



#### **Diwali**

Diwali is an important festival of Hindus. It is celebrated twenty days after Dussehra.

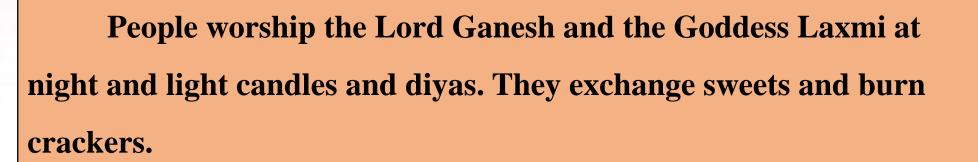
This festival is celebrated to mark the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after killing demon Ravana.



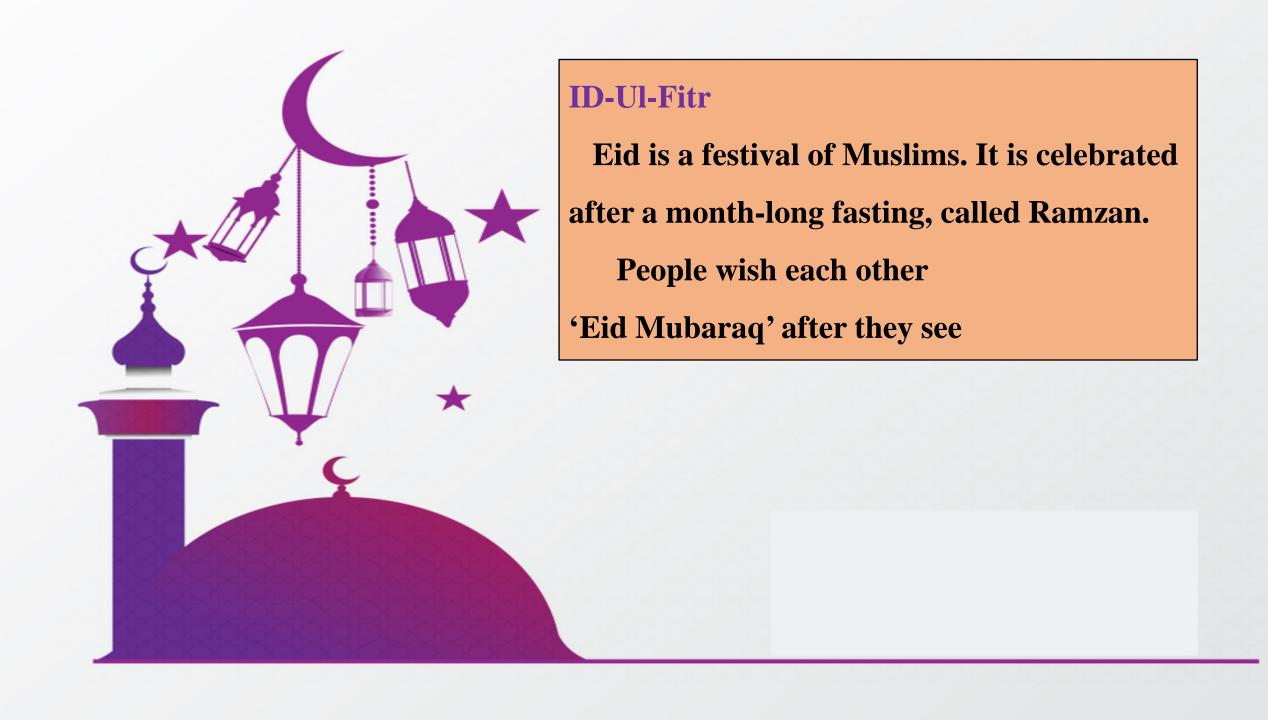


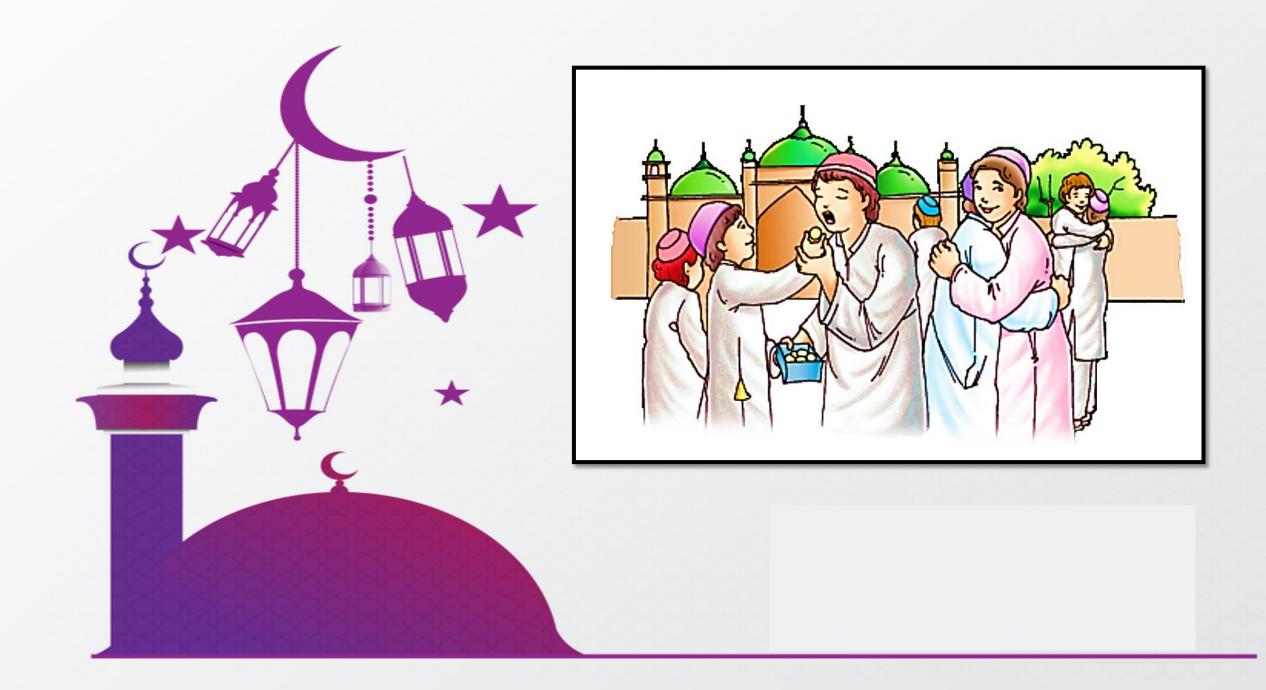
It is called Festival of Lights. Houses are cleaned and decorated with lights.

