

HAPPY HOLI

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**Painted in red and yellow, residents enjoy Holi-day parties**

Gurgaon, India, Mar 14, 2017 -- The multiple Holi parties across the city on Monday were a hit as hundreds of residents came together to celebrate with herbal colour, bhang, disc jockeys (DJs), artistes from different places, including Mathura, and delectable food. Festivity scenes were in full swing as residents of all age groups poured into parks and grounds to smear each other with gulal.

Holi celebration at old age homes

Bhopal, India, Mar 15, 2017, A five-day grand celebration is a reason for smiles on the faces of the elderly, who are spending their second innings in old-age homes. Occasions like Holi break their sadness and depression. The inmates of city's old-age homes are enjoying the festival of colours with a blast. The old age homes including Anand Dham and Apna Ghar have made special arrangements for this Holi. Various events are organised till Rang Panchami. On Tuesday, the inmates of Apna Ghar had a musical evening adorned with Phag geet and some beautiful poetry. "As Holi arrived, these old age home inmates are somewhat electrified preparing for a five-day grand celebration. The inmates, who have left behind a life full of colours, celebrate this occasion with a lot of fervor.

Indian eves enjoy splash of colours on Holi

Bhopal, India, Mar 13 -- It was business as usual in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) campus in Bhopal on Monday. The senior Indian Women's team, who are gearing up for the all-important Hockey Women's World League Round 2 in Canada, were put through the grind in the morning under the watchful eyes of chief coach Sjoerd Marijne.

POLITICS

President Pranab Mukherjee calls for unity of culture on Holi

New Delhi, India, Mar 12, 2017 -- President Pranab Mukherjee on Sunday extended his greetings to the nation on the occasion of Holi and wished for a "rainbow of unity" among the diverse cultures of the country. "On the auspicious occasion of Holi, I extend warm greetings and best wishes to all my fellow citizens," Mukherjee said in a statement. "Holi celebrates spring and is a harbinger of hope and fulfilment in our lives. May this festival of colours bring together the diverse hues of India's culture in a rainbow of unity," the statement said. "Let us on this day spread happiness and share joy with the needy and downtrodden. May this unique festival strengthen brotherhood and harmony amongst all our people," the President said. "Let this year's Holi mark the beginning of a new phase of peace and prosperity in the country," he added.

Nawaz Sharif greets Pakistan's Hindus on Holi, promises to safeguard their rights

Islamabad, Pakistan, Mar 13, 2017 -- Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Sunday greeted the minority Hindu community of his country on the occasion of Holi festival and promised to safeguard their rights, saying there would be no discrimination on the basis of religion.

Leaders greet people on occassion of Holi

Bhopal, India, Mar 13, 2017 -- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State President and MP Nandkumar Singh Chouhan, All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary, Rajya Sabha MP and former chief minister of state Digvijay Singh, Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee president Arun Yadav, Bhopal Mayor Alok Sharma and other leaders of the state have greeted the people of the state on the occasion of Holi.

Reservation row in Haryana: Jat protesters observe 'Black Holi'; burn effigies of PM Modi

Rohtak, India, Mar 14, 2017 -- Jat protesters in Rohtak and adjoining districts on Sunday burnt effigies of BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Haryana chief minister...

HOLI FOR ALL

Japanese play Holi with city denizens

Bhubaneshwar, India, Mar 15, 2017 -- The Patha Utsav on March 12 was soaked in the colour of love and Holi which dominated the entire 1.2 km stretch of Janpath between Master Canteen and Ram Mandir Square as the safety concerns and herbal themes were the key points. However, presence of a Japanese troupe at the event was an added attraction, as the foreign troupe also played Holi and celebrated it through dance. The Japanese tourists were here as part of the Year of Japan India friendly exchanges programme as the year 2017. A big group of 40 Japanese tourists came to the Patha Utsav to see the street festival and also play the Holi. They were led by international tourism ambassador of Kyoto city, Japan, Kunna Dash.

Yaoshang, a unique Manipuri style Holi



Manipur, India, Mar 14 -- Yaoshang is the five days long festival that begins on the full moon day in Phalgun month here. Singing, dancing and playing with colours are part of this annual festival. During the festival, Manipuri Vaisnavite elders take part in devotional songs and rituals followed by worship of god at Kangla Fort's Shri Govindajee temple...

CELEBRITIES GREET

▶ PeeCee spreads 'Holi' spirit on 'The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon'

New Delhi, India, Mar 14 -- Priyanka Chopra, who is making her career more colourful day by day, brought literal colours, while appearing on 'The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon'.

▶ B-Town extends warm 'Holi' wishes for fans

Mumbai, India, Mar 13 -- To make the festival of colours more joyous for their fans, Tinseltown stars have sent out some Holi wishes. Wishing her fans at Zee Cine Awards, actress Vidya Balan said, "Wishing all of you a happy, safe and colourful Holi. God bless you, enjoy"

▶ Here's Anushka's colourful message for all!

New Delhi, India, Mar 13 -- When the whole nation is celebrating the festival of colours, Bollywood star Anushka Sharma took some time out to spread a good message, on behalf of all the animal lovers.

▶ Sachin Tendulkar's 'small request' on Holi as Virender Sehwag has a blast

New Delhi, India, Mar 13, 2017 -- Sachin Tendulkar, Indian cricket team legend, brought joy to a billion Indians with his legendary knocks and painted the country blue..

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