

## MEANING

- Composite of “victory” (Vijaya) and “tenth” (Dashami) because of the victory of the Rama, an avatar of Vishnu, over the 10-headed demon king, Ravana, on the tenth day of the month of Ashvin. The festival symbolizes the victory of good over evil.
- Marks the end of Sharada Navaratri.

## GREETINGS

- “Happy Dussehra.”
- “Happy Vijayadashami.”

## WHEN

- Comes after the nine nights of Navratri, taking place on the 10th day of Ashvin, the Hindu lunisolar month.

## COMMON PRACTICES

- Some incorporate Ram Lila into their celebrations, a reenactment of Rama’s life.
- Public processions that often involve Effigies of Ravana that are stuffed with firecrackers and lit at night in open fields.


## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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# Vijayadashami, Dasara, Dussehra Puja

Sanskrit

Vi·jai·uh·duh·shuh·mee, Duh·sr·uh,  
Doo·seh·ruh Poo·ha 

- Those that observe this festival are instructed to follow several guidelines, including to not cut trees or harm animals which could conflict with school or work activities.

Type of Calendar:

Hindu (lunisolar)



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