

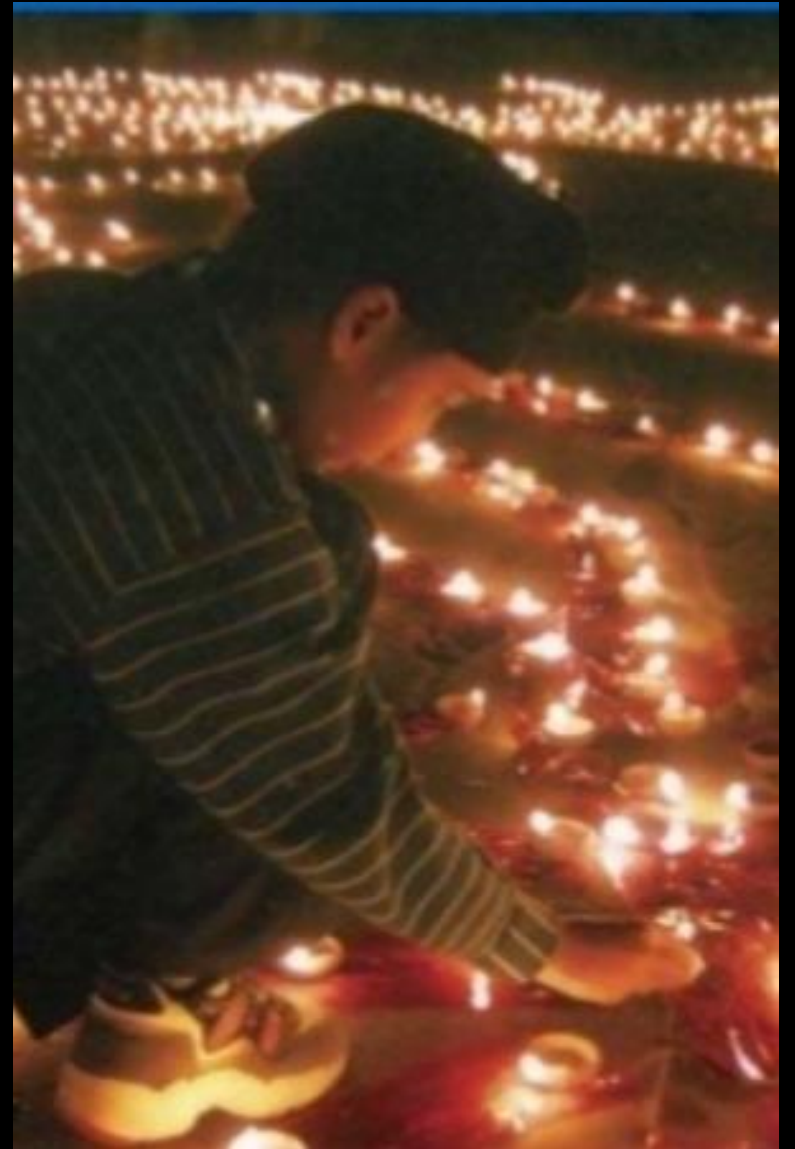


JINDAL VIDYA MANDIR RATNAGIRI DIWALI FESTIVAL

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DIWALI

Diwali is a Hindu festival which celebrates an Indian new year. Diwali is mostly celebrated in India, but people in other parts of the world also celebrate it.



SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE OF 5 DAYS OF DIWALI

- *Diwali celebration goes for 5 days and each day has its own importance and significance.*

The five days are -

- 1. Dhanteras*
- 2. Naraka Chaturdashi*
- 3. Lakshmi Puja*
- 4. Diwali Padwa*
- 5. Bhai Dooj*

DHANTERAS

Diwali begins with the first day known as 'Dhanteras' or the worship of wealth. Goddess Lakshmi is worshipped on this day and there is a custom to purchase something precious. People clean and decorate their houses.

NARAKA CHATURDASHI

The second day is Naraka Chaturdashi or Choti Diwali. People wake up early and apply aromatic oils on them before taking a bath. This is said to remove all sins and impurities. They wear new clothes, offer Puja and enjoy by lighting diyas and bursting few crackers.

LAKSHMI PUJA

The third day is the main Diwali festival. Lakshmi Puja is performed on this day. Goddess Lakshmi is believed to enter homes and bless people with good fortune. Tiny oil diyas, candles and electric lights are placed around the house. exchange gifts and gather together to burst crackers

DIWALI PADWA

The fourth day is Diwali Padwa Or Govardhan Puja. It is the day when Lord Krishna defeated Indra by lifting huge Govardhan Mountain. People make a small hillock, usually of cow dung, symbolising Govardhan and worship it.

BHAI DOOJ

The fifth day and last day is Bhai Dooj. On this day sisters invite their brothers for a lavish meal and perform a 'tilak' ceremony. Sisters pray for their brothers long and happy life while the brothers give gifts to their sisters.

HOW IS DIWALI CELEBRATED

During Diwali people fill oil, and light up small lamps called "diyas". Indian people decorate their houses with diyas keeping them in front of their house.



RANGOLI

People also draw beautiful and colourful designs called Rangoli. They draw it inside or outside of the house during Diwali. To make the design they use either stone dust or colourful flowers. In this picture people are drawing a rangoli with colourful stone dust.



IMAGES OF RANGOLI



MORE ABOUT DIWALI

During Diwali people often visit friends and family. Then they give each other sweets and gifts. People also send each other Diwali cards. People also set off fireworks during Diwali.





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ANCIENT LEGENDS

India has been celebrating Diwali for a long time. There are lots of stories behind Diwali. Diwali symbolises winning of good over evil and light over the darkness. Diwali is a time of joy and happiness.



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