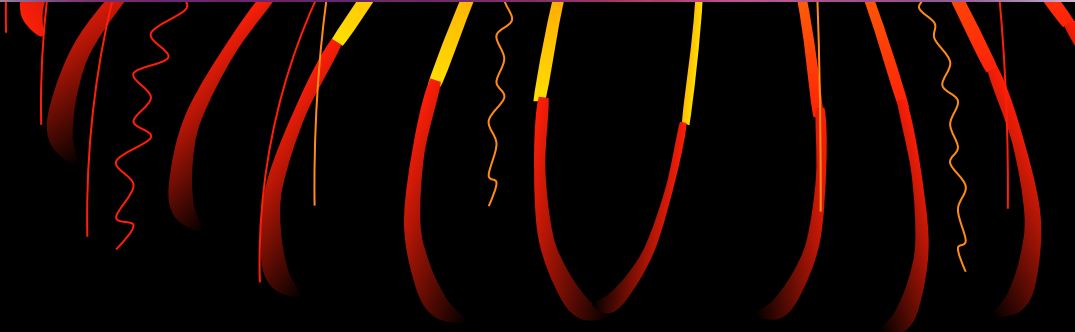
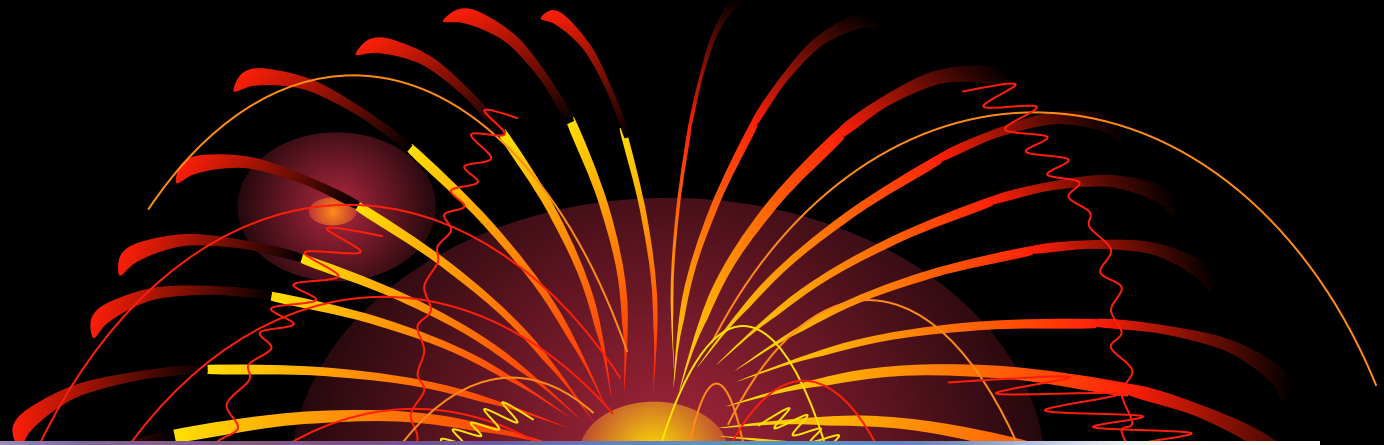




Happy Diwali





Wishing you a

Happy

Diwali !

“DEEPAVALI”

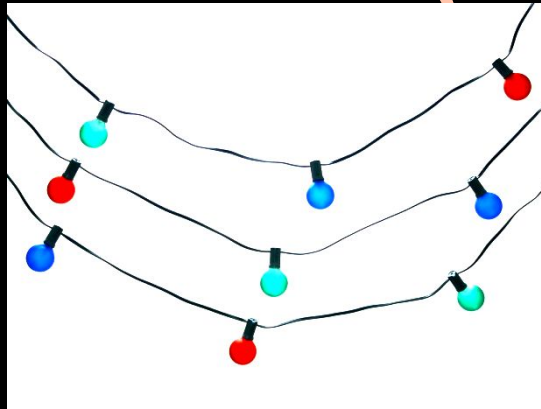


OR DIWALI IS THE INDIAN FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS.

