

9 Unique Raksha Bandhan Rituals Followed in Temples

This report highlights **9 unique Raksha Bandhan rituals**, where temples across Bharat celebrate the festival through culturally rich traditions that reflect its deep spiritual essence and sacred symbolism.

On **August 9, 2025**, Raksha Bandhan will be celebrated across Bharat, including in temples where **devotees tie rakhis to Bhagwan, symbolizing faith in the Parmatma as the ultimate protector.**

S.No.	Unique Raksha Bandhan Rituals	Visual & Source
1.	Rakshabandhan is celebrated by throwing fruits and flowers on each other in Devidhura temple Occasion: Purnima of Shravan month Place: Champawat, Uttarakhand Temple: Devidhura Temple ➤ The Bagwal festival is held on Raksha Bandhan at the Devidhura temple in Champawat. The festival gathers thousands of devotees and features a symbolic battle between four traditional clans Chamyal, Garhwal, Lamgaria and Walig in which they throw stones, fruits and flowers at each other. ➤ <i>The origin of the Bagwal festival is linked to an ancient legend in which human sacrifices were offered to Goddess Barahi.</i> When a mother prayed to save her only son, the goddess accepted a symbolic sacrifice. After which the tradition of Bagwal Replaced to the celebration of throwing fruits and flowers at each other instead of sacrifice.	 News 18 , Dainik Bhaskar
2.	Vanshi Narayan Temple opens only on Raksha Bandhan, where women tie rakhis to the idol of Lord Vishnu Occasion: Purnima of Shravan month Place: Chamoli, Uttarakhand, Temple: Vanshi Narayan Temple ➤ At the Vanshi Narayan Temple in Chamoli, <i>women tie rakhis to the idol of Lord Vishnu on Raksha Bandhan. The idol is adorned with rare flowers that bloom only in the temple garden</i> and villagers offer butter as prasad. ➤ It is believed that Goddess Lakshmi, distraught with separation from Vishnu, sought help from Sage Narad. He advised her to tie a Raksha Sutra to King Bali on the day of Shravan Purnima and pray for Vishnu's release as a gift. Lakshmi tied the thread on Raksha Bandhan and King Bali released Lord Vishnu, leading to their divine reunion.	 Etv Bharat , Hinduatan Times, IndiaTV

3.	Raksha Bandhan celebration by tying Rakhi to Thakurji in Choti Kashi temple Occasion: Purnima of Shravan month Place: Jaipur, Rajasthan Temple: Temples in Choti Kashi Area of Rajasthan ➤ At Choti Kashi Mandir Jaipur, <i>women tie Raksha Sutra to Thakurji (Krishna) considering him as their divine brother and protector.</i> At Govind Dev Ji Mandir, Thakurji and Radha Rani are adorned with special golden Kalaboot Rakhis during Shringar Jhanki. ➤ It is believed that during the Mahabharata, Draupadi tore a piece of her saree and tied it to Lord Krishna, and in return, he vowed to protect her.	 Etv Bharat Zee News Dainik Bhaskar
4.	Raw Cotton Rakhi tied to Danteshwari Mata on Raksha Bandhan Occasion: Purnima of Shravan month Place: Dantewada, Chhattisgarh Temple: Danteshwari Mata Temple ➤ In Dantewada, at the Danteshwari Devi Temple on Raksha Bandhan, <i>handmade rakhis are prepared inside the temple premises by the Madri family (temple sevadars) using raw cotton. The first rakhi is tied to Danteshwari Mata</i>, followed by rakhis being tied to other deities in the temple. ➤ The process of making rakhis, involving 4–5 days of sacred preparation, includes washing them with Pavitra water from the Shankani-Dankani rivers. The temple upholds a unique 800-year-old tradition of celebrating Raksha Bandhan.	 ABP News Dainik Bhaskar News18
5.	Sisters without brothers tie Rakhi to Banke Bihari (Rajasthan) Occasion: Purnima of Shravan month Place: Bharatpur, Rajasthan Temple: Banke Bihari Temple ➤ In Bharatpur, <i>girls especially those without brothers, travel to the Banke Bihari Temple to tie Rakhi to the Krishna</i>, treating Lord Krishna as their divine brother. ➤ The temple compares this tradition to the bond between Lord Krishna and Draupadi. It is believed that just as Shri Banke Bihari Ji protected Draupadi in Dvapara by becoming her brother, he will protect all the sisters in the same way.	 Etv Bharat,

6.	Women Across the World Send Rakhis to Banke Bihari in Vrindavan Occasion: Purnima of Shravan month Place: Mathura, Uttar Pradesh Temple: Thakur Banke Bihari Temple ➤ Women devotees from across Bharat and the world send rakhis and letters to Krishna at the Thakur Banke Bihari Temple in Vrindavan, as they consider Thakur Ji their brother and protector. Those unable to visit in person send their rakhis by post. ➤ On Raksha Bandhan, the rakhi is handed over to the sevadhikari, who ties it on Banke Bihari on the day of Raksha Kshan Dhan And their letters are read out in front of Banke Bihari Ji. ➤ Sisters believe that the Lord will honor their rakhi and keep showering His grace on them throughout their lives.	 Amar Ujala News 18 Jagran
7.	Every year, the largest rakhi is tied to Khajrana Ganesh in Madhya Pradesh. Occasion: Purnima of Shravan month Place: Indore, Madhya pradesh Temple: Khajrana Ganesh temple ➤ The world's largest rakhi (40×40 inches) is tied to <i>Khajrana Ganesh in Indore every year on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.</i> The rakhi tied to Khajrana Ganesh for the last 20 years has also been included in the Golden Book of World Records in 2023. ➤ Rakhi features patriotic symbols like Chandrayaan-3, the new Parliament building, Vande Bharat train, Indian map, national emblem, and Raj Danda Sengol, highlighting India's achievements.	 MP Tak ABP News

8.	The Spiritual essence of Rakhi in the story of Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra Occasion: Gamma Purnima Place: Puri, Odisha Temple: Jagannath Temple Puri ➤ In the Jagannath Temple in Puri, the celebration of Raksha Bandhan highlights the traditional bond between Lord Jagannath, his elder brother Balabhadra, and their sister Subhadra. ➤ During the Rath Yatra, <i>Subhadra is believed to tie rakhi to her brothers, praying for their safety before they embark on the chariot journey to the Gundicha temple</i> ➤ The 'special' rakhis are only made by a group of certain servitors known as 'Patara Bisoi'. The colours of these rakhis are red and yellow for Lord Jagannath while Lord Balabhadra is tied with blue and violet rakhis.	 Good News Today Odisha TV Economic Times
9.	Every Year, Rakhis for Baba Mahakal Offered During Bhasma Aarti on Raksha Bandhan Occasion: Purnima of Shravan month Place: Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh Temple: Mahakaleshwar Temple ➤ People in Ujjain believe that the celebration of any festival begins at the Mahakal Temple. Every year on Raksha Bandhan, the women of the priest's family craft beautiful rakhis for Baba Mahakal, which the priests offer to Him during the Bhasma Aarti.	 Aaj Tak Ndtv Patrika