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Diwali, the Festival of Lights at night, is five days of delight in India that signifies the end of the summer harvest.



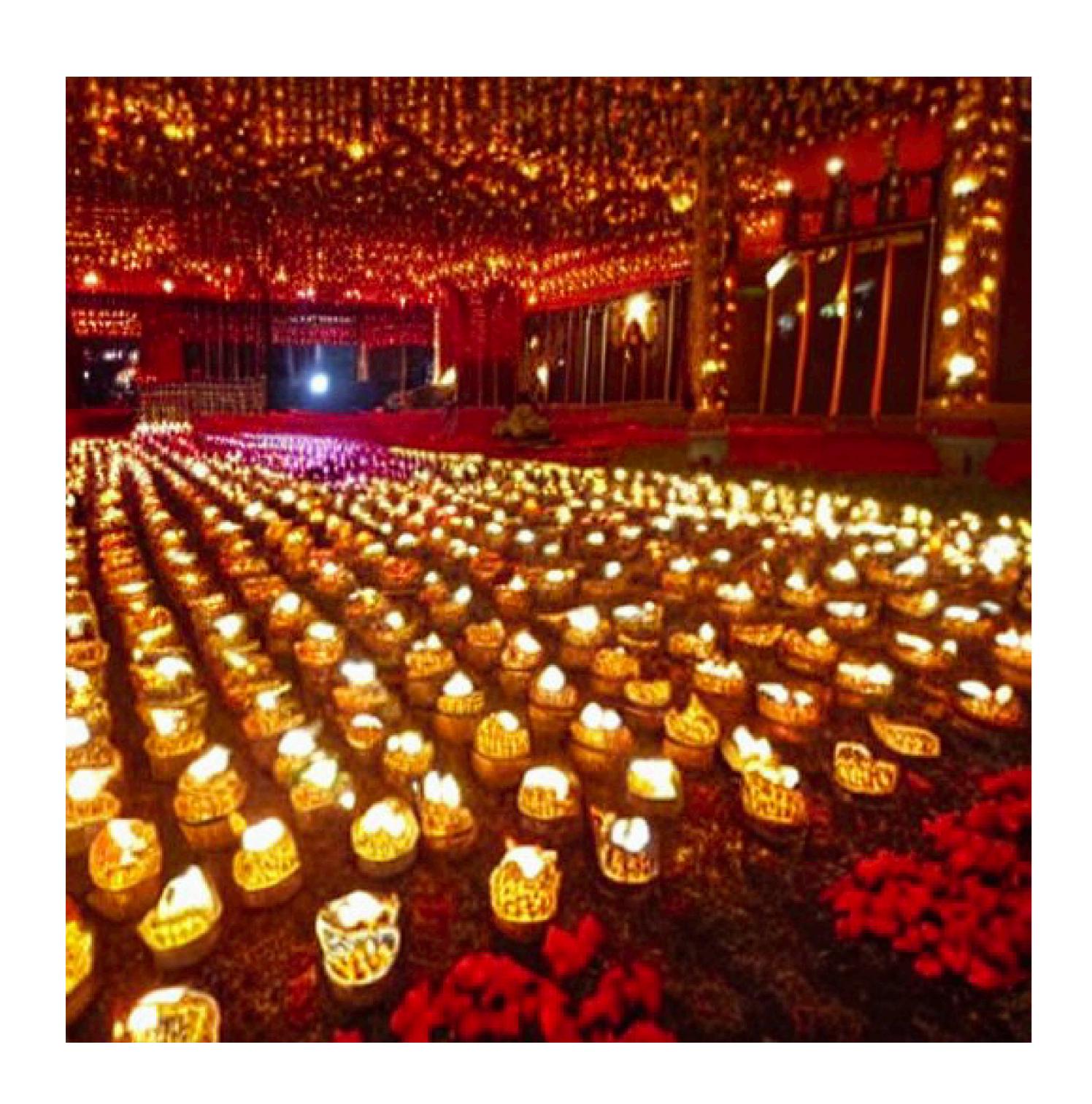
These nights of light are bright and let family ties alight at night at parties. Women have *mendhi* on their hands.



Bright lanterns light up the night skies, a sight that means good is mighty over evil, light frightens away the darkness, and cries of right over wrong.



The festival highlight lies in the sight of light. The *diyas* are tiny lamps that shine bright light in homes at night.



These alight the darkest night of the year, bright as fireflies, standing for unity and right.



High above, fireworks fight the darkness at new heights, bright in the night skies, their light mixing with the diya light and fireflies.