‘DEEPA’ MEANS LAMP OR LIGHT



AND ‘VALI’ MEANS ‘STRING OF’ (НИТКА ЧЕГО-ЛИБО .)



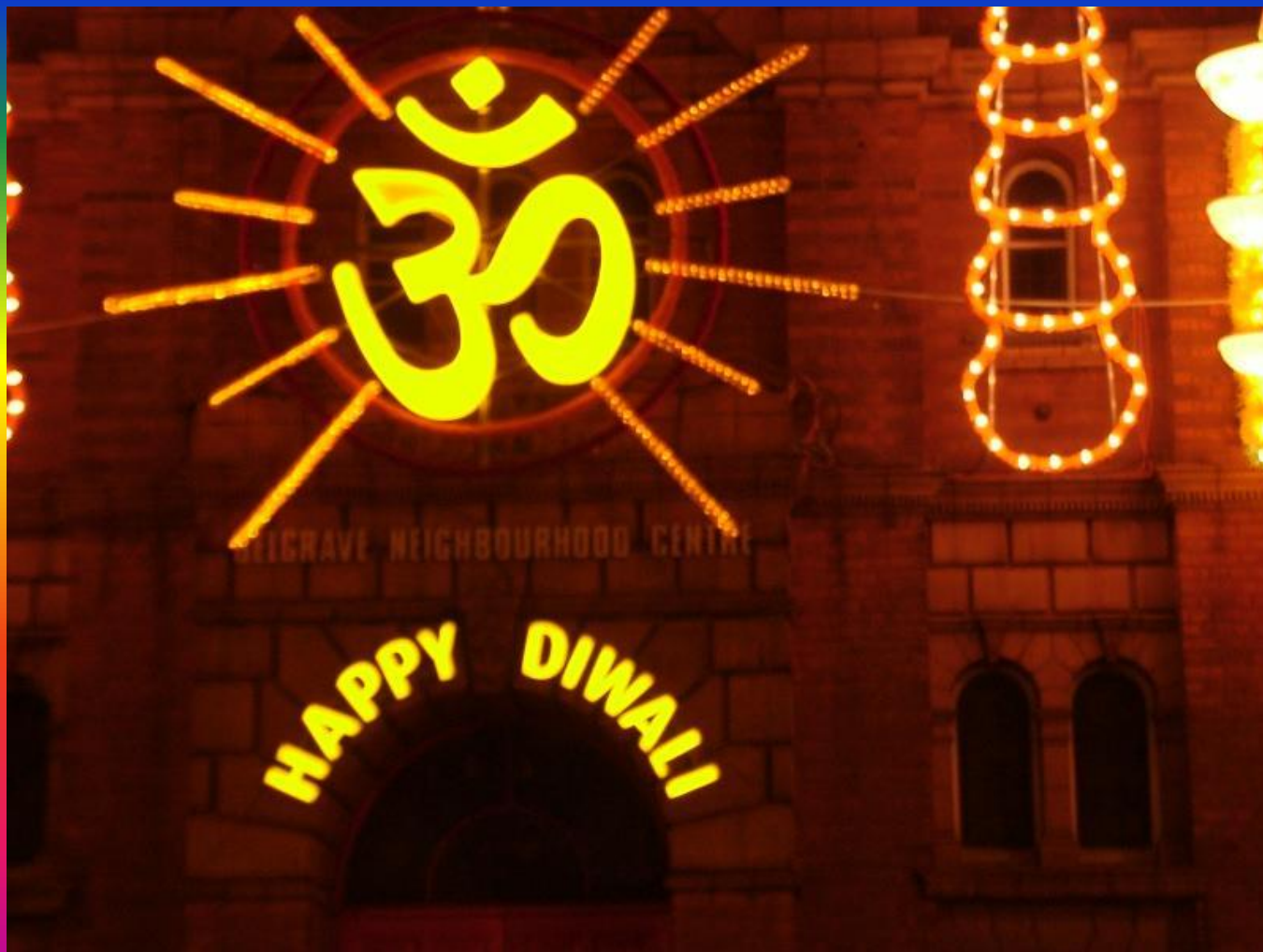


The Hindu calendar is based on the lunar cycle and the movement of the moon calendar. Usually this is in October or November.





