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The religious festival of Holi, known as “the festival of color” or “the festival of love”, is one of the most important dates in the Hindu calendar. The day and night of celebrations surrounding the spiritual festival begin at the full moon in the Hindu month of Phalguna, the 12th month in India’s civil calendar. It is known by a variety of names with “Holika Dahan” or “Choti Holi” marking the evening before, with Holi itself called “Rangwali Holi”. Falling between March 20 to 21 and celebrated principally in India and Nepal, Holi celebrates the arrival of spring, the fertility of the months that cast off winter, color and vibrancy. The day before Holi is celebrated with a bonfire rejoicing in the triumph of good over evil. However, the day is most visible around the world because of the colorful powder, called gulal, worshipers throw over one another at [...]

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