

## Significance of Five Festive Days of Diwali

There is no other extraordinary festival like Deepawali in the world, this is the festival of light that illuminates the Earth as well as the whole universe. It brings sweetness and harmony in relationships and its warmth creates a healthy environment between relationships. Diwali is also unique because it is the confluence of five festivals. In this, Dhanteras, Narak Chaturdashi, Deepawali, Govardhan Puja and Yamadvitiya are celebrated. The night of Diwali is known as Mahanishcheeth. On this night, worshipping Mahalakshmi with various types of tantra-mantras is wished for happiness, prosperity, health and wealth benefits for the whole year. Although Deepawali has proved its prevalence as a religious and cultural festival in the public mind. Still, it has to be believed that the importance of this festival is associated with the incidents of historical great men like Lord Shri Ram, Lord Mahavir, Swami Dayanand Saraswati etc., they were the top men of the spiritual world. From this point of view, Diwali festival is a unique festival of spirituality along with secularism. On the occasion of Diwali, everyone usually tries to clean, decorate and beautify their homes. In the same way, if the waste of karma accumulated in the courtyard of consciousness is cleaned by sweeping it, efforts are made to decorate it with restraint and the eternal flame of the lamp of the soul is lit in it, then one can attain eternal happiness, peace and bliss. May be obtained. Only then will we be able to heal the wounds of the corona epidemic and only then will we be able to establish Ram Rajya in real form by destroying the demonic powers prevailing in the society.

We celebrate Diwali every year and the five festivals

associated with it. In fact, Dhanteras, Narak Chaturdashi (also known as Chhoti Diwali) and Mahalakshmi Puja—Diwali are a combination of these three festivals. According to the Indian system, in every ritual, there is a coordinated behavior of these three forms, Adhibhautik, Spiritual and Adhidaivik. According to this belief, On Dhanteras; Lakshmi is worshipped in the form of gold, silver coins, and on Narak Chaturdashi, decorating the houses with lamps and beautifying the environment to highlight the beauty of the spiritual form of Lakshmi. In this way, Lakshmi is worshipped in all the three ways mentioned above in this festival.

When we meditate we thank the Universal Spirit for its abundance. We also pray for more so that we can serve more. Gold silver is only an external symbol. Wealth is within us. There is a lot of love, peace and joy within. What more wealth do you want than this? Knowledge is real wealth. Your character, your calmness and self-confidence are your real wealth. When you move forward in association with God, there is no greater wealth than this. This royal thought comes only when you connect with God and with eternity. When the wave remembers that it is connected with the ocean and is part of the ocean, then immense power is attained.

Diwali is celebrated on the Pratipada of Shukla Paksha of Kartik month. The next day is Govardhan Puja, this is the fourth festival of the series of five festivals. This year this puja will be held on 5th November. In many regions it is also called Annakoot Puja. It means group of food. In this puja, many types of food are offered to God. Later they are distributed as Prasad. Annakoot or Govardhan Puja was started from Dwapar Yuga. On this day people worship Lord Govardhan Nath (Shri



Krishnaji) by making some designs of cow dung in the courtyard. Then to please Giriraj, people offer him Annakoot.

The festival of Bhai Dooj is celebrated on the fifth day of the festival. Bhai Dooj is also known as Yama Dwitiya. The festival of Bhai Dooj is a festival based on brother-sister relationship, which is celebrated with great reverence and mutual love. After Rakshabandhan, Bhai Dooj is the second festival dedicated to the love between brothers and sisters. On this day married sisters invite their brother to their house for food and worship and lovingly feed the brother. Sisters apply tilak to their brother and wish him a long life by giving gifts.

According to the belief related to Bhai Dooj, Yamraj and Yamuna were born from the womb of Suryadev's wife Chhaya. Yamuna used to affectionately request her brother Yamraj to come to his house and have food. But Yamraj used to avoid talking about

Yamuna due to being busy. On Kartik Shukla Dwitiya, Yamuna suddenly became happy to see Yamraj standing at her door. I was happy and welcomed the brother and got him food. Pleased with this, Yamraj asked his sister to ask for a boon. Then the sister said to the brother that you will come every year to have food at my place and on this day the sister who feeds her brother on this day should not be afraid of you. Yamraj went to Yampuri saying 'Tathastu'.