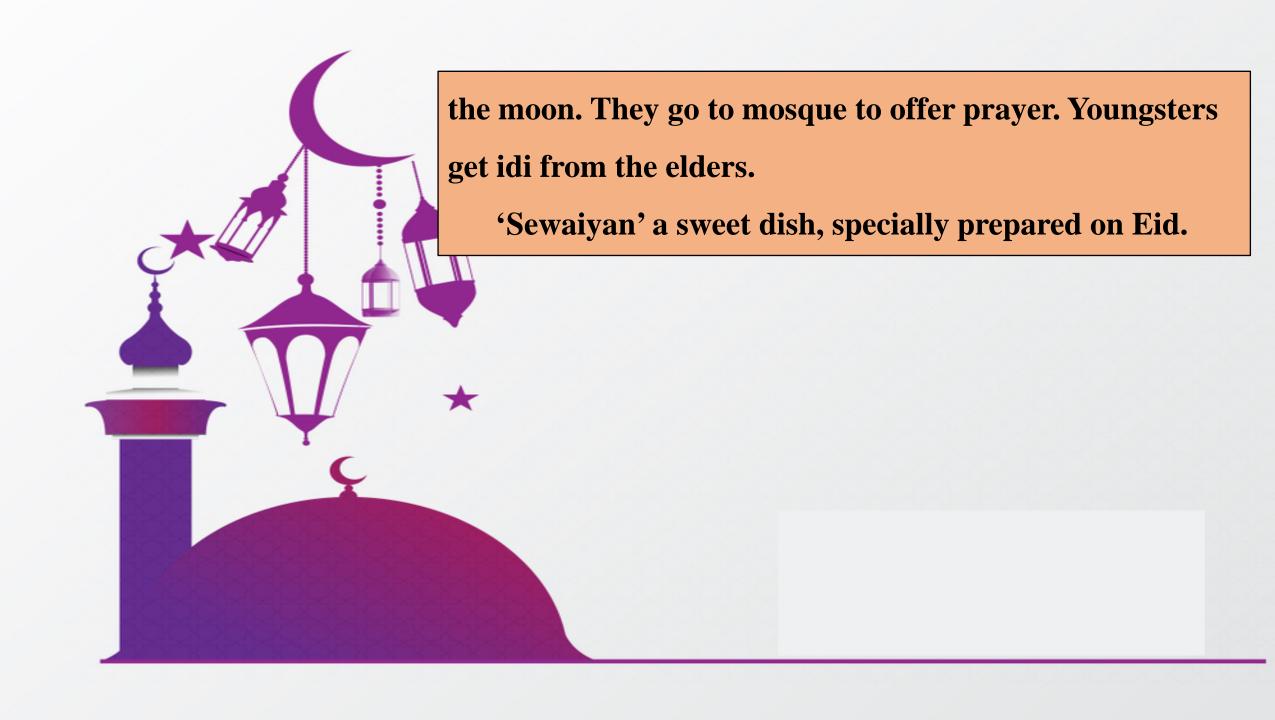














### **Christmas**

Christmas is the festival of Christians.



It is celebrated all around the world on 25<sup>th</sup> December every year.

It is the birthday of Jesus Christ.





Christmas trees are decorated, carols and hymns are sung in churches. Santa Claus brings gifts for children. People exchange gifts. They enjoy the turkey and cake.







Gurupurav (Guru Nanak Jayanti)

Gurupurav is the festival of Sikhs.

It is the birthday of Shri Guru Nanak
Devji. Gurudwaras are decorated.

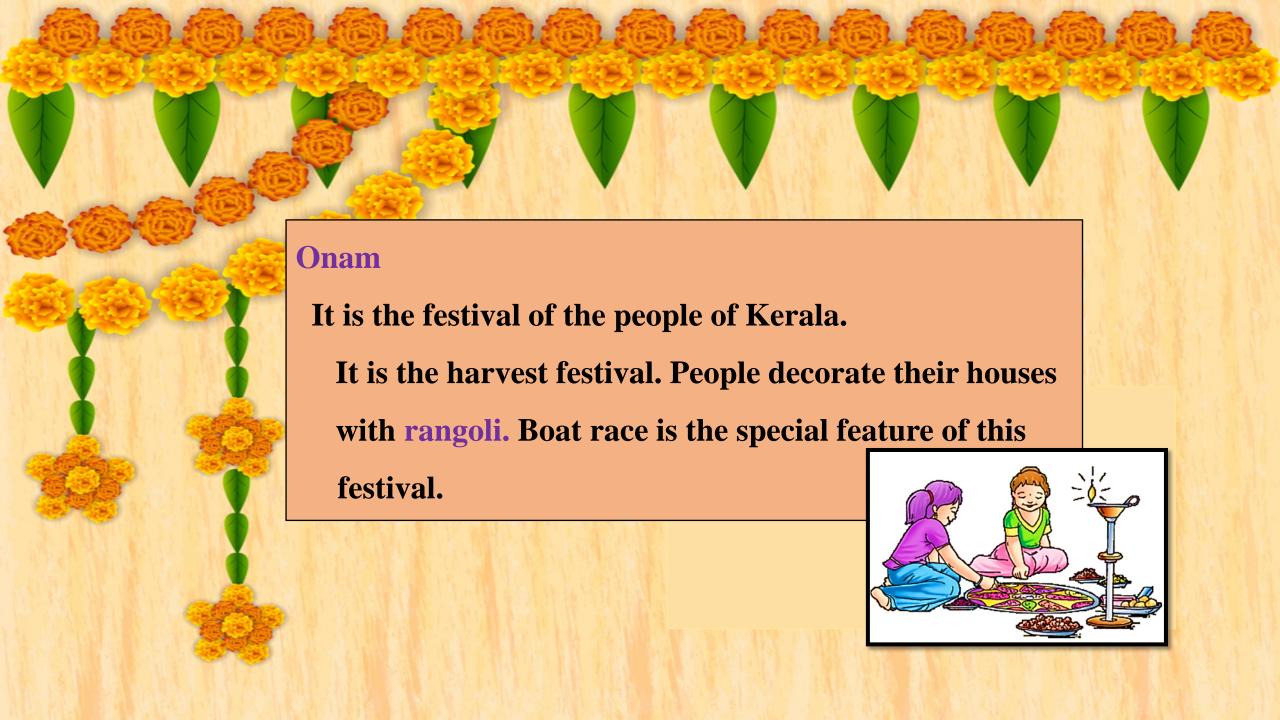
People take out big processions.

