

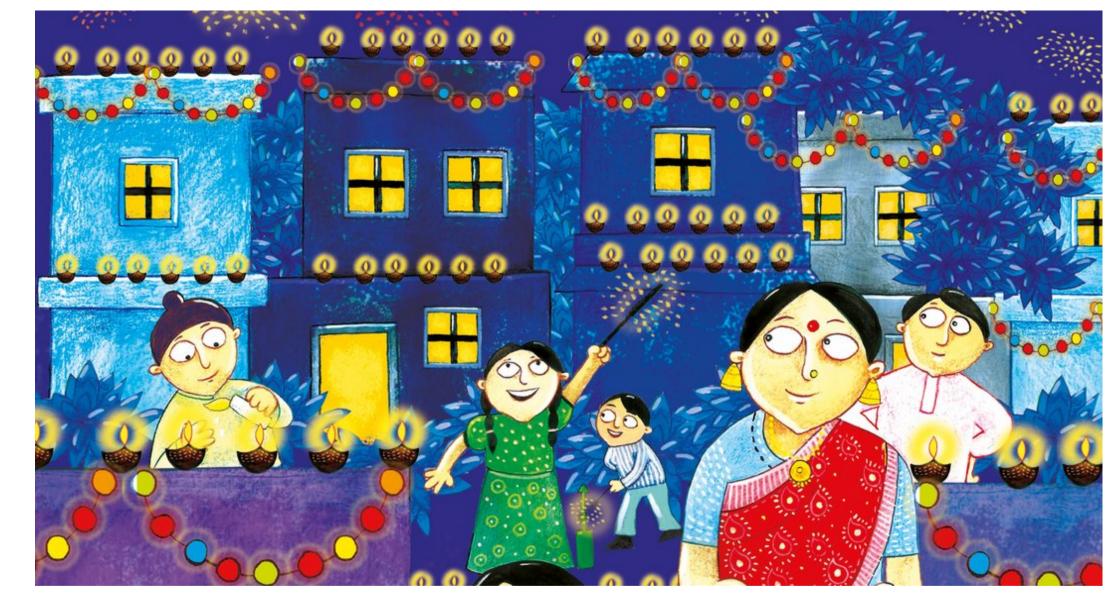


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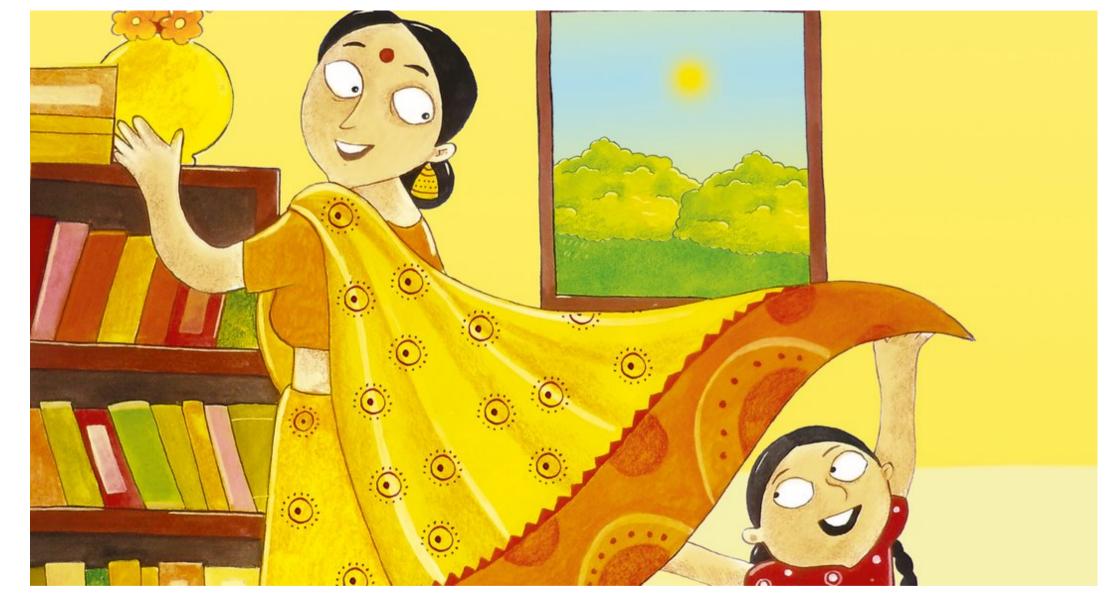
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Diwali or Deepavali is a festival of lights. Diwali symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.



