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Dev Deepawali

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UP: Dev dipawali, the famous festival of lights on the occasion of Kartik Poornima celebrated across state

The Dev Deepawali ("the Diwali of the Gods" or "Festival of Lights of the Gods") is the **festival of Kartik Poornima celebrated in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, and Jharkhand** India.

It falls on the full moon of the Hindu month of Kartika (November - December) and takes place **fifteen days after Diwali**.

The steps of all the ghats on the riverfront of the **Ganges River**, are lit with more than a million earthen lamps (dijas) in **honour of Ganga**, the Ganges, and its presiding goddess.

Mythologically, the gods are believed to **descend to Earth** to bathe in the Ganges on this day.

The festival is also observed as **Tripura Purnima Snan**.

During Dev Deepawali, houses are decorated with oil lamps and coloured designs on their front doors.

Firecrackers are burnt at night, processions of decorated deities are taken out into the streets of Varanasi, and oil lamps are set afloat on the river.

Although this festival is being celebrated on large scale at the ghats of all the major rivers in different districts of the state but **Dev Deepawali of Kashi has its own significance**.

Many devotees and tourists from different parts of the country have arrived in Kashi to watch the spectacular view of the lighting all buildings along with the ghats are beautifully decorated.

Kashi Vishwanath corridor is also decked up for the event and live screens across the city are streaming the activities of the festival. people in large numbers participated in the **famous Ganga Aarti** on this occasion.

People lit earthen lamps at their houses and **paid tribute to the Martyrs of the country**.

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