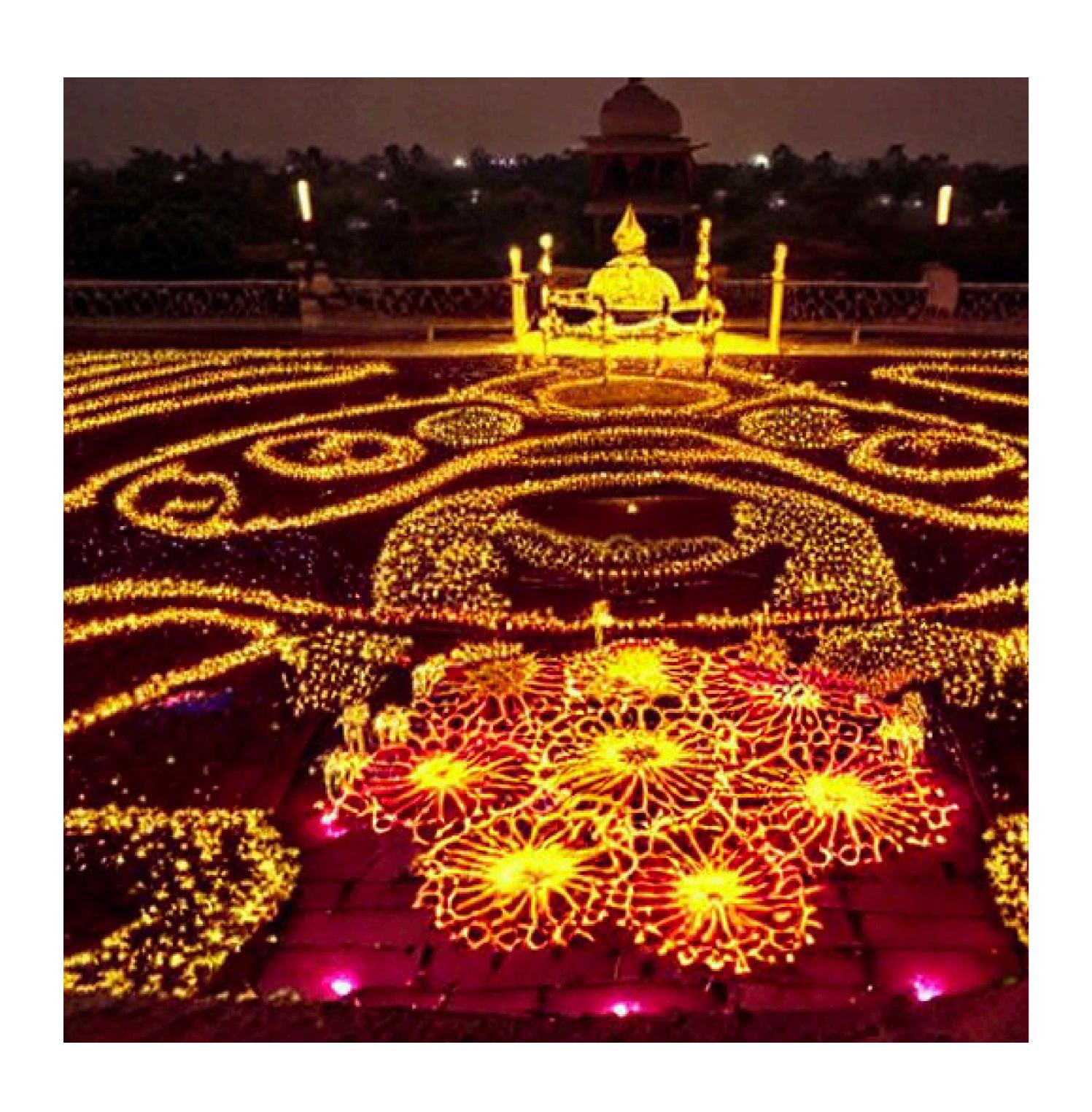
These lights will fill the five nights with delight.



