

**COME BRING YOUR LIGHT**  
**Deshi presents**

# DIWALI WEEK

**Diwali**, the festival of the row of lights, is celebrated at the time of the new moon in either October or November. Though not only celebrated by Hindus, it is an important Hindu holiday because it celebrates the Hindu New Year, the triumph of good over evil, as well as prosperity. According to Hindu legend, this festival arose when king Ram's people rejoiced at his return from exile and his defeat of the demon king. They set out lights in the moonless night to welcome the king home, and so lights have become an important tradition of the festival.

<p><b>Monday, Nov. 5</b> Refreshments will be served</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening of American Desi, followed by a lecture by the director, Piyush Dinker Pandya</li> </ul>	<p><u>Screening</u> 6:30-8:30pm Kirby Lecture Hall <u>Lecture</u> 8:30 –9:30pm Scheuer Room</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, Nov. 7</b> Refreshments will be served</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharples Takeover!!!</li> <li>• DESHI/SQU co-sponsored Movie Night: Fire followed by a discussion</li> </ul>	<p>5:00-7:15pm Sharples  7:30-10:00pm Intercultural Center, Big Room</p>
<p><b>Thursday, Nov. 8</b>  Refreshments will be served</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DESHI/WRC co-sponsored dinner discussion: Gender roles and stereotypes of South Asian women <i>Dinner will be served</i> <i>RSVP Adrienne (alapier1@swarthmore.edu)</i></li> <li>• Mehndi Workshop: learn the ancient art of henna painting</li> </ul>	<p>5:30pm WRC   9:00-11:00pm, Parrish Parlours West and hallway</p>
<p><b>Friday, Nov. 9</b> Refreshments will be served</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garba &amp; Raas Dance: learn two beautiful folk dances</li> </ul>	<p>8:00-10:00pm Upper Tarble</p>
<p><b>Saturday, Nov 10</b> Refreshments will be served</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diwali Extravaganza: Celebrate south Asian dance, music, and fashion at our cultural show!</li> <li>• DESHI's Diwali Party</li> </ul>	<p>8:00-10:00pm Upper Tarble  10:00pm-2:00am Paces</p>

**PLEASE COME JOIN US, ALL ARE WELCOME AT EVERY EVENT**

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