



- 🪔 Diwali is one of the largest festivals celebrated in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Malaysia and Singapore
- 🪔 Also referred to as “Divali”, “Deepavali”, or “Deepawali”
- 🪔 Deepavali is a Sanskrit word meaning “a continuous line of lamps”. This is why Diwali is a festival celebrated with lots of lights.
- 🪔 It is considered a time to celebrate life and a time to strengthen family and social relationships.
- 🪔 Known as the “Festival of Lights”. The light signifies the victory of good over evil within every human being
- 🪔 People celebrate with family gatherings, fireworks, sharing sweets and candy, lighting candles, lamps and lights of all colors
- 🪔 For many countries on the Indian sub-continent, Diwali marks the celebration of the new year
- 🪔 For Hindus, Diwali is usually celebrated over the period of five days

First Day: the home will be cleaned and people will clean their money.

Unknowingly or knowingly, money in one's possession may have been used for wrongful means, therefore it is washed using milk and water in order to purify it. It is then intended to be spent for good purpose (i.e. donating to the poor)

Second Day: people decorate their homes with *diyas* (clay lamps or oil lamps) and create design patterns called *rangoli* on the floor using colored powders or sand.



Diyas



Rangoli
Art

Third Day: Main day of the festival when families gather together, have a large feast and light fireworks and firecrackers

Fourth Day: Considered the first day of the New Year. Friends and relatives visit with gifts on this day

Fifth Day: This is the day of brothers and sisters. Brothers will visit their sisters on this last day of Diwali to inquire about their welfare and for both to wish the best in each of their lives.

- 🪔 People celebrate by wearing their best clothes
- 🪔 People hold *puja* (small prayers) and make offerings of fruit and traditional Indian sweets and candy
- 🪔 The Hindi gods Ganesh and Lakshmi hold great importance during Diwali
 - Ganesh, the god of wisdom and good luck, is honored through puja in people's homes with the hope that he will remove all negative obstacles from life.
 - People will decorate and burn lights in their homes with the hopes that Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and good fortune, will visit their homes and offer prosperity in the new year.



Diwali
Candy



Ganesh



Lakshmi