

DIWALI MELA

Wednesday 19 Oct 2022, IST 12 noon onwards

Dear Parent/ Student,

Greetings from Lloyd academic community!

Diwali, also spelled **Deepavali**, one of the major religious festivals in Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism, lasting for five days from the 13th day of the dark half of the lunar month Ashvina to the second day of the light half of the lunar month Karttika. The name is derived from the Sanskrit term *deepavali*, meaning “row of lights.” The festival generally symbolizes the victory of light over darkness.

Observances of Diwali differ depending on region and tradition. Among Hindus the most widespread custom is the lighting of *diyas* (small earthenware lamps filled with oil) on the night of the new moon to invite the presence of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. In Bengal the goddess Kali is worshipped. In North India the festival also celebrates the royal homecoming of Rama (along with Sita, Lakshmana, and Hanuman) to the city of Ayodhya after defeating Ravana, the 10-headed king of the demons, thus connecting the festival with the holiday of Dussehra. In South India the festival marks Krishna’s defeat of the demon Narakasura. Some celebrate Diwali as a commemoration of the marriage of Lakshmi and Vishnu, while others observe it as the birthday of Lakshmi.

During the festival, *diyas* are lit and placed in rows along the parapets of temples and houses and set adrift on rivers and streams. Homes are decorated, and floors inside and out are covered with *rangoli*, consisting of elaborate designs made of coloured rice, sand, or flower petals. The doors and windows of houses are kept open in the hope that Lakshmi will find her way inside and bless the residents with wealth and success.

Our Family has decided to immerse itself in the festive spirit in association with Royale Events & Exhibition to celebrate Diwali Mela 2022.

Date: 19 October 2022

Venue: IIIT RGUKT RK Valley, Campus II

Time: 12 noon- 8:00 p.m.

Dress Code: Ethnic Wear

The Diwali Mela will have **fun filled activities organized by Decathlon**, Food Court consisting of **Italian, Chinese, North Indian, snacks, Dilli ki Chaat, Golgappe** and variety of mouth watering dishes. Variety of **Lifestyle stalls** shall also be present to indulge into festive spree. Annnnnndddd all of this shall be followed by a **LIVE Concert!** Get ready to groove to the rhythm of Festivity!

So, just gear up, be festive ready and Enjoy Diwali Mela.

Hope to see you all in regular classes, skill development programs, additional courses, practical academics, skilling opportunities and professional guidance of excellence.

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Entry only with OUR College ID card.

No outsiders are allowed.

