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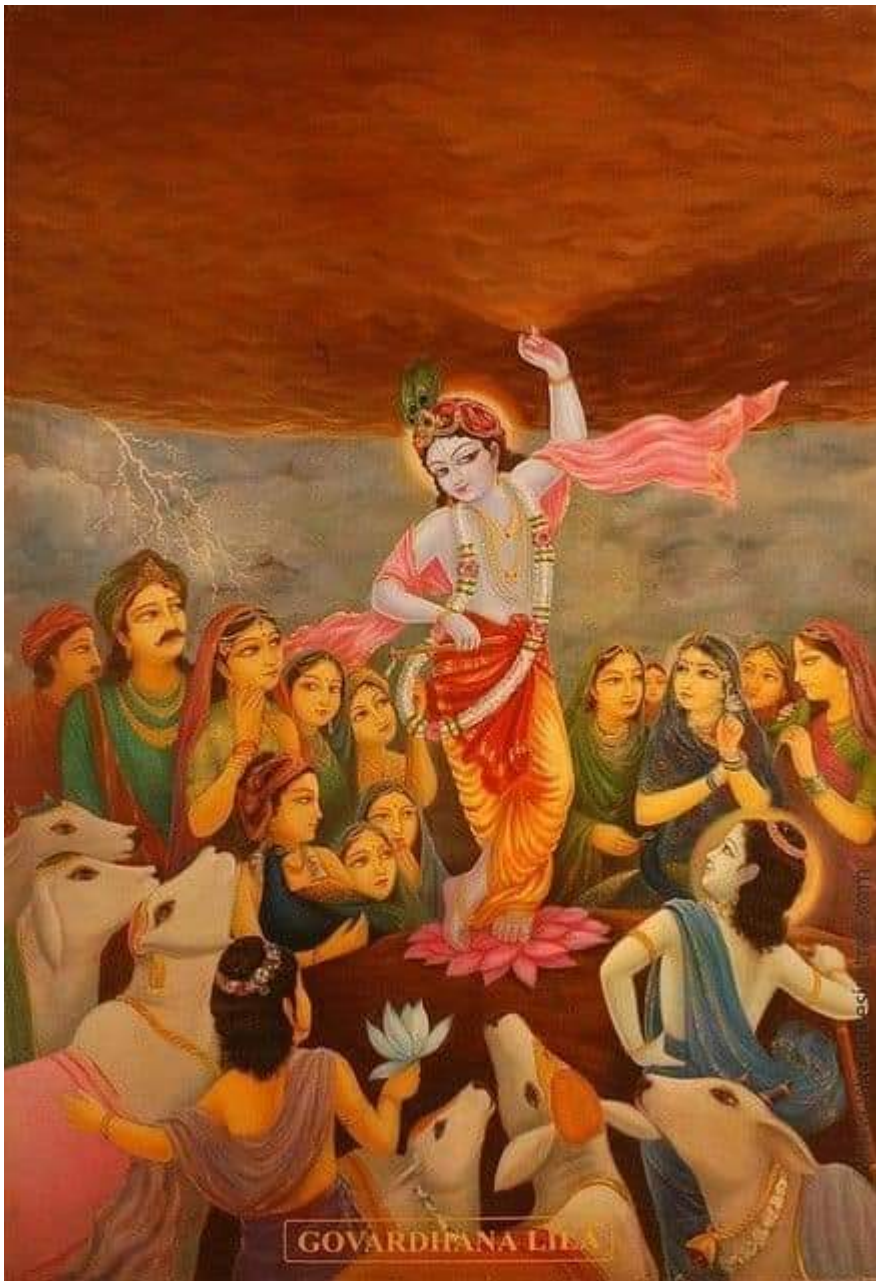
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Govardhan Pooja is also called Annakut (meaning a heap of grain) and is celebrated as the day Sri Krishn defeated Indradev by lifting the Govardhan Parbat. It is the fourth day of Deepawali, the Hindu festival of lights.

Happy Govardhan ■■



According to the legends, Bhagwan Krishn taught people to worship the Supreme Controller of nature, God, specifically Govardhan, as Govardhan is a manifestation of Sri Krishn himself, and to stop worshipping the God of Rains, Indradev.



For Annakut, a mountain of food, is decorated symbolizing Govardhan Parbat said to be lifted by Sri Krishn to save the people from the wrath of Indradev, the God in charge of rain and thunder.



In Haryana, there is a tradition of building cow dung hillocks, which symbolize the Govardhan Parbat, the mountain which was once lifted by Bhagwan Krishn. After making such hillocks people decorate them with flowers and then worship them.



They move in a circle all round the cow dung hillocks and offer prayers to Govardhan. Govardhan pooja forms an important part of the Deepawali celebration. In Maharashtra, it is celebrated as Padva or Bali Pratipada. The day commemorates King Bali.