This symbol is the Hindu sign
for God





Look at this building, it is decorated all over with beautiful lights.



What is the story of King Rama?

After fourteen years of exile- **изгнание** in the forest, the King of Ayodhya, Rama, and his brother Laksman, returned to their hometown.

Before that, they defeated Demon King Ravana in a fierce war.

Upon Rama's return to Ayodhya the people of the town **lit lamps** to welcome the King back and to celebrate the victory over Ravana.

After King Rama returned, the people **danced** and **celebrated** and **fired fireworks** to show how happy they were. These festivities continue every year at Diwali and are still celebrated today.



Celebrations



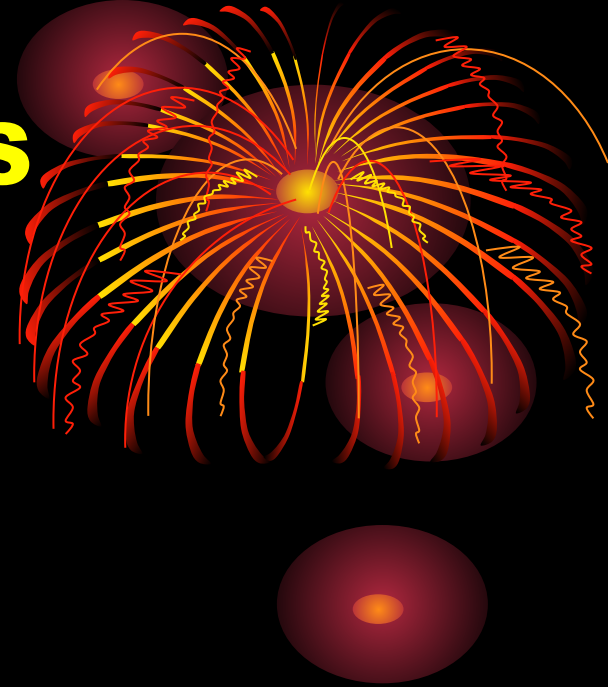
Homes are thoroughly cleaned, windows are opened and lights are lit as a greeting to Lakshmi, goddess of wealth.



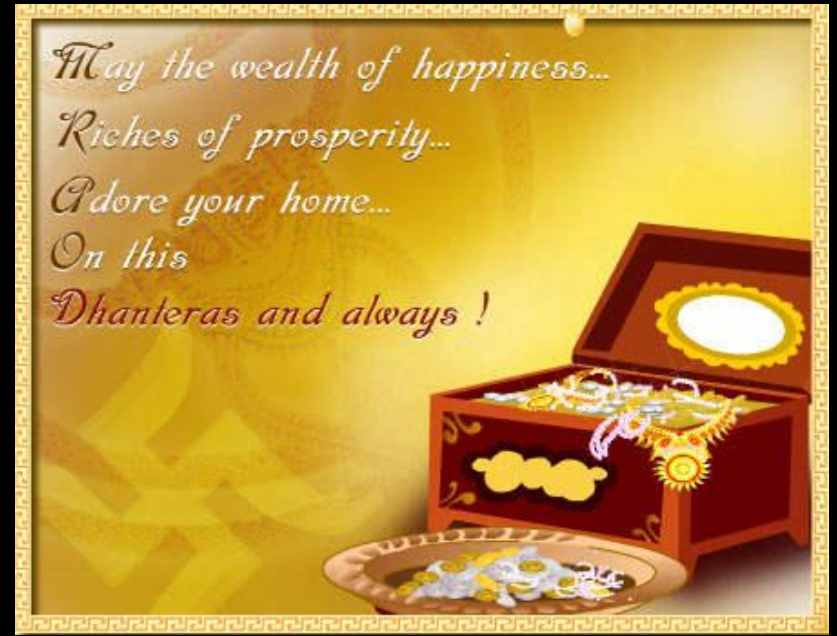
During Diwali, gifts and sweets are exchanged and festive meals are prepared.

