



समानी व आकूतिः समाना हृदयानि वः ।
समानमस्तु वो मनो यथा वः सुसहासति ॥

May our intentions and aspirations be alike, our hearts be united, and our minds be in harmony so that we may live together in happiness and concord.

Shree Sanatan Dharm Sabha of NSW & Australian Council of Hindu Clergy Inc. is delighted to invite all interested organisations, your family and friends to a joyous celebration during the auspicious month of *Shravani Upkarma*.

INVITATION

Please join us on this special occasion to celebrate the bond between brothers and sisters, and unity within our Hindu community.
honouring love, protection, and mutual respect.

RAKSHA BANDHAN

AUGUST 17, 2024 | DOORS OPEN 3:30 PM
SHREE RAM KRISHNA TEMPLE,
275 FIFTEENTH AVE, AUSTRAL NSW

The program will begin sharply at 4:30pm with a variety of programs, such as *Raksha Bandhan* ceremony, cultural performances, *vedic* chanting, and *kirtans*.

Maha Prasad will be served.



Wish You All a Happy and Blesse



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About

- *Raksha Bandhan* or *Rakhi* is also known as *Shravani*, and is one of the most cherished festivals in the Hindu calendar. It is celebrated on the full moon in the month of *Shravan*. This year, it falls on Monday, August 19, 2024.
- The term '*Raksha*' means protection, and '*Bandhan*' means to tie, symbolizing the act of safeguarding the bond between brothers and sisters. Sisters tie a sacred thread on their brothers' right wrists, expressing their love and prayers for their brothers' success. In return, brothers vow to protect and care for their sisters.
- The tradition of *Raksha Bandhan* dates back to the Satya Yuga when Goddess Lakshmi tied a *raksha* or *rakhi* on King Bali. Sometimes, women also tied a *raksha* on their husbands' wrists to protect them from evil. Similarly, Gurus can also tie *Raksha* on their disciples as a sign of spiritual protection.
- The festival also involves the ritual of adorning Yagnopavit, known as Upakarma. On this day, Yajurvedi and Rigvedi Brahmins, along with those who usually wear the '*yagnopavit*' (*Janeu*), replace their old one with a new sacred thread, signifying renewal and purification.

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

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