

# Hindi

दिवाली एक ऐसा त्यौहार है जिसमें लोग अपने अपने घरों में तैयार जलाकर श्रीराम का स्वागत करते हैं और गणेश जी की आरती करते हुए लक्ष्मी जी की आरती करते हुए एक दूसरे को प्रोत्साहन देते हैं कि इस साल खूब हम कहां कमाएं ये भी पढ़िए और स्वस्थ रहें। इसमें हमारे परिवार और मित्रगण और कई सहयोग का भी मिलन होता है, जिसमें हम एक दूसरे के बारे में जानते हैं मिलते हैं और खुशियां बांटते हैं। हमें प्रसाद सब मिलता ही है जिसमें बच्चे खुश हो जाते हैं। उसके साथ ही साथ बड़ों के साथ पटाखे पटाखे चढ़ावा चढ़ाना आप पर बड़ों का आशीर्वाद लेना और एकत्रित होकर एक त्यौहार मनाना है। रंगोलियां बनाना एक बड़ा मजा आता है। बड़ा आनंद आता है।

# English

So this is more of a yearly festival that we have. It's an annual festival. It's called Diwali. It's the festival of lights back home. So the entire nation... I mean, the North and Eastern and Western part of India celebrate it with a lot of pomp and show. The entire house is washed, cleaned. And it's basically the Hindu New Year that we celebrate in the country. So the entire family goes shopping during the season, gets new clothes, and then we offer a lot of prayers during that period. So it's basically the day is divided into a smaller version and a bigger version of Diwali. So that's when we... there are very small rituals associated... Very intricate rituals associated with the festival.

So on day one, we get a form of important asset for the family. So it can be any kind of jewelry, a coin that the family values. And then the next day is basically associated with lighting candles and diyas, as we call it in Hindi, around the house and offering prayers to Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Ganesh. And it's also a way of how we kind of bond together as a family. Everybody is involved in doing some household work or the other, preparing sweets, dishes, eating together, meeting old and new relatives, acquaintances, friends, family. And it's a very positive environment altogether.

And this day also marks... So I'm not sure if you're familiar with the epic of Ramayana, but it also marks the day when Lord Jan came back to his home, to his palace after 14 years of being in exile. So he comes back and rules the kingdom. So that's also celebrated in India on this special day. So we have firecrackers, we light diyas. There's a very auspicious environment in households throughout that season.