FIVE DAYS OF FESTIVITIES

The **FIRST DAY** is called **Dhan Theras**. People buy jewellery and worship it to God.



*Wishing you a Happy and Blessed
Dhanteras!*



*May the wealth of happiness...
Riches of prosperity...
Adore your home...
On this
Dhanteras and always !*

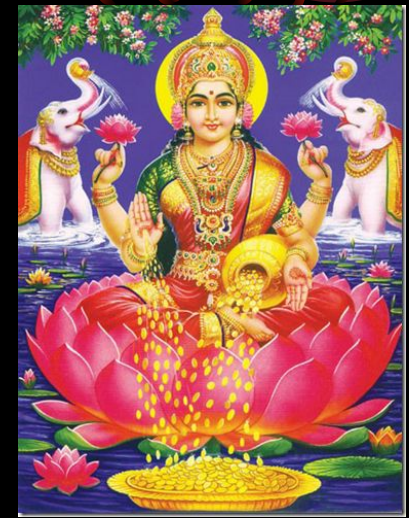
**The SECOND DAY is called
Narka Chaturdashi.**

**It is a celebration of the death of
the evil king "Narakusara" who
imprisoned many sons and
daughters of the Gods.**



The **THIRD DAY** is the most important day called **Lakshmi-Puja**

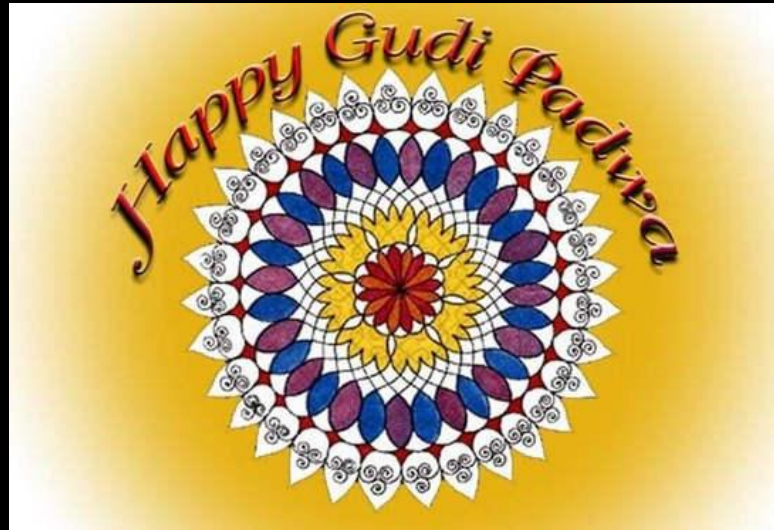
Hindu worship Goddess Lakshmi,
the goddess of good luck,
wealth and fortune



Those who have a business
do the Puja in office as
it is considered lucky
and auspicious.



The FOURTH DAY
is called Padwa.
It is looked as the
most auspicious-*благоприятный*
time to start any business.

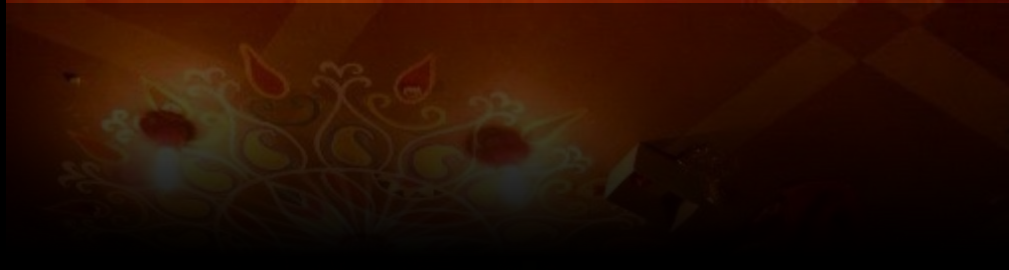


Happy Bhai Dooj!

