

'Taru Bandhan' or 'Vriksh Raksha Bandhan' which is about tying rakhi to trees.

As opposed to popular belief, it was not an urbane educated environmentalist who initiated the ritual of tying rakhi to trees but one of the indigenous people of the tribal heartland of Jharkhand called Mahadev Mahato. Mahato is a school teacher and belongs to Dudhmatia village in the Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand. To these people, forests and trees are the source of a sustainable life. Destroying them or cutting them down is like destroying their own home. Hence, from November 15 right up to the New Year, people of hundreds of villages in Jharkhand tie rakhi to trees and vow to preserve them from the axe and the saw. Once a rakhi is tied to a tree, villagers don't pluck even a leaf from the tree.

The green tradition has been adopted by many all over India. Chief Minister of Bihar – Nitish Kumar – tie rakhi to trees every Raksha Bandhan. In Himachal Pradesh too, women have been known to tie rakhis to trees to show their protest when the trees around their area were in danger of drowning due to building of new dams. Several religious, political and social organizations too encourage their followers to tie rakhis to trees and be a part of the change.

In KV AMBARNATH 'Taru Bandhan' or 'Vriksh Raksha Bandhan' has been celebrated. In this event children tied rakhi on trees.