Gurbani from Gurugranth Sahib is sung.



People go to Gurudwaras to offer prayers. Free food 'Langar' is given to all.



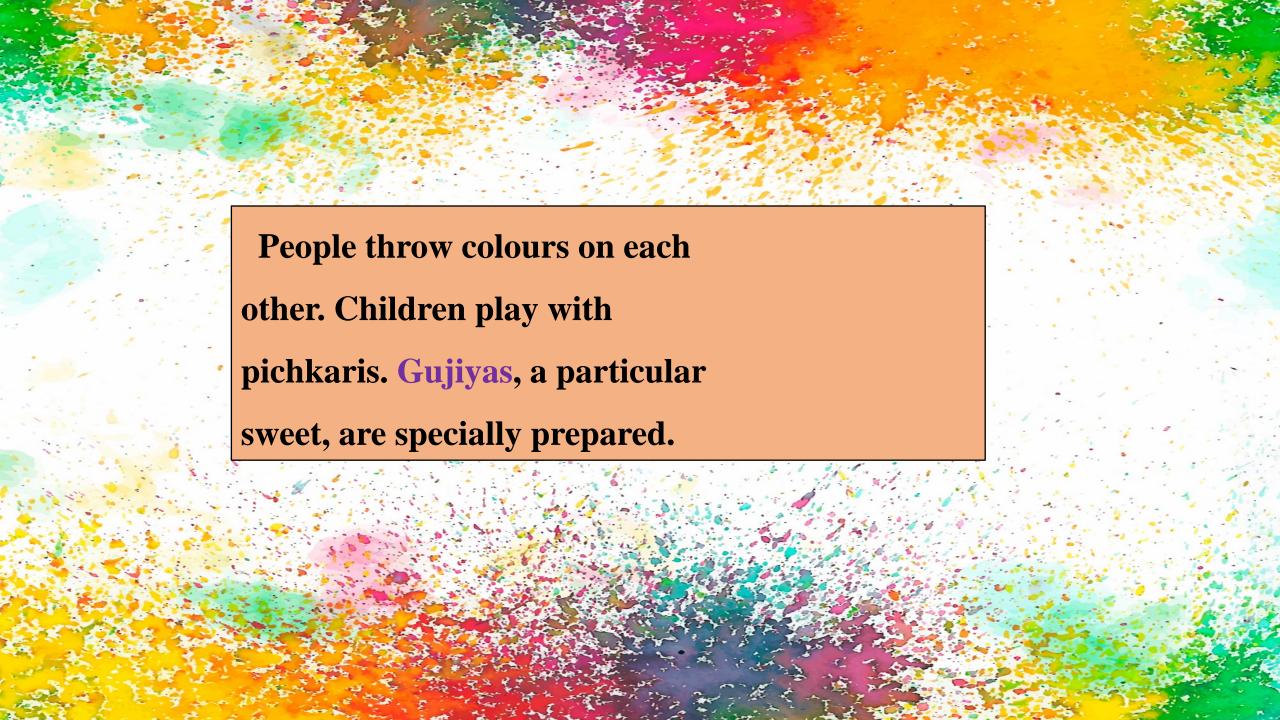






Ravana. It is celebrated on the tenth day of the Navaratra. Scenes of Lord Rama's life are shown during Ramlilla staged for nine days during Navaratra. On the tenth day, effigies of Ravana, Kumbhkarana and Meghnath are burnt.

# Holi Holi is also a festival of Hindus. It is called the festival of colours. It is celebrated at the onset of the spring season.





### NATIONAL FESTIVALS

**Independence Day** 

We celebrate our

**Independence Day on** 

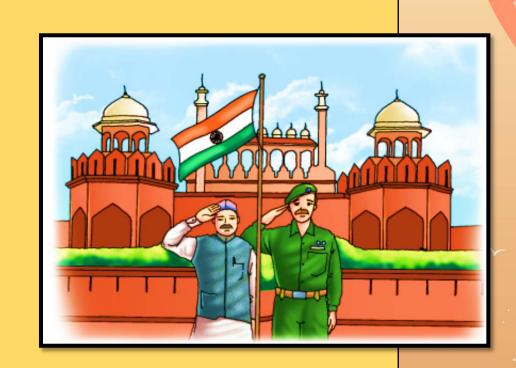
15<sup>th</sup> August every year.

On this day, India got

freedom from British.

The Prime Minister of

**India hoists the National** 





Flag at the Red Fort, Delhi and address the nation. The national anthem Jana Gana Mana.... is sung. Nation salutes the National Flag and remember the freedom fighters.





