

HOLI

The Holi festival is the welcoming festival for Vasant (meaning Spring). Holi brings the colors, new sprouts on the farms after the shivratri puja, and also brings new hopes, enthusiasm, and optimism in our lives. Holi marks the beginning of the colorful month of falgun and brings a new message for life. Holi comes from the name of Holika.

We all know the story of Holika, who tried to burn the kid Prahlad in the fire. We all have a question that why are we celebrating the Holi fire. The day Holika was to burn kid Prahlad in the fire by putting him in her lap, the town people prayed to the God of Fire by burning the littlest fires in their houses, not to burn Prahlad. The prayers full of love and optimism were heard by the God and prayers were answered. In the fire, Holika was burned and Prahlad came out alive.

Since then, the Prahlad story has stolen everyone's heart. These episodes show the greatness of prayers, which is done from the base of ones heart and the wishes are fulfilled by the Fire God. Thus, the bad Holika was destroyed and the Godly Prahlad was saved from the bizarre challenge.

We can take from this that Holi is not only burning fire with a bunch of woodsticks and do the puja but, really to celebrate Holi is by throwing all the bad ideas and wishes in the fire, which adversely effects our lives and strengthens the unity, morale, and culture of our society. We should try to enhance the morale standards of our society by good conduct and clean hearts and souls. At the puja we pray God to destroy any indiscipline and hatred from our hearts and rekindle love and care towards each other.

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