on the last day of Shravan that is Purnima.

When the Maharanas ruled Mewar on this day first of all the Rajpurohit used to tie gold and silver Rakhi round the right wrist of the Maharana. Then so did the Sardars, Charans etc in the Raj Mahal. Rakshabandhan was a special day for Brahmins who would visit the homes of important persons, tie 'Rakhis' and get 'Dakshina'. In the history of Mewar, is found the mention of sending 'rakhi' by Karnawati, wife of Maharana Sanga, to Humayun and of

Chand Kunwar Bai, sister of Maharana Bhimsingh, making Col Tod her 'rakhi-bandh' bhai. Long before the festival the 'bazars' begin to buzz with buying activities. New 'rakhi' shops spring up from nowhere and the old ones are extended to offer a wide variety that makes the selection extremely difficult. Saris and dresses of multiple kinds are displayed to lure the buyers. Multi-hued bangles make an eye-catching scene. Gift shops add new items every season. Jewellers offer unique ornaments and sweet-sellers come out with new preparations. The 'bazars' get crowded as people from neighbouring area, especially rural, come here for shopping.

The making of 'rakhis' by Patwa families used to start 5-6 months in advance and the product was sent also to places outside Udaipur. In the beginning 'rakhis' were made only with 'moti' and 'salma' but later on keeping in view the lighting of customers fancy "rakhis" were also made. Gradually as workers did not take interest in this work, production in Udaipur decreased and those bought in bulk at cheaper rates from places like Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata replaced those made locally. Patwas from Chittorgarh district who made 'rakhis' with mica also stopped coming to Udaipur.

The festival begins in some homes in Udaipur, a few days before Purnima. On the Sunday preceding it ladies feel elated tying a yellow thread called 'phooli' on their 'Kangan'. They fast for the welfare of their brothers and break it by taking 'bati', 'churma' etc. They sing songs asking the brothers to bring 'chunar' and 'peela' and visit them to invite them for the festival.



The day is full of joy and excitement. People get up early and dress up immaculately. Generally, brothers and sisters do not eat anything before the tying of 'rakhis'. Sisters cover their head with "dupatta" or "sari". Then smilingly they put 'roli', 'kesar' and rice grains on their brother's head, tie 'rakhi', offer a coconut

and put sweets in the mouth. Brothers give them choicest gifts. The ritual symbolises the sister's asking for the brother's blessings and in turn getting an assurance for protection, thus strengthening the unique bond between the two. The sacred thread pulsating with sisterly love is rightly called 'rakhi'.

Rakshabandhan also signifies that the strong must protect the weak from evil. It not only strengthens the bond between brothers and sisters but also transcends the confines of the family. When tied on the wrist of close friends and neighbours, it underscores the need for harmonious social life where every individual co-exists peacefully. Members of different communities commit themselves to protect each other. No doubt, festivals like Rakhi ease various societal strains, induce fellow feelings,

open up channels of expression, give us an opportunity to rework on our role as human being and most importantly bring joy in our otherwise mundane lives. For Brahmins, Shrawan Purnima is a special occasion when they go to waterbodies to worship their ancestors. On this day, they also replace their old Janeu, sacred thread, with new ones.

On this auspicious day, is also worshipped Shrawan, who is considered to be an ideal son. As desired by his old parents, he took them on a long pilgrimage in a 'Kavad' hung on his shoulders.

A unique feature of Rakshabandhan in Udaipur is that it is celebrated for two days. The day after this festival is called Thandi Rakhi. The tribals of Udaipur call it Thandi Takdo.

During the reign of Maharana Bhupal Singh, was held a big fair on the Bansdara

hill on which the famous Sajjargarh fort is located. Rural folk, especially from the neighbouring areas, participated in large numbers. They enjoyed singing, dancing and getting tattoos on their body the whole day long. However, with the passing away of the Maharana, the fair was discontinued.

Now Thandi Rakhi fair is held at Amrak Mahadev near Chirva Valley. It has the distinction of being the second biggest 'mela' in Udaipur after Hariyali Amawas fair. The tribals from the neighbouring areas can be seen here enjoying in the fair. From here starts the traditional Gavri dance that continues for the next five weeks.

Due to socio-economic factors, quite a few changes are creeping in the way this festival is celebrated but not so the purpose of the sacred threads of 'rakhi' to strengthen the bonds of various kinds.

- Ashok Mathur

**Veteran journalist Ashok Mathur's blog (ashokmathuronudaipur.com) with over 100 articles on Udaipur's palaces, temples, lakes, gardens, festivals, fairs, wildlife etc. is getting very popular. It has interesting content for Udaipurites as well as tourists.**

## PM invited for Shri Hari Mandir Golden Shikhar Pratishthan Ceremony at Beneshwar Dham

**MP Kanakamal Katara, Mahant Achuthanandan, and a delegation of regional MLAs meet the Prime Minister**

**New Delhi:** Banswara-Dungarpur MP Kanakamal Katara, Beneshwar Dham's Pithadhiswar Achyutanand Maharaj, and regional MLAs Gopichand Meena (Aasapur) and Hemendra Ninama (Ghatol) invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the Golden Shikhar consecration ceremony of Shri Hari Mandir. The delegation called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Prime Minister's Office, Parliament House, in New Delhi on Monday and invited and urged him or the Shri Hari Mandir Golden Shikhar Pratishthan Ceremony at Beneshwar Dham. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has accepted the invitation.