It is believed that the brothers who take bath in the Yamuna on this day with full devotion accept the hospitality of their sisters; they and their sister do not have fear of Yama. The spirit of service is also associated with the great festival of five festivals, Deepawali, any festival is incomplete without the spirit of service.

Whatever we have got from God, we should also share it with others because whatever we have to share, we have also got it from somewhere,

and this is the true festival. Happiness and knowledge must be spread and this can happen only when people come together in knowledge and share knowledge. Diwali means living in the present moment, so let go of past remorse and worry about the future and live in the present moment. It's time we forget about the year-long squabbles and negativities. It is time to shed light on the knowledge we have gained and make a new beginning. When true knowledge emerges, the celebration gets stronger.

We are more happy and excited to celebrate the festival of Diwali this year, because after centuries the temple of our beloved Lord Shri Ram is being built in Ayodhya. That is, just as the festival of Deepawali was celebrated after fourteen years of exile, Shri Ram, the greatest hero of the Indian folk, returned to Ayodhya, in the same way, after being away from the faith centre of the people for centuries, Shri Ram is now being estab-

lished in the form of a temple, so this year Diwali has special meaning. The temple of Shri Ram being built in Ayodhya will be in such a way that the troubles of the people will be removed, there will be freedom from fears and disappointment; a life full of wealth, peace and prosperity will be established. Shri Ram is a supporter of the downtrodden and is united with the rhythm of nature.

The formidable problems related to the environment will come to an end. With the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this year the festival of Diwali is going to be real and meaningful. Every Hindu and faithful person should try to establish within himself the message that reveals the eternal light of Shri Ram, then there will be no difficulty in establishing health, peace, non-war, good governance and friendship in the whole world and will see happiness everywhere and we can live happily ever after.

-Lalit Garg

## Let's breathe easy this Diwali

**COME** Diwali, and the cries of people troubled by the flare-up of their allergies triggered by the polluting toxic fumes and smoke of firecrackers, unfortunately, continue to be muffled under the loud celebratory bams, whams and whooshes of the revellers. Their attempts at scurrying to safer corners are usually futile as the atmosphere gets polluted to limits exceeding safe ambient air quality and stays lethal for long after the celebratory racket dies down. The hazardous condition is definitely not a 'festive' period for them. Millions of people — from children to geriatrics — run the risk of suffering painful breakouts. A sudden spurt is witnessed in cases of runny eyes and noses, itchy eruptions on the skin, sore

ear drums, wheezing or attacks of asthma, bronchitis and breathlessness, often requiring medical attention or hospitalisation. Incidentally, 40 per cent of

all pollution-linked deaths are attributed to bad air quality in leading emerging economies.

Sadly, this apathy has been on display despite the interventions and orders of the Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal, upholding the primacy of the right to life. Urgently realising the need to arrest the distressingly soaring pollution levels in many areas of India, bans and restrictions on the manufacture, sale and use of firecrackers have been imposed over the years, including in many areas of the NCR, Chandigarh, Punjab and Haryana. Yet, the age-old prickly issues remain unresolved, with petitions annually filed on the eve of the polluting festive season spanning Chhath and Durga puja, Dasehra, Diwali, Christmas and New Year's Eve. Callously tossed up in resounding decibels are matters of health, 'green' patakas (barium use prohibition is flouted) and livelihood of firecracker industry workers (they should have been re-skilled and absorbed in other sectors by now). Of late, the venom of religion (Hindus vs others) has also crept into the debate, vitiating the atmosphere further.

The apex court on Friday again emphasised that 'nobody can be permitted to play with the life of others', while clarifying that the ban on crackers was not total. Undoubtedly, the booms of crackers cannot fall silent unless families pitch in and sensitise kids to the health hazards.

## Seedling's Diwali Celebration with a Festive Gusto

**Udaipur:** Seedling Modern public School, udaipur, celebrated a clean and green Diwali with festive gusto on 30th October '21, wherein students exhibited an extra zeal, fervor, joy and enthusiasm in rendering a special aroma to the entire premises. To spearhead the Diwali celebrations, a special morning assembly was organized wherein students dressed up as different characters from Ramayana and presented various scenes from the life of Lord Rama. Students displayed their creativity while carving beautiful and intricate Rangoli designs with ravishing colors spreading the message of love, unity and harmony.



