



HAPPY DIWALI

In 2022, Diwali is being celebrated on October 24th. The holiday symbolizes the festival of lights that can stretch back to more than 2,500 years. In

India, Diwali is a five-day celebration which traditionally marks the biggest holiday of the year.

Diwali is one of the major religious festivals in Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism. Although it is not a primary festival of Buddhism, some Buddhists celebrate the festival. The name "Diwali" is derived from the Sanskrit term "dipavali", which means "row of lights". The festival symbolizes the victory of light over darkness. Observances of Diwali differ among various religious groups and regions around India, however, the most widespread custom is the lighting of "diyas" which are small lamps filled with oil. Homes are decorated and floors are covered with "rangoli" which are elaborate designs made of colored sand and/or flower petals. Diwali is generally a time for visiting, exchanging gifts, wearing new clothes, feasting, feeding the poor, and setting off fireworks.

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