The delegation apprised the Prime Minister about the development work being done at Beneshwar Dham and told him that it is such a holy place in Rajasthan where the temples of Sait Brahman, Vishnu, and Mahadev on the island built on the confluence



of three rivers are the center of faith of lakhs of people. Millions of people visit the Beneshwar Mela every year on Magh Purnima for darshan, holy bath, tarpan, bone immersion, etc.

This place is one of the best places for domestic and foreign tourists interested in religious tourism. According to religious beliefs, the Beneshwar fair has been going on for three hundred years. Here the stories of prophet saint Mavji Maharaj are prevalent everywhere.

**Urge to develop like Banaras**

On this occasion, MP Kanakamal Katara and Aspur MLA Gopichand Meena wrote Prime Minister Modi urging him to develop this mythological place and

the place of faith of crores of tribals and other religious people on the lines of their parliamentary constituency Banaras. He also submitted a detailed project report related to the development of Beneshwar Dham to the Prime Minister. He said that a master plan of 255 crores was made earlier, but now its cost has increased manifold. He urged the Prime Minister to get exceptional help from the central government for its development, considering the importance of this place.

On this occasion, the Peethadheeshwar Goswami Achyutanand Maharaj of Beneshwar Dham informed that from 27 September to 2 December 22, on the holy Beneshwar Dham Mavdhara located near Sabala town of Dungarpur district, along with the Sri Hari Temple Golden Shikhar Pratishtha ceremony, Virateshwar Mahavishnu Mahayagya and A grand event like Beneshwar Nishklank Shri Haridham Dashavatar Murti Pratishthotsav, etc. is proposed, in which the beauty of the program will increase further with the arrival of the Prime Minister.

He, along with MP Katara and local public representatives, presented Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a shawl, a picture of Sabala Hari temple and offerings, etc.

-Gopendra Nath Bhatt

## Allen's Sneha achieved All India Rank-2 and was also an All India Girl Topper



**Kota:** The result of JEE-Main, has been released by the National Testing Agency (NTA). Once again, the students of Allen Career Institute have proved their excellence in the results.

Dr. Brijesh Maheshwari, Director, ALLEN, said that Sneha Pareek, a student of the institute, had scored 300 out of 300 in JEE-Main June with a perfect score of 100 percentile. After this, Sneha got All India Rank 2 in the Compile Result. Sneha has been a classroom student at Allen Career Institute for the last two years. Sneha has been the All India Girl Topper. The results are being seen.

**Here is the cutoff for JEE-Advanced**

The JEE-June examination was held between June 24 and 30, and the July examination was held from July 25 to 30. For BE-BTech in June and July, 24 shifts took place. In both shifts, about 9 lakh students appeared for the examination. In the June attempt, 14 students scored 100 percentile. Based on the highest NTA score for the JEE-Main exam, the

cutoff has been released, according to which the general category is 88.4121383, EWS category 63.1114141, OBC category 67.0090297, SC 43.0820954, ST 26.7771328 and PWD category. Of 0.0031029.

**JEE-Advanced application process from August 8 at 4 pm** - This year JEE-Advanced exam is being conducted by IIT Bombay on August 28. The top 2.5 lakh students selected based on JEE-Main will be declared eligible for the advanced examination. These students can apply for Advanced on the JEE-Advanced website from August 8 to 11. The students must upload the 10th and 12th mark sheet and category certificate during the application by filling in their required information and examination center. Students will be allowed to choose eight exam centers during the application.

During the application, students will have to give OBC and EWS certificates after April 1, 2022. Students who do not have OBC and EWS certificates available within the given time can apply through declaration. The declaration form can be downloaded from the information bulletin of JEE-Advanced. The result of the advanced examination will be released on September 11.

- K.D. Abbasi

## Friendship A Bouquet full of Happiness in Life

**I**nternational Friendship Day is celebrated every year on the first Sunday of August in many countries of the world. The spirit behind it is the same everywhere - friendship and respect for friendship. The philosophy of friendship is very vast; it is the most important part of human's life. One who establishes friendship without any insistence and selfishness, he aspires for the welfare of all sees him in the emergence of all and new dimensions of development keep opening in his life. Life seems beautiful. In this, there is no distinction between one's own alien, there is no competition and there is no boundary line between big and small.

