

Diwali is one of the major festivals celebrated in India. It usually falls in the month of October or November as per the Gregorian calendar. Diwali marks the victory of good over evil.

On the day of Diwali, people decorate their houses with diyas, rangoli, candles and colourful lights. Special sweets like barfi, laddu and kheer are prepared. People dress up in new traditional or modern clothes. Sisters apply mehndi on their hands and brothers give them gifts.

In the evening, lamps are lit in houses, temples and shops. Firecrackers are burst late at night. People meet relatives and exchange gifts, sweets and greet each other by saying "Happy Diwali!". Lord Ganesha and Goddess Lakshmi are worshipped for prosperity and wisdom. It is a festival to spread love, joy and warmth. Diwali reminds us that we should overcome darkness in life with the light of knowledge.