

**MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS MAHAMANDALESHWAR
PARAMHANS SWAMI MAHESHWARANANDAJI
ON THE OCCASION OF RAKSHA BANDHAN**

India, August 20th, 2007

Blessed Selves, dear Bhaktas of Mahaprabhuji and Sri Devpuriji,

This coming Purnima (full moon day) on August, 28th is very special. On this auspicious day a festival Raksha Bandhan will be celebrated. The meaning of this ancient, universal and cultural festival originated from India is to maintain and protect the human society, create peace and mutual understanding, as well as to avoid and overcome gender conflicts.

***Raksha** means protection and **Bandhan** means to tie. It is the tie of protection for all the women, no matter of age or if it is mother, wife, sister, daughter or neighbour.*

This is a sign of love, but it should not be misunderstood. For love means harmony, peace, protection, understanding, balance and unity. First duty of every human is to respect and protect the dignity of women.

Wishing you all the best, on the holy occasion of Raksha Bandhan I pray to almighty Bhagawan Sri Deep Mahaprabhuji for his blessings and divine protection for all of you.

With love and blessing of Sri Devpuriji, Mahaprabhuji and Holy Guruji.

Yours,

