



The Relevance of Raksha Bandhan in Today's Scenario

On Raksha Bandhan day sisters tie a decorated piece of thread, Rakhi, around the wrist of their brothers and pray for their well-being, who in turn promise to protect the sisters' dignity and honour. In fact, it is not possible for a brother or anyone to protect a sister or other women all the time. If a brother is younger, physically ill or stays far away, how can he protect his sisters?

In today's scenario atrocities and sexual assault on women are increasing. We ought to celebrate Raksha Bandhan, in a more meaningful way. The root cause of crimes against women is the vice of lust. Isn't it time that the each brother extends his vow to honour and have pure feelings and vision towards all women just like he does this for his own sisters?

It is important to create awareness amongst men who indulge in crimes against women to treat other women with respect as they treat their own sisters for whose wellbeing they feel responsible.

Lust is described as the greatest enemy in the Bhagwad Gita. Lustful people act like animals and are highly dangerous to the society. They should be treated as seriously 'sick' person who need to be counselled and reformed. This can only be done through spiritual training and empowerment. The Brahma Kumaris are tirelessly engaged in this task.

Let us take a vow to imbibe pure attitude and respectful behaviour towards all women. It is rightly said, "The deities reside where women are revered".

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