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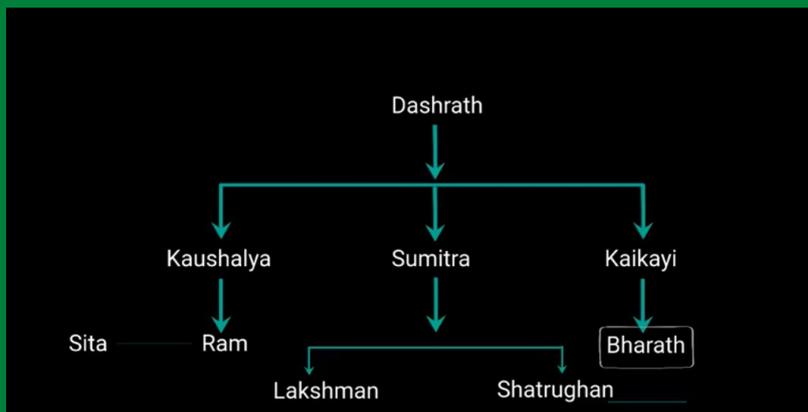
The Story of Diwali. A Video Story

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You have all heard of Dussehra and Diwali. But do you know the complete story? Here is the story, complete and from the beginning. Scan the QR Code to watch the video.

If you wish to read the story, flip the pages.

A Screenshot From The Story of Diwali



Video Still From The Young Chronicle's Channel



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Puja is the time Rambo and Pranks get the festive feel. They both indulge in sweets and take different rides.

Rambo often tends to get over excited, and is often saved by Pranks. In this particular instance, he drops his ice-cream and slips as he tries to retrieve it.



Somewhere, Rambo realises he is strong, and one of the reasons for his strength is that his sister always has his back.

Ramayan (summarised)

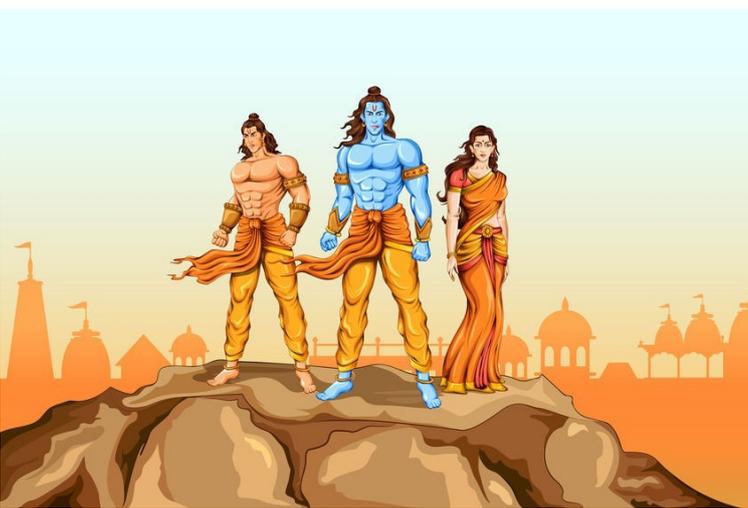
Many centuries Before Christ, there lived a King called Dasharath. King Dasharath was the ruler of Ayodhya. He had 3 wives, and 4 sons. His wives were Kaushalya, Sumitra, and Kaikayi. Ram was Kaushalya's son, Lakshman and Shatrughan were Sumitra's, and Bharath was Kaikayi's son. Kaikayi was apparently very fond of Ram, until Bharat's governess warned her that if Ram became King, she would lose the status of being Queen or the King's 'Queen-Mother'. Kaikayi had once been promised by King Dashrath, that she could ask him for any one thing that he would not refuse. She used that promise. Hence, Dashrath had to ask Ram to go for a 14 year long exile. Ram, who held honour above

everything else, decided to follow his father's guidelines. Sita and Laksh-man decided to accompany him.

During the exile, Ravan's sister, Surpna-kha happened to see Ram in the forest. She instantly fell in love with Ram; but when she approached him, she was told that he was married to Sita and did want -ed to have one wife only. Ram howev-

er, asked her to meet Lakshman once. Lakshman repeated the same, he was married and wanted to have one wife on-ly. Lakshman's wife had not accompanied them to the forest. Surpnakha was very upset. It so happened that Ram and Lakshman started making fun of Surpnakha. She got really angry and tried to harm Sita. Lakshman tried to stop her, and ended up cutting her nose, in the process. Surpnakha was seriously embarrassed now.

She immediately reached out to her brother Khara, to take revenge. Khara sent seven demons to fight Ram and Lakshman, but all his demons were killed. Next, Surpnakha re-layed her story to her other brother, Ravan. Ravan wasn't just angry, he also wanted to meet Sita as he had heard about her beauty.