People light diyas in their home and burst crackers.



People shop for new clothes and wear new dresses.



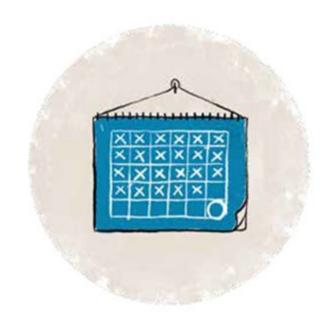
They give sweets and gifts to neighbours.



Some draw kolams and rangoli designs on the floors.



Many clean their homes so that they sparkle.



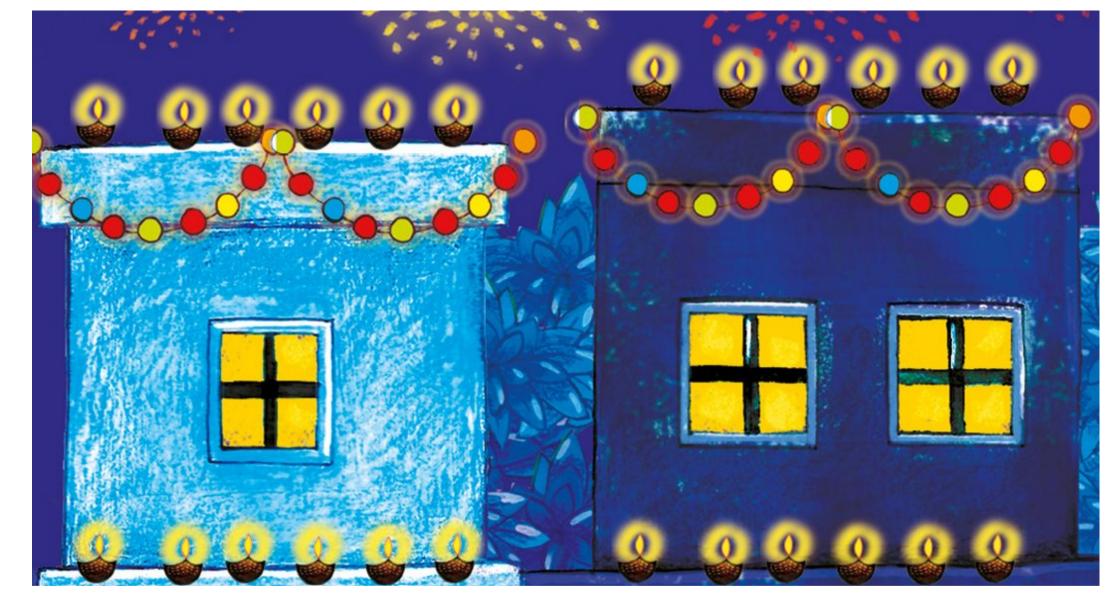
The Diwali date of a year comes anywhere between mid-October and mid-November. In 2017, it was on October 19. In 2021, it is on November 4.



Diwali is celebrated by Hindus to mark the victory of Lord Krishna over demon Narakasura. For some, it also signifies the return of Lord Rama to his kingdom Ayodhya after defeating Ravana.



You can celebrate Green Diwali to reduce the pollution caused by crackers in the atmosphere. You can minimize the use of crackers that emit too much smoke or are too loud.



Happy Diwali to all of you! May you sparkle as bright as the festive lights.



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