

The Genesis

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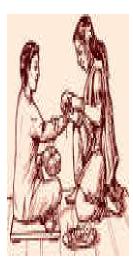


Tradition and Customs

★ The sister ties the rakhi on the brother's wrist and both pray for each others' well being followed by a pledge from the brother to take care of his sister under all circumstances

History of rakhi

- Rani Karnawati and Emperor Humayun
- Alexander The Great and King Puru





"A Bond of protection"

Though now it is considered as a brother and sister festival as it was not always so

Brahmamik Rites

* The rishis tied rakhi to the people who came seeking their blessings.
* The sages tied sacred thread to themselves to safe guard from the evil.
* It is also known as ' Papa todak, Punya Pradayak parv '

What the legends say--

- The legend of the 'bhavishya puran'
- The legend of king bali and Goddess lakshmi
- 'yama and yamuna'
- In the epics

Spiritual Significance

- Rakhi --reminder to the soul to perform pure action.
- Rakhi --door and window handles of the house represents the mouth and eyes house --simble of the body.

- Back to its origin the relationship between God and humanity God is remembered as the protector and liberator.
- There can be protection and liberation only when the soul gets tied in the sweet bondage of total love & obedience to god

The present

- Religiously speaking Shravan is a pious month and full moon of this month is considered to be a very holy day.
- The values and the sentiments attached to the rituals of this festival are the sentiments of harmony and peaceful coexistence.
- Congregations like Rakhi Utsavs, popularized by Rabindranath Tagore, promote the feeling of unity and a commitment to all members of society to protect each other and encourage a harmonious Social life.