



Raksha Bandhan
Universal Oneness Day
with
Town of Lewisboro

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS), USA
Kuber Shaka



Namaste





Program Outline

- HSS (Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh)
 - ❖ Introduction
 - ❖ Guiding principles
 - ❖ Social activities
- What is Rakshabandhan
- Rakshabandhan ceremony

HSS - Introduction



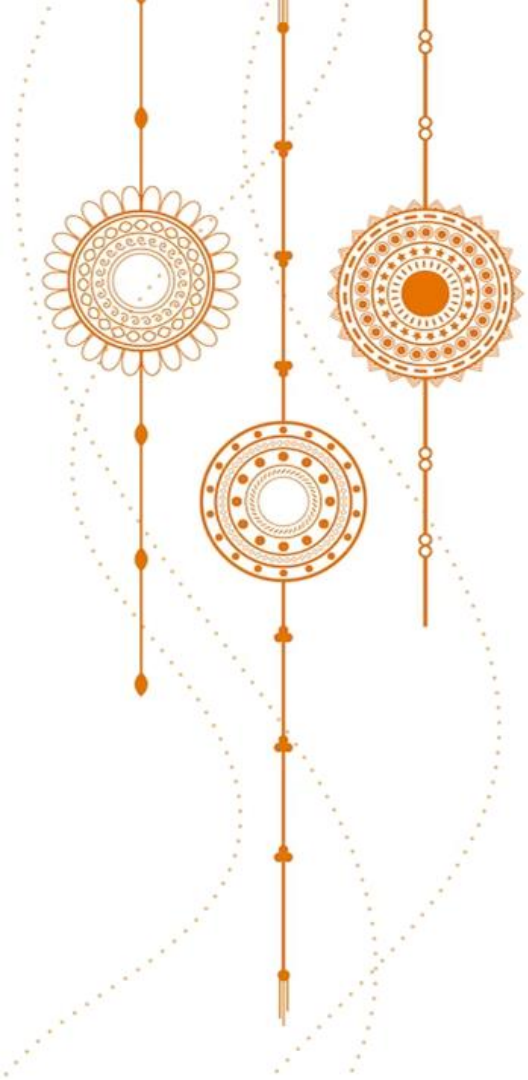
Vishwa dharma prakashen
Vishwa shanti pravartake

Let us have unwavering devotion to our
ideal of organising and uniting the society (Hindu)
so that it is capable of establishing world peace
by following the universal Dharma.



HSS - Guiding Principles

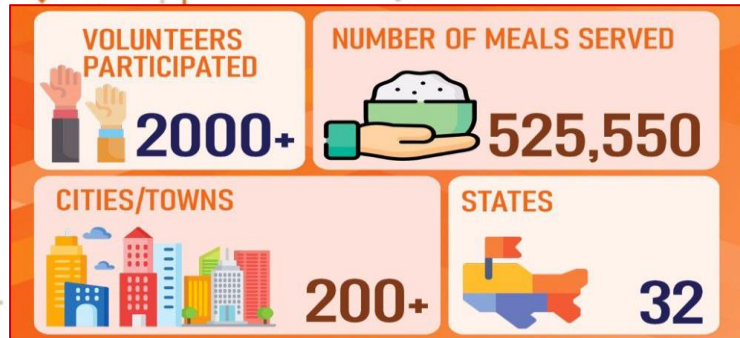
- ***Vasudhaiva kutumbakam.***
The whole world is one family.
- ***Ekam sat viprah bahudha vadanti***
Truth is one. The wise describe it in different ways.
- ***Sarvepi sukhinah santu, sarve santu niramaya***
Let everyone be happy. Let everyone be free from suffering.



HSS - Social Activities



Sewa Diwali



Food Donation in New York

Food Pantry		
Community Center of Northern Westchester, Katonah	Community Food Pantry at St. Mary's Mohegan lake	The ossining food pantry
Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry of Pleasantville	Feeding Westchester, Elmsford	Greenburgh Health Center, White
Greenville Community Church, Scarsdale	Hastings Food Pantry	People to People, Inc, Nanuet
Caring Cupboard at Grace Church, Bronx	Bharathi Foundation, Bronx	Common Point Queens', Foresh
Shri Shirdi Saibaba Temple, Flushing		

