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NOTICE : DIWALI GREETINGS / HOLIDAYS
FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS & STAFF MEMBERS

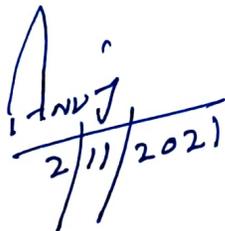
Dear Students, Parents & Staff Members,

Shikshapeeth College gladly conveys greetings and best wishes to all the students, parents and staff members on the day of commencement of auspicious important festivals of DHANTERAS, DIWALI & BHAI DOOJ, on account of which it is informed that all the online classes will remain suspended from November 3-7, 2021 to be resumed again w.e.f. November 8, 2021.

2. It is believed that on these festival days, including main worship on Diwali festival day, there is always the abode of happiness and prosperity in the family by worshipping the rituals. Well known historical myths about these festivals, according to which people of different faiths celebrate and pray before the omnipresent and everlasting one GOD, are reproduced / shared below:

3. **Dhanteras Puja** : The festival of Dhanteras is being celebrated today i.e. 2nd November, 2021. Maa Lakshmi, the GOD of wealth, Kubera, Dhanvantari ji and Yamraj, the god of death, are worshiped on this day. There is also a tradition of buying gold, silver and utensils for the house on this day.

4. **Diwali or Deepawali** : Goddess Lakshmi (the GOD of wealth) is mainly worshiped during Diwali Puja for happiness, prosperity, and fame. In one of the main stories in Hindu mythology, Diwali is the day when


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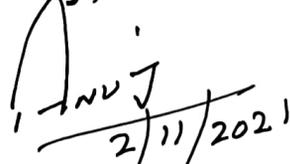
Lord Rama, his wife Sita Devi and brother Lakshmana returned to their homeland after 14 years in exile. Another Diwali story is that Diwali marks the day when Lord Krishna defeated the demon Narakasura and freed the people of his kingdom.

5. Bandi Chhor Divas : was celebrated when Mughal Emperor, Jahangir released sixth Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Hargobind Sahib ji from Gwalior prison with 52 Hindu kings and princes holding on to his robe or cape with 52 ropes. The Guru let all 52 innocent rulers to safety without any signs of war or battle. In addition to *Nagar keertan* (a street procession) and an *Akhand paath* (a continuous reading of Guru Granth Sahib), Bandi Chhor (Shodh) Divas is celebrated with a fireworks display. The Sri Harmandir Sahib and the entire complex is festooned with thousands of shimmering lights. The gurdwara organizes continuous *kirtan* singing and special musicians.

6. Bhai Dooj (Bhaubeej) : is the last day of celebrations; and is **dedicated to brothers and sisters**. To celebrate their bond, sisters perform a special ceremony for their brothers for their protection. Brothers give presents to their sisters.

With kind regards and **best wishes / greetings on the happy occasions.**

Yours faithfully,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anuj', with a date '2/11/2021' written below it.

**(ANUJ MALHOTRA)
DIRECTOR**