The class decoration done by the students was worth praising. The efforts and the toil put in by each student of the class are beyond description. The happiness was noticed and visible on each one's face as this was the golden chance to celebrate the festivity in the portals of school after a long closure owing to the pandemic that forced them to celebrate all the festivals virtually till last year. Students expressed their ideas on the significance of the festival and the relevance of eco-friendly celebrations. The Primary Wing students celebrated Green Diwali. An assembly was organised in which 'The festival of lights' was celebrated with great fervour at the school. Tiny tots came dressed up as different characters from Ramayana. The school wore a festive look with beautiful rangolis, decorated pots, diyas and lanterns adorning the reception and corridors of the school. Prizes were announced for the best Rangoli designs and the best class decoration at the end of the day. Also a delightful 'Diwali Fiesta' was organized by Seedling The World School with a noble initiative of donating the entire fund collected to the needy and destitute people.

Students promoted the use of eco-friendly colours for making 'Rangoli'. Various other activities such as; 'diya' making and decoration, poster making were organised in all the classes. The celebration ended with a message by the principal, Ms. Keerti Maken, who expressed her deep concern about the environment and advised the students to celebrate Green Diwali. Students were briefed on the ill-effects of burning crackers and were urged to celebrate the festival with candles, sweets and non-polluting green crackers. She also wished for the light within everyone to shine bright.

## The flame of non-violence should burn within man: pioneer of non-violence journey



### Before Deepawali, Acharyashree gave inspiration to light the lamp of non-violence

Diwali, the festival of lights, is two days ago. When Lord Shri Ram reached Ayodhya after the victory of truth over untruth, Deepotsav was celebrated in Ayodhya on that occasion. Not only India, but the whole world celebrates this festival of light, inspired by such mythology, with great enthusiasm. Given this great festival, the present discipline of Jain Shwetambar

Terapanth Dharmasangh, who is on Chaturmas in Bhilwara, Rajasthan, the national saint Acharyashree Mahashramanji, who has covered the people with good messages of goodwill, morality, and de-addiction, has sent the devotees outside before Deepawali, the great festival of light. Along with the lamp, he provided the holy inspiration to kindle the flame of non-violence in the hearts of the people. Jyotipunj Acharyashree Mahashramanji, in the main discourse program organized in the Mahashraman auditorium on Monday, while providing Mangal path through his holy discourse based on 'Suygado', said that two things have been told about non-violence. No creature wants to suffer, so no creature is there to kill.

Lord Mahavir once asked the sadhus what is a man afraid of? The creature is afraid of sorrow. Every creature tries to escape from suffering. Like if I do not get hurt, I do not get any kind of disease, I do not get killed by anyone, my belongings should not be stolen, etc. That is, he is always afraid of sorrow. Man creates sorrows for his pleasure. If an effort is made to live in dispassion, then suffering can be avoided. When the suffering to the living beings is unpleasant, then one should try to avoid hurting any creature. Walking on the path of non-

violence is also said to be the essence of knowledge. A man should think that if I have any pain unpleasant, then why should I give that trouble to someone else. Just as sorrow is unpleasant to me, so is the misery to others also unpleasant. Therefore man should try to avoid violence. Gurudev further said that non-violence is the ultimate religion. Violence and non-violence lie within the soul of man.

If one is unprepared, whose spirit is fuelled by the consciousness of non-violence, then he is non-violent and one who is promiscuous, whose feelings are filled with violence, then he is violent. A man should try to practice non-violence by renouncing violence as much as possible in his life. Diwali festival is coming. It can also be celebrated through Teela, Bela, and fasting. It is best that the lamp of non-violence is lit within the man and the darkness of violence is dispelled. One should try to kindle the flame of non-violence within himself. Staying away from violence and lighting the flame of non-violence within, then this festival of light can be meaningful.

After the auspicious discourse of Acharyashree, Mrs. Anita Babel, Mr. Umrao Sancheti, and Chairman of Chaturmas Committee Mr. Prakash Sutaria gave their faithful expression in front of Acharyashree.

-Pawan Garg

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