Surya Namaskar (Sun Salutation) Marathon



Yoga for health and health
for humanity

Teachers appreciation: Guru Vandana



Community Service During Pandemic



198
cities
covered



352
institutions
served



426
organisations
collaborated



2K+
volunteers
engaged

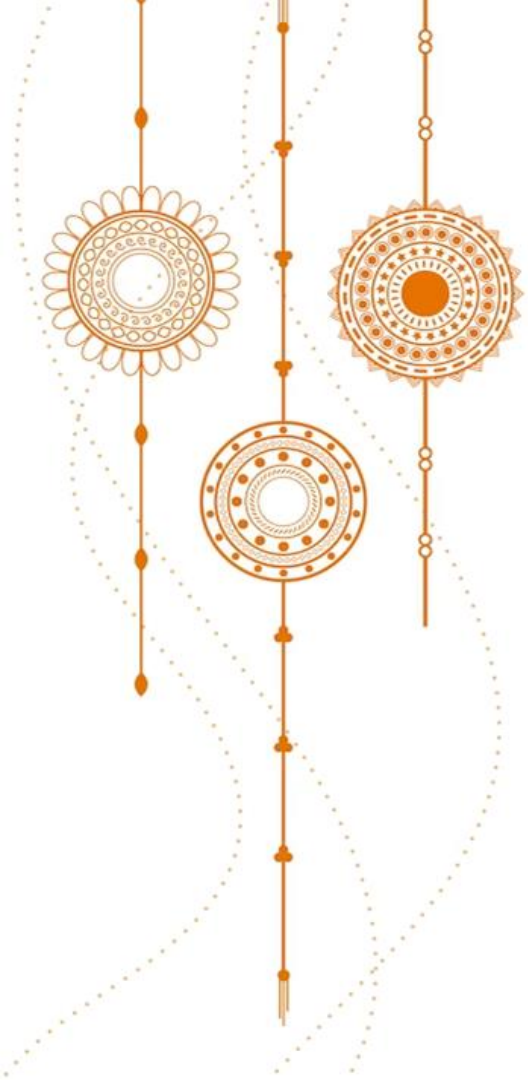


45K+
families
reached



625K+
masks
distributed





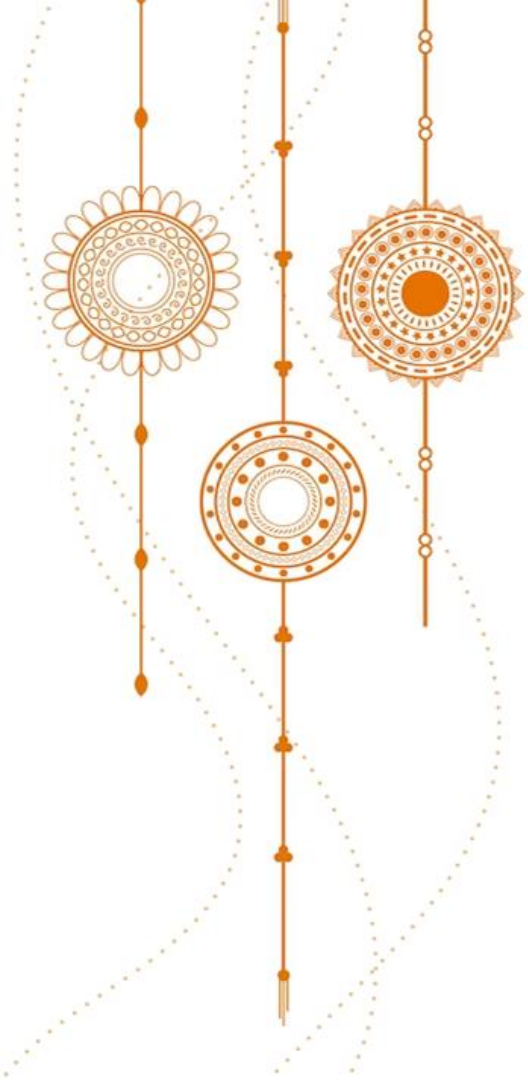
Origin of Raksha Bandhan

- Ancient festival
- Initiation of new disciple by a Guru
- Brother-Sister festival
- Congregational ceremonies in modern time



Raksha Bandhan Message

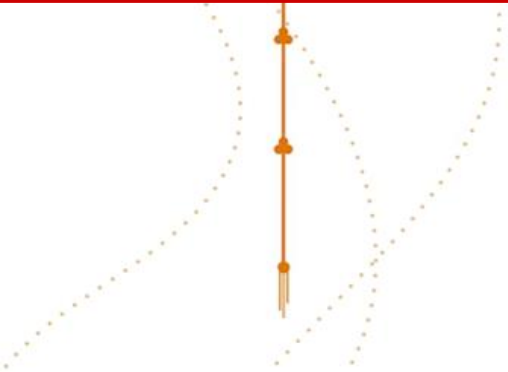
- Rakhee (Raksha) symbolizes
 - ❖ the spirit of universal fellowship
 - ❖ harmony amongst all sections of society.
- Develops
 - ❖ Cohesion in society
 - ❖ spirit of selfless social service
 - ❖ highest spiritual fulfillment of human life.



Mantra for Global Peace

- Started as “Universal Oneness Day”
- Commitment
 - ❖ To protect each other
 - ❖ To community and righteousness
- All of us are interdependent,
rakhi is that thread of protection connection
between us.

Previous Year Celebrations



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How We Celebrate Rakshabandhan



Tilak



Arati



Tying Rakhi

Raksha Bandhan: Fostering Strong Connection Between All