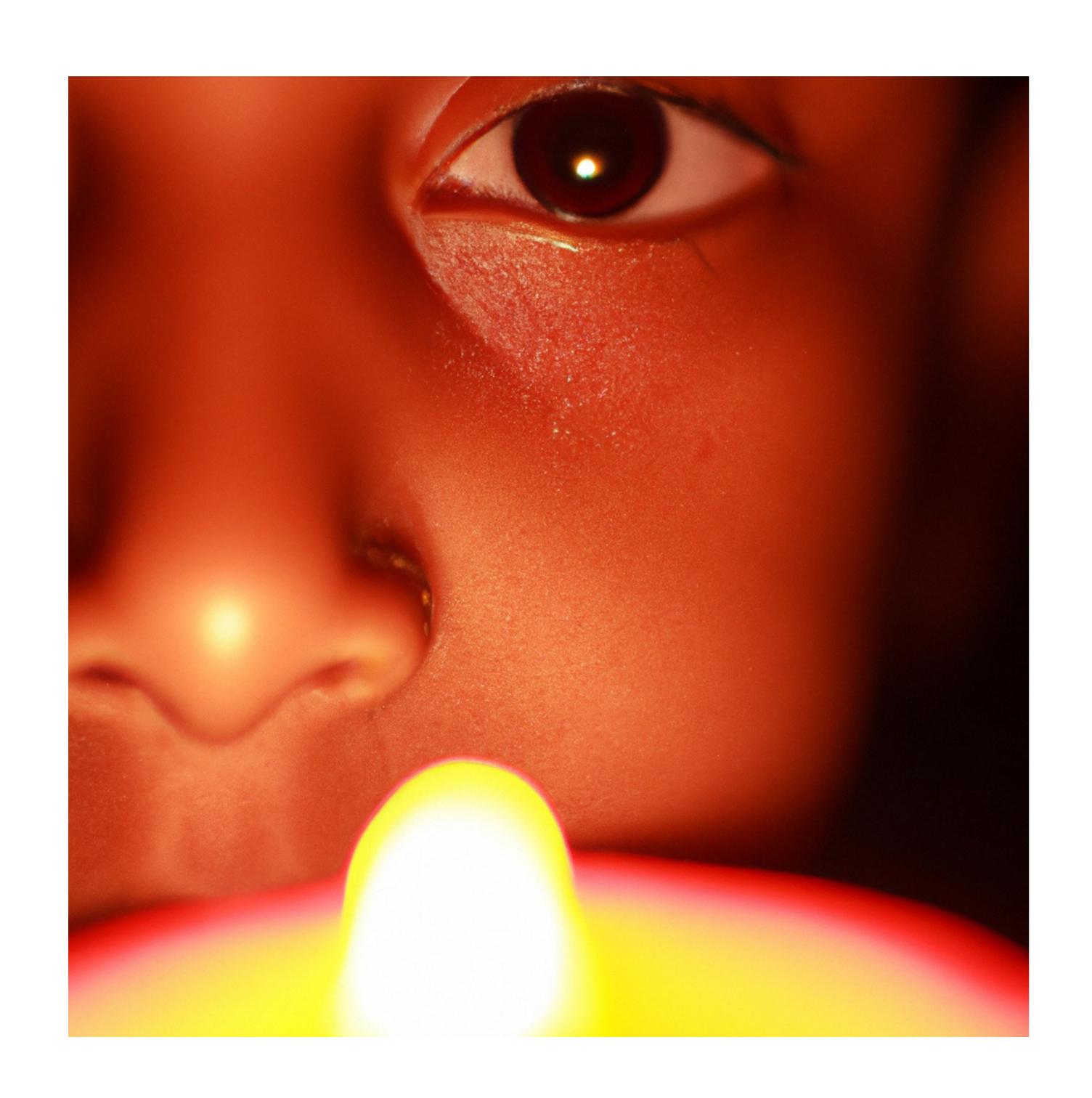
Family ties brighten as each home lights its diya light, sharing fried sweet pies called *samosas* with dried fruit that delight everyone.



Rangoli for Lakshmi, goddess of light, are bright sand or dried-shell powder paintings on the clean floors that greet all and bring luck, also shielding from danger and lies.



Each night has a mighty meaning, bringing bright light to families for the year that lies ahead.



Diwali shows that light wins over darkness, telling us to keep our lights burning bright.

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Focus Words:	Sight Words:	Advanced Sight Words:	Superstar Words:
Lights	the	called	Diwali
night	of	these	Festival
delight	at	their	India
signifies	is	its	signifies
nights	in	or	diyas
light	that	us	wrong
bright	are	keep	women
tight	and		mendhi
alight	let		darkest
parties	up		fruit
skies	a		unity
sight	good		Rangoli
mighty	over		Lakshmi
frightens	away		powder
cries	as		floors
right	for		shielding
highlight	new		danger
lies	with		shows
sight	will		
high	on		
fight	all		
heights	from		
fireflies	has		
delight	our		
ties			
brighten			
fried			
pies			
dried			
dried-shell			
mighty			
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