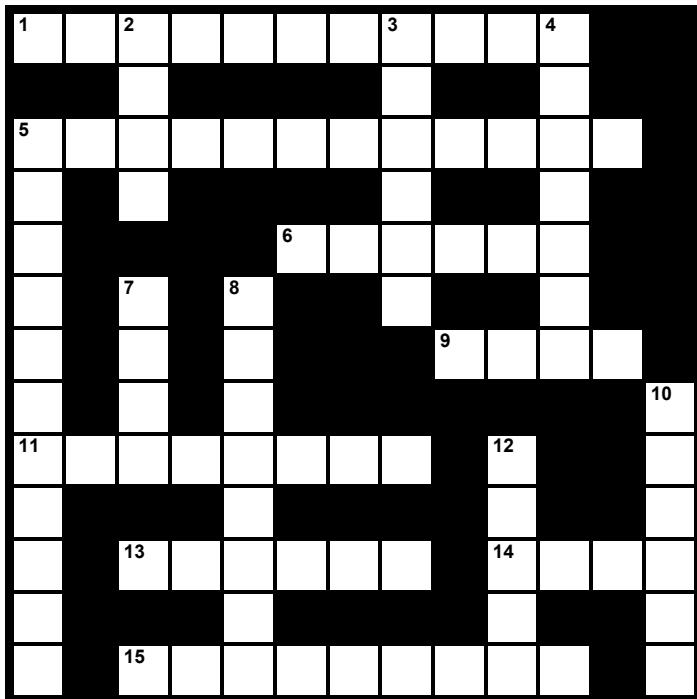


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Across

- 1 The THIRD day of the festival of Diwali is the most important day of XXXXXX-XXXX which is entirely devoted to the propitiation of Goddess Lakshmi. (7,4)
- 5 Decoration with lights all around. (12)
- 6 In Gujarat, this festival honours Lakshmi, the goddess of XXXXXX. (6)
- 9 Wealth. (4)

- 11 Last day of the dark fortnight of any lunar month. (8)
- 13 Devotional song. (6)
- 14 the common practice is to light small oil lamps (called XXXXs) and place them around the home, in courtyards, verandahs, and gardens, as well as on roof-tops and outer walls. (4)
- 15 It is the first day of the deepavali festival. (4,5)

Down

- 2 In Bengal, this festival of Diwali is associated with the goddess XXXX. (4)
- 3 The eatables offered to the God and thereafter the left over is distributed to the devotees. (6)
- 4 In north India, Diwali celebrates Rama's homecoming, that is his return to XXXXXX after the defeat of Ravana and his coronation as king. (7)
- 5 Bodily manifestation of a supernatural being. (11)
- 7 The god of Death. (4)
- 8 The more ancient of the two great epic poems in Sanskrit. (8)
- 10 The more common version of the name for Deepavali. (6)
- 12 The FOURTH day is XXXX or VARSHAPRATIPADA which marks the coronation of King Vikramaditya and Vikaram-Samvat was started from this Padwa day. (5)