

The County of Los Angeles Indian American Professionals Association (COLAIAPA) held their 2nd annual Diwali Festival on, Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Live Oak Park Community Center in Temple City. In attendance were dignitaries Honorable Judy Chu, Member of Congress, 32nd District, Honorable Mike Eng, Assemblyman, 49th District and the Mayor of Temple City, Tom Chavez.

Diwali, popularly known as the "festival of lights," is a celebrated festivity from mid-October through mid-November. In India, Diwali is an official holiday and it is the most popular festival celebrated in India and by people of Indian origin all over the world.

Diwali involves the lighting of lamps, candles and decorative bulbs to signify the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and ushers in the New Year. During



Diwali, celebrants wear new clothes and share sweets and snacks with family members and friends. LACAAEA members in attendance enjoyed Bharata Natyam Indian dances performed by students of the Mudra

Academy of Dance. The celebration of Diwali in today's world promotes joy, happiness and prosperity to all.

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