

The header features a decorative graphic at the top. A series of small, light-gray dots forms a wavy, horizontal line that spans the width of the page. Above this line, there are several silhouettes of children in various playful poses, some holding what appear to be small bags or containers, suggesting the throwing of colored powder. The background of the header is a gradient of light gray with subtle, wavy patterns.

# Holi

**T**he spring festival of Holi is a Hindu celebration that normally lasts for two days. It celebrates the end of winter and the beginning of spring and commemorates events in Hindu mythology that include the escape and survival of Prahlada from his wicked father and the burning of the demoness Holika. Revellers build bonfires and throw coloured, scented powder at each other, which is why it is known as the festival of colours. Holi is a time of fun and excitement, and everyone is involved in the festivities—rich or poor, young or old.