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Press Release

Chandigarh, August 23:- The Punjab Governor and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, Mr. Shivraj V. Patil today extended his greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

Describing this festival as a symbol of Brother-Sister bonding relationship and harmonious family life, Mr. Patil said that it also reminds us of the need to develop a sense of Raksha, or protection not only for our sisters but also for society. It reflects the need for strong family ties and ultimately, unity and brotherhood, among all communities.

Mr. Patil further said that as Raksha Bandhan is a bond of protection for our sisters, the occasion also is a reminder, in the present context, for all of us to renew our resolve to eradicate the unethical practice of female foeticide. The Punjab Government has already launched a special campaign "*Nani Chhan*" to educate people to fight against female foeticide. We all must assume our responsibilities and take this as a challenge to ensure a balance of our social system.

May the symbolic sacred threads of Rakhi strengthen the spirit of goodwill, harmony and peaceful co-existence in our families, within our country and abroad.