

A vibrant collage of faces and colorful paint splatters in red, blue, yellow, green, and pink, celebrating the Holi festival. The word "Holi" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a white outline, centered in the upper half of the image. The background is a dense, overlapping pattern of faces, some partially obscured by large, colorful paint splatters. The colors are bright and saturated, creating a festive and energetic atmosphere. The overall composition is a celebration of the Holi festival, with the word "Holi" prominently displayed in the center.

Holi

What is Holi?

- Holi, also known as Bhojpuri is the Hindu winter harvest festival.
- People celebrate the beginning of spring.
- Holi is also known as the Festival of Colours.
- It is a time of thanksgiving for the harvest, and also of unity and fun for everyone.
- Holi reminds Hindus of the importance of faith and sacrifice through the retelling of several myths.
- These are celebrated with bonfires, parties, the throwing of coloured powder, and playful pranks.



How is Holi celebrated?

- The fun-filled festival lasts for at least two days, and often begins in the home with a range of coloured powders, called **gulal** being arranged on a thali tray, alongside a pot of coloured water.
- The eldest male member of the family then sprinkles some of the powder on each family member as a sign of good luck.
- Later, bonfires are lit to remember the story of Holika. Effigies of the goddess are paraded and burnt. In areas where there is a barley harvest, some of the crop is offered and then burned on the fire.
- The burning of rubbish represents past mistakes made are forgiven. There is a chance to make a new beginning, just like there was for Prahlad.
- People have parties, sing and dance around a fire.



How is Holi celebrated?

- On the second day, activities become noisier and more vibrant, as the emphasis moves from fire to colour.
- Coloured powder, water and water balloons are thrown at anyone nearby.
- Children also gently paint the feet of their elders with colour.
- Women often decorate their homes with flowers and rangoli patterns.



Why is Holi celebrated?

- Holi is one of the oldest Hindu festivals.
- It is a response to several myths and legends that explore the triumph of good over evil, and the power of love and faith.
- One story is about Holika and Prahlad.

