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.

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