Despite being such an ideal situation and its importance, the question arises why there is so much lack of friendship between human beings today? Why is there so much mutual animosity? Why is there ideological animosity? Why is publicity sparing with differences? Even after being wise, prudent, sensible, why does man fight every day? Why does the tense stand entangled in the midst of controversies? He neither sees with the eye of reason, nor listens with neutrality and balance, nor thinks and decides with relativity. This is the reason why individual creativity is dying out. The feelings of family co-operation and participation are breaking down. Social disintegration is coming to the fore. Religious beliefs are starting to weaken. Man has been counting the links of the chains of selfishness in the captivity of words, holding the accepted concepts. In such times, the bond of friendship infuses new energy in relationships.

Well-known American author Dale Carnegie has written many books on the art of making friends and they sell in millions. He has written in a book - 'Take all my wealth and give me a true friend.' Giving the example of American Richie Henry Ford, he has written that - he was once asked by journalists - you have immense wealth, pleasures are available, what do you miss in life when you have all this? Friends were found a lot, but that friendship was only about eating, drinking and having fun. I have not found a single friend who truly wants me and I want him. This is a huge gap in my life.

International Friendship Day has more relevance today, this festival started in South American countries on July 20 in Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, on July 30 in Paraguay, while in other countries of the world including India, Malaysia, and Bangladesh etc. South Asian countries. It is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month of August. Friendship is a relationship that you decide for yourself, whereas all other relationships are made by you. Just imagine how restless you get if you don't meet your

friends one day and try to know their well being as soon as you get a chance. You can understand how special this relationship is.

The technological age we live in today has brought people very close to each other. But at the same time this technology has taken away from us that time of relaxation which we can share amongst ourselves. Today we have imprisoned the whole world in our fist, but with this we have become so engrossed in ourselves that in a way we are cut off from the whole world. Celebrating International Friends Day is a worthwhile undertaking to give new energy to such human sensibilities in a new civilization and new culture.

Friendship is such a relationship that in the present environment, when the ground of human sensibilities and mutual relationships is drying up, in such a time, staying connected to each other is a powerful medium to make life happy and to awaken



magical feelings in the heart. Friendship based on momentary and selfishness is not really friendship, it is only an identity, such friends sometimes become very dangerous too. For whom a thinker has written - "Earlier we used to say, O Lord! We have to be saved from enemies but now we have to say, "O God, save us from friends." Friends are more dangerous than enemies. Friendship day is an undertaking to make friendship a blessing, not a curse. This day provides a rare opportunity to develop the attitude of sharing happiness and sharing positive thoughts to others, keeping personal interests aside. The basic heart of celebrating this day is that even though there may be differences of opposition or thoughts between friends, there should not be any differences of their feelings because difference of opinion brings revolution whereas difference of feelings brings rebellion. Revolution is the knock of construction; rebellion is a sign of destruction.

The feeling of friendship is the protective shield of our self-development. Acharya

Shri Tulsi directed seven sutras for this. Friendship requires trust, self-sacrifice, non-attachment, tolerance, forgiveness, fearlessness, coordination. This Saptapadi Sadhana is the background of the meaning and success of life. It is an indicator of development. This Day of Friendship is inviting us, with outstretched arms, to run away and hold on to the trail of friendship without hesitation. Life is colorful, it is white and it is also black. Sometimes this gamut of friendship dissolves in the ears as a rage of life, and then somewhere the noise of doubt arises. Makes friendship strong, our resolve, our life expectancy, our compassion, but it requires dedication and warmth of belonging. It teaches to live, gives life a colorful look. Inspires to live in such a way that you go beyond yourself. If you can do this then every feeling, every step and every moment will be beautiful and life will become beautiful together.

We need a companion of loneliness, a ruler of happiness, and someone who reminds us with love for mistakes. If all these qualities are found in any one person, then surely he will be your friend. The same friend, in whose relationship there is no selfishness or deceit, but for your interest, your development, your happiness, in which there will always be a passion and intimacy. Although there is a rich tradition of festivals in Indian culture and history, now in our country it has increased due to the increasing attraction and trend towards International Days. Now every day there is some festival or day. We have made many new or imported festivals and days like Friendship Day a part of our culture and lifestyle. Friendship Day means forgetting all the grievances and strengthening the relationship of friendship with the strings of trust, affinity and harmony.

In fact, only those friends are called friends, in whom there is a passion for affection, instead of selfishness, there is a feeling of selfishness, such friends are confined in the flute of breath, such friends are very rare in the world. The friendship of Shri Krishna and Sudama, Vibhishana and Shri Ram is an invaluable heritage of history. Joseph Fort Newton said that "people are lonely because they build up walls of enmity instead of building bridges of friendship." Friendship day is an undertaking to make friendship a blessing, not a curse. We have to create new values-standards of friendship, establish friendship in a meaningful way in life. Friendship should be synonymous with compassion; not love. Because in love there is selfishness, there are rites of attachment and aversion, whereas compassion becomes synonymous with charity.

-Lalit Garg