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Diwali – Festival of Lights Unites India with Joy and Tradition

A celebration that embodies unity, wisdom, and divine consciousness

Diwali, the most radiant of Indian festivals, illuminates every corner of the nation with warmth, joy, and devotion. It is not just a festival—it is an emotion that unites over a billion hearts, signifying the eternal triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and wisdom over ignorance.

Across India, from the snow-clad Himalayas to the southern seas, from the ghats of Varanasi to the hills of the Northeast, the five-day festival radiates cultural richness, spiritual symbolism, and human harmony.

Regional Colours of Celebration

North India:
Return of Lord Rama



In North India, Diwali marks the joyous homecoming of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after fourteen years of exile. The city is illuminated with rows of diyas, fireworks light up the night sky, and families worship Goddess Lakshmi for wealth and prosperity.

Western India:
Nature and Devotion

Intertwined

In Maharashtra and Gujarat, Diwali coincides with Govardhan Puja and Dawat Puja, blending spiritual gratitude with agricultural reverence. The rituals celebrate the bond between humans, animals, and nature.

Southern India:
Triumph of Lord Krishna

In Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, Diwali commemorates Lord Krishna's victory over Narakasura. The day begins with sacred oil baths, early prayers, and sharing of sweets symbolizing cleansing and renewal.

Eastern India:
Goddess Kali's Divine Night

In Bengal and Eastern

regions, Diwali merges with Kali Puja, dedicated to Goddess Kali—the fierce embodiment of strength and protection. Lamps, incense, and offerings fill the night with reverence and mysticism.

Central India: Knowledge and Prosperity In Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan, Diwali also marks the worship of tools, books, and writing instruments—linking the festival to learning, busi-



ness prosperity, and the divine wisdom of Chitragnpt Ji.

The Universal Message of Diwali

Beyond regional rituals, Diwali inspires every citizen to practice generosity, compassion, and truthfulness. It reminds humankind that true wealth lies not in gold but in good deeds, lighted hearts, and enlightened minds. The lamps symbolize hope, the sweets convey affection, and the prayers renew one's connection to the divine within.



Chitragnpt Puja – The Festival of Wisdom and Justice

Divine Origin of Shree Chitragnpt Ji Maharaj

According to sacred Hindu mythology, Lord Brahma, the Creator, fashioned sixteen sons from various parts of his body. His seventeenth creation, Shree Chitragnpt Ji Maharaj, emerged directly from his belly, signifying a divine embodiment of knowledge and impartiality.

He was thus called "Kayastha"—the one created from the entire Kaya (body) of Brahma.

The Celestial Duty of Chitragnpt Ji

Chitragnpt Ji holds one of the most revered positions in Hindu Dharma. He is entrusted with maintaining the record of every soul's karma—its good and bad deeds.

After death, each soul stands before him to be judged for its earthly actions. Based on his divine register, souls either attain Moksha (liberation) or are reborn to continue their journey toward righteousness.

His presence symbolizes divine accountability—the cosmic assurance that no action goes unnoticed and no virtue unrewarded.

Lineages of the Kayastha Community

The eight great sons of Chitragnpt Ji—Gaur, Mathur, Bhatnagar, Saxena, Asthana, Srivastava, Ambastha, and Karn—founded the Kayastha clans known for scholarship, justice, and administrative brilliance. The community continues to uphold the values of intellect, integrity, and literacy.

Puja Samagri (Essential Worship Materials)

The Chitragnpt Puja involves sacred items such as sandalwood, sesame, paan, camphor, pen, ink, Ganga water, rice, honey, sweets, mustard, flowers, ghee lamp, and fruits.

Each symbolizes purity, intellect, and enlightenment.

Puja Vidhi (Worship Procedure)

1. Cleanse the room and prepare a puja platform.
2. Bathe the idol or image of Chitragnpt Ji with water, panchamrit, and rose water.
3. Light a ghee lamp and offer flowers, abir, and haldi.
4. Read the Chitragnpt Katha and perform aarti.
5. On new paper, draw a Swastik and write the names of five deities.
6. Record your name, date, address, and income—expenditure details in front of the deity.
7. Chant the sacred mantras seeking wisdom, justice, and clarity.

Dawat Puja – Worship of Pen and Paper

Known also as Dawat Puja, this ritual honors the tools of intellect—pen, paper, and inkpot. It is a symbolic acknowledgment of education and truth. Family members, especially earning individuals, present their yearly financial records before the deity and seek blessings for prosperity and balance. This Puja reminds humanity that wisdom is wealth, honesty is dharma, and knowledge is the truest light.

Govardhana Puja – Sacred Cow Celebration in Nathdwara

The day after Diwali is celebrated as Govardhana Puja, marking Lord Krishna's divine act of lifting the Govardhan Hill to protect the villagers of Vrindavan from Lord Indra's wrath. This act symbolizes humility, courage, and protection of nature.



In Nathdwara, Rajasthan, home to the Shrinathji Temple, the festival takes on a vibrant and devotional form—Gau Puja (cow worship)—where the sacred cow is honored as a symbol of life and abundance.

Artistry and Rituals of Cow Decoration - Cows are bathed in turmeric water, adorned with kumkum tilak, garlanded with marigold and jasmine, and covered with embroidered cloths and beads. Their horns are painted with natural colors, and peacock feathers are tied as a mark of Lord Krishna's divine presence. The ritual concludes with aarti, parikrama, and offerings of jaggery, fruits, and sweets. The entire town glows with devotion, fragrance, and festivity.

Faith, Ecology, and Harmony - Govardhana Puja not only expresses devotion but also advocates sustainable living and environmental care. By worshipping cows—the providers of milk, fertilizer, and agricultural strength—devotees recognize the divine link between humanity and nature. The celebration conveys that true prosperity lies in protecting the earth and all its living beings.



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