


Deepawali

Commonly known as Festival of Lights

- **Deepawali is a Sanskrit words and it means rows of Diya or light.**
- **This year, it will be celebrated on November 4, based on the Lunar calendar.**
- **It is a five-day festival, celebrated annually by Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, etc.**
- **Celebration involves cleaning houses, making Rangoli, lighting Diyas, offering prayers, exchange well wishes and sweets.**

Goddess Laxmi bestows wealth and prosperity

The Five Days of Deepawali



Dhanteras: Goddess Laxmi bestows wealth and prosperity.

Chotti Deepawali: Triumph of good over evil. Mother places society welfare over her own personal joy.

Deepawali: Lord Rama came home after defeating the ten-headed demon Ravana.
Start of Hindu New Year.

Govardhan Pooja: Lord Krishna lifted a mountain on his pinky finger to protect people from torrential rains.

Bhai Dooj: Brother and sister strengthen the bond of love and affection by tying sacred thread to each other.

Significance of Deepawali

- 1. Marks the beginning of Hindu New Year**
- 2. Symbolizes victory of Good over Evil**
- 3. It brings together families, friends, and communities**
- 4. People renew their commitment to upholding values of truth, non-harming, and restraint through their thoughts, words, and actions**
- 5. It is time for Daan (charitable giving) and Sewa (selfless service)**
- 6. People light lamps to remember that light triumphs over dark, knowledge prevails over ignorance and good triumphs over evil.**

Lord Rama story

- Ram was all set to be coronated as the King of Ayodhya
- His stepmother, sends him in exile for fourteen years and gives the thorn to her son Bharat.
- Ram leaves for the forest with his wife Sita and brother Laxman
- He fights many demons, restores justice, makes new friends
- A demon Ravana abducts Sita and takes her to Lanka
- Rama's army builds a bridge between India and Lanka
- Rama defeats Ravana**
- Rama and Sita return to Ayodhya after fourteen years of exile.
- People lighted Diyas all over the city and welcomed Rama
- Rama became King and everyone lived happily under his rule.