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At <u>International Khabar</u>, we are excited to celebrate Eid al-Fitr 2024 with all our Indian Muslim brothers and sisters. Eid al-Fitr, also known as the "Festival of Breaking the Fast," is one of the two official holidays celebrated within Islam.

Eid al-Fitr holds a special place in the hearts of Muslims worldwide as it marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan. This joyous occasion falls on the first day of Shawwal in the Islamic calendar, which may not always align with the same Gregorian day due to the lunar hijri month's variability.

The Significance of Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr is a time of celebration, gratitude, and <u>reflection</u> for Muslims. It is a <u>day to express</u> gratitude to Allah for the strength and perseverance shown during the month of Ramadan. Muslims believe that fasting during Ramadan purifies the soul, strengthens self-discipline, and fosters empathy towards those who are less fortunate.

During this <u>festive</u> occasion, families and friends come together to share meals, exchange gifts, and offer prayers at the mosque. It is a time of <u>unity</u>, forgiveness, and spreading love and kindness to one another. The spirit of Eid al-Fitr extends beyond the Muslim community, as people from different <u>cultures</u> and backgrounds join in the celebrations.



Eid Mubarak

The Origins of Eid al-Fitr

According to Muslim tradition, Eid al-Fitr was originated by the Islamic prophet Muhammad. After migrating from Mecca to Medina, Muhammad noticed the people <u>celebrating two specific</u> <u>days</u> with recreational activities. He recognized the need for designated days of festivity and declared <u>Eid al-Fitr</u> and Eid al-Adha as mandatory celebrations.

The story goes that when Muhammad arrived in Medina, he found the people <u>celebrating</u> and enjoying themselves. He asked about the reason for their festivities, and they explained that these were <u>days of celebration</u> that had been observed since pre-Islamic times. Muhammad, in his wisdom, declared that these two <u>days should be dedicated</u> to worship and gratitude towards Allah.

Celebrations Around the World

Eid al-Fitr is celebrated under various names in different languages and countries around the <u>world</u>. The diversity in <u>celebrations reflects the rich cultural heritage</u> and traditions of the Muslim community.

In <u>India</u>, Eid al-Fitr is a time of joy and togetherness. Families gather to offer prayers at mosques, share delicious feasts, and exchange <u>gifts</u>. The streets <u>come alive</u> with vibrant decorations, and children enjoy rides and games at fairs organized for the occasion.

Throughout the world, Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr with great enthusiasm. From the bustling <u>markets</u> of Morocco to the tranquil villages of Indonesia, the spirit of Eid can be felt everywhere. Special prayers are offered, traditional dishes are prepared, and acts of charity are carried out to ensure everyone can partake in the <u>festivities</u>.

As we approach <u>Eid al-Fitr</u> 2024, let us come together as a global community to celebrate this auspicious occasion. Let us <u>embrace the values</u> of compassion, unity, and gratitude that Eid al-Fitr represents. May this festival bring happiness, peace, and prosperity to all our Indian Muslim <u>brothers and</u> <u>sisters</u>, and to Muslims around the world.