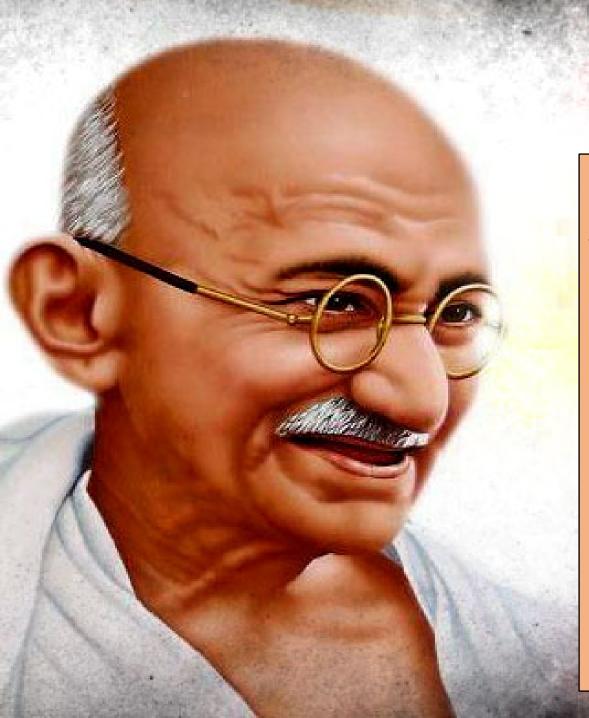
We celebrate Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January every year. India became Republic on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1950.

Republic means that the supreme power is held by the people of India and their representatives and we have our own Constitution to run the country. On this day, every year, there is a parade of armed forces at Rajpath. Folk dances are



performed by school children and decorated tableaus of different states are displayed.

The President of
India takes salute at
Rajpath near India
Gate.



## **GANDHI JAYANTI**

We celebrate Gandhi

Jayanti on

2<sup>nd</sup> October every year. It

is the birth day of

Mahatma Gandhi, the

Father of Nation. The

**President of India, the** 

**Prime Minister and other** 

distinguished personalities

pay homage to the Father of Nation at his Samadhi at

Rajghat, New Delhi.