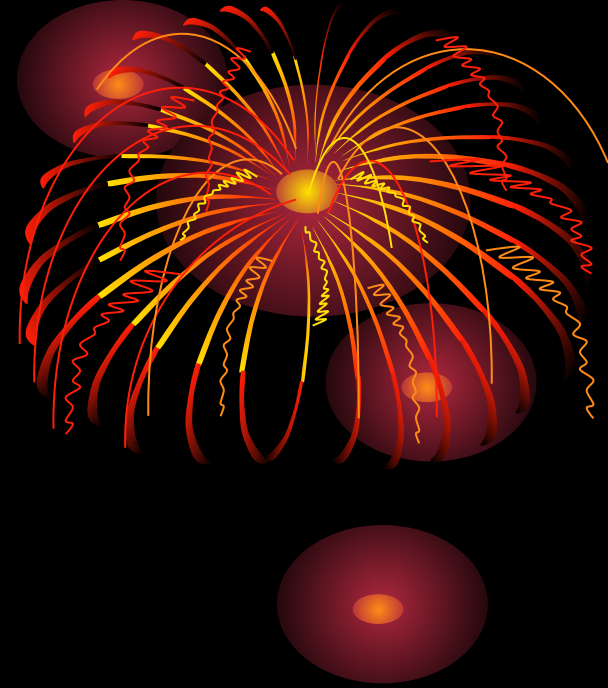


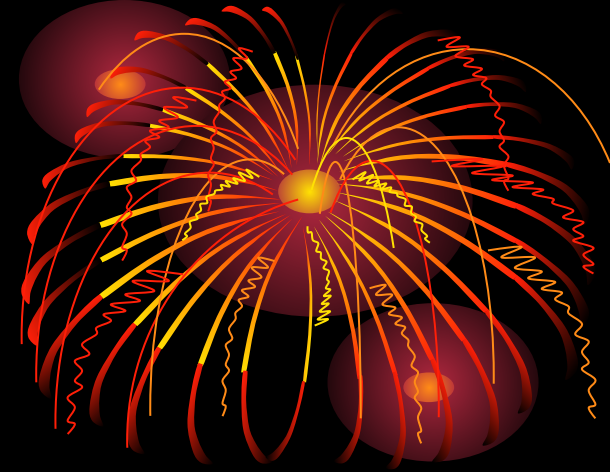
Rangoli-Painted Prayers-

Окрашенные молитвы Индии



Colourful markets





Lights-Lamps and Fireworks

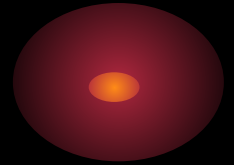
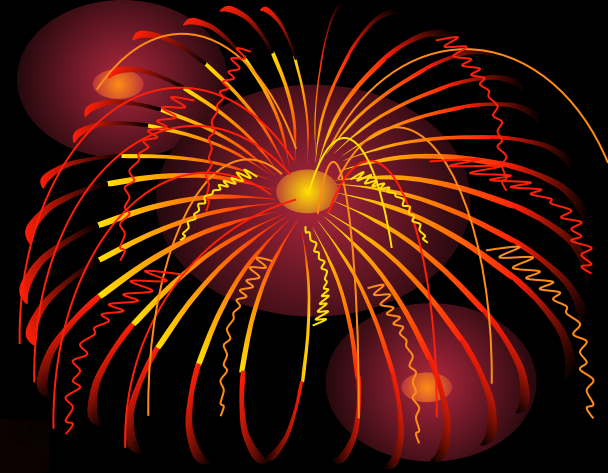




Diwali is celebrated not
only in India.

Here are some pictures of
Diwali lights in the street.

This is Leicester
in the middle of England.





Many people come to look at the lights, to celebrate Diwali and to remember the story of Rama and Sita.