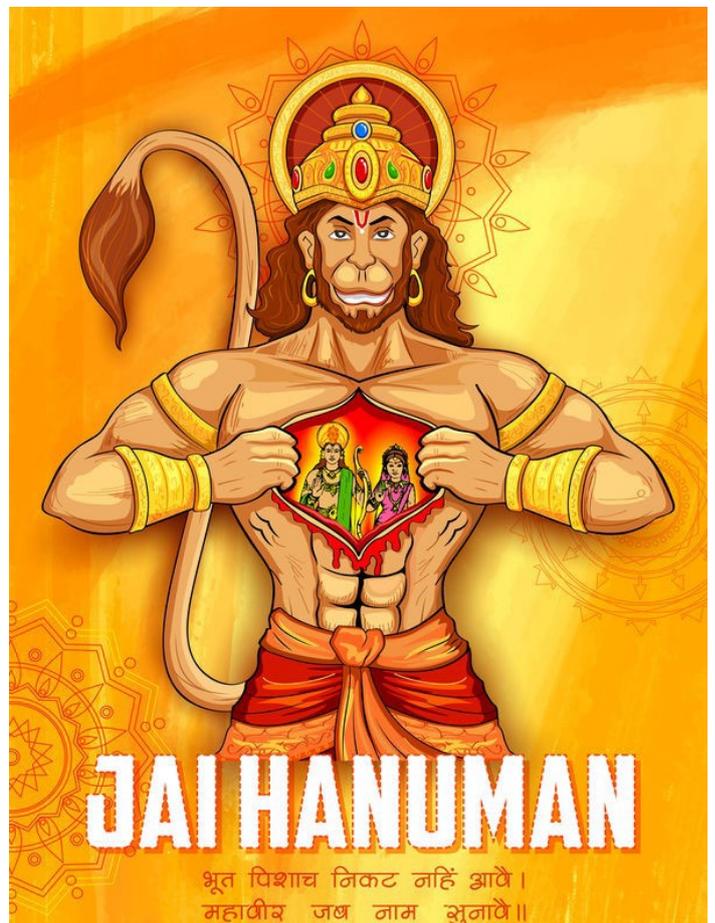


Ravan disguised himself as a sage, and kidnapped Sita from the forest, on a flying chariot. Sita, kept dropping her jewelry for Ram and Lakshman to find when they started searching for her. As they reached above the clouds, a huge bird-like creature, Jatayu spotted them, and tried to confront Ravan. Ravan cut off his wings in the fight, and Jatayu fell back on Earth. There is a national park in Kerala, called Jatayu National Park, where he supposedly fell.

Soon Ravan Reached Lanka, along with Sita as a prisoner.

Ram and Lakshman, in the meantime, had begun aggressively searching for Sita. They happened to find some of the clues Sita had dropped. These clues led them to a colony of monkeys.

There he met Sugriv, who was the leader of the monkeys. While he was the leader, he wasn't the King. Bali, his brother, was the King. Sugriv and the rest of the monkeys, did not like Bali, as Bali never took care of the Monkeys.





Sugriv was caring but not as mighty as Bali. He convinced Ram of a tradeoff. If Ram killed Bali, Sugriv would send monkeys to hunt for Sita. Ram being a good archer, killed Bali.

Sugriv had to now live up to his part of the promise. He assigned a group of monkeys to scout for Sita.

These monkeys happened to meet Jatayu's brother, who told them that Sita had been taken to Lanka. Now only the mightiest of all the monkeys, could cross the ocean, to reach Lanka. All the monkeys knew that only Hanu-man could complete this task. Hanu-man set out to search for Sita, with a ring that Ram had given him, for Sita to believe that Hanuman was a friend.

When Hanuman met Sita, he handed her the ring Ram had given him. However, Ravan caught Hanuman and set his tail on fire. Hanuman, in his anger set the entire kingdom on fire before he left to get Ram to where Sita was.



The entire monkey army then made a bridge for Ram and Lakshman to cross over to Lanka. A big battle ensued between Ram and Ravan.

Eventually, Ravan was killed. This day is celebrated as Dussehra.

Diwali is celebrated 16 days after Dussehra. Diwali is the day when Sita, Ram, and Lakshman returned back to Ayodhya. Bharat immediately gave up the throne so that Ram could become King. The city lit up, with diyas and crackers, as people celebrated the homecoming of their King.



In olden days, there was a demon named Mahishasur.

He looked like a big buffalo.

Mahishasur prayed and got a boon.

No man or animal could kill him.

Only a woman could!

But Mahishasur thought no woman was strong enough to do that.

Mahishasur started troubling everyone.

The Gods could not defeat him.

The Gods believed that only Goddess Durga could save them.

Goddess Durga has nine forms.

Each form has special powers.

So they prayed to Goddess Durga for 9 days.

On the 9th day, Goddess Durga was happy.

She agreed to save everyone from Mahishasur.

On the 10th day, she fought and killed the demon!!!

Everyone was happy that good won over evil.

My grandmother believed that doing pooja during Navratri would make our wishes come true!

'Nav' means nine and 'Ratri' means night in Hindi.

Navratri is the festival of nine nights.

We celebrate the 9 forms of Goddess Durga on each day!

The 10th day is Dussehra.