

Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Step into the glow of Diwali with Nova the Owl and celebrate a world of light over darkness!

- Diwali is widely known as the 'Festival of Lights' and symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness and good over evil.
- Many people light small clay lamps called 'diyas' and place them around their homes, in doorways, and along windowsills to guide positivity inside.
- For Hindus, the festival often honours Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity, who is invited into clean and decorated homes.
- Sikhs celebrate Diwali as Bandi Chhor Divas, which commemorates the historical release of Guru Hargobind Ji from imprisonment.
- Jains observe Diwali as the anniversary of Lord Mahavira attaining moksha, or liberation from the cycle of reincarnation.
- The festival is a time for families to share delicious sweets, wear new clothes, and exchange gifts as a sign of friendship and renewal.

Did you know? Did you know? During Diwali, families often create intricate patterns on the floor near their entrances using coloured sand, rice, or flower petals. These are called Rangoli, and they are designed to welcome guests and bring good luck into the home!

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