

KHWAJA GHARIB –UN- NAWAZ WELFARE CENTRE

Deepavali Festival Celebration

Deepavali is one of the major festivals of the Hindus in India. It has great mythological significance and social importance. One of the significant high lights of this festival is the burning of crackers. The fireworks sound and bright lights give a totally different atmosphere attracting children and adults.

This festival has virtually been confined to the Hindus. Muslims have absolutely nothing to do with it. When Muslims live in their own areas separated by the Hindu locality, there is no problem. But if Muslims live in the Hindu locality there arise some problems. When Hindu children enjoy Deepavali, Muslim children just look at them and feel disappointed.

Generally, there is a social taboo for Muslims who are not supported to share the festival along with Hindus. This social distance has to be removed. So, Khwaja Garib-un-Nawaz Welfare Centre (KGNWC) arranged Deepavali programme on 25-10-2003. The majority of the participants were Muslims, then Hindus and Christians. The importance of Deepavali was explained. All children participated in bursting crackers. It was a greater thrill to Muslim children and female youths. Hindus, Christian and Muslims had common approach. This really integrated children of different faiths.

Sweets were distributed. With this, the function came to an end.

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