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# Nature & Celebrations!

## ***A brief look at what all nature goes through while we celebrate different festivals...***

Heaps of festivals are celebrated across the world every year. Almost every festival has its own ethnic justifications and supporting stories. However, we now live in a modernised and advanced age, where most of the (traditionally defined) reasons for celebrating the respective festivals are lost. Neither is the world socially and physically so disconnected; nor do we live in those times when entertainment itself was a fantasy for everyone. However, we are still continuing it all, without any substantial logic for doing so.

With time, festivals have somehow directly been associated with loud booms, fancy sparkles, intense lighting, vivid colours, and many other completely irrational customs to follow. What makes a hell lot of difference is the impact which such superstitious and bizarre methods of celebrating make on the nature that holds the earth and its inhabitants intact.

Here is how our jolly is making immense environmental imbalance year after year, questioning all our international conferences for various global issues...

### **The Smoke & Booms**

When it's our neighbourhood playing loud music in a birthday party, we gather enough guts to go and complain about the resulting disturbance. But when it comes to the booming festive celebrations; nothing seems to bother much. Just because some Gods set some milestones in the religious history, many ages back; doesn't really sound convincing enough to set all the amplifiers on a blast! Lighting up almost all kinds of firecrackers in almost every festival; has become a cool trend globally. Stuffing all the air with thick and poisonous smoke is definitely not a very smart way of celebrating. Moreover, we not only put our health in serious trouble, but also create a lot of chaos for the biotic habitat around us.



### **The Blinding Lights**



As if we were living in the lamp-lit era, we still celebrate our rituals amidst the glowing lights during various festivities. The famous Indian festival of lights, popularly called 'Diwali' involves luminous lamps, loud firecrackers and heavy lighting in and around the houses. This is when, a country cribbing about fuel prices and electricity-deficit all the time, suddenly becomes very generous while blowing up its natural resources at any cost, beyond the parameters of affordability. Surprisingly, all this happens every year,

just because centuries ago a Hindu deity called *Rama* returned to his kingdom *Ayodhya* after 14 years of his exile! Are there really, no better reasons and ways to celebrate our life without screwing-up the nature and its priceless resources amidst such religious blockheadedness?

### **Think it out...**

Try and logically ponder over the following questions before tickling the already damaged condition of environment in the name of fun or religion...



- *Is it really necessary to keep doing something just because it has been done in the past?*
- *Would God really want us to do all this at the cost of environment?*
- *Does happiness really need to be this loud, smoky and extra-bright?*
- *Is ruining the nature again and again, at the cost of our beliefs valid?*
- *Are we also ready to celebrate the nature's wrath, resulting from our actions?*