

# AAJ RANG HAI

## Celebrating Love, Harmony And Togetherness

*gulzar khile hon pariyaon ke, aur majlis ki tayyari ho  
kapdon par rang ke chheenton se, khush-rang ajab gul-kari ho  
munh lal, gulabi aankhen hon, aur hathon mein pichkari ho  
us rang-bhari pichkari ko, angiya par tak kar mari ho  
sinon se rang Dhalakte hon tab dekh bahaaren holi ki*

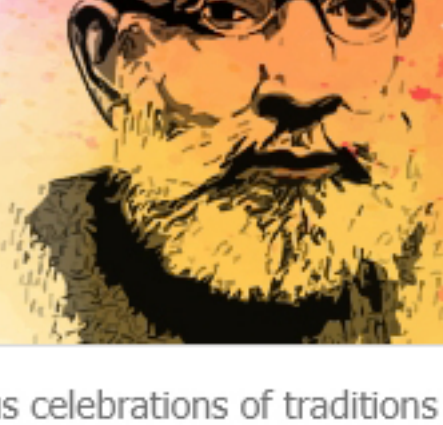
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Holi traditionally maintained all-inclusive festive fervour in its joyous celebrations. This festival of colour annually arrives to paint all in rainbow-coloured splashes. As a result, the whole world turns into one intoxicatingly colourful commune.

How come Urdu could overlook celebrating a unifying festival such as this. Thus, the happy hues of Holi adorn broad festive smiles in the writing of Ameer Khusro, Mir Taqi Mir before arriving to grace Ghazals of Ghalib and Nazms of Nazeer.

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### A STORY TO REMEMBER



## Hasrat Ki Holi

Harmonious celebrations of traditions and culture hold our country together. Not many other anecdotes would illustrate this syncretic culture of India better than the anecdote from the life of Maulana Hasrat Mohani, a poet who practically personified Indian values of celebratory cultural co-existence. Qazi Abdul Abbasi Writes:

"I saw Hasrat wandering around in colour-soaked clothes on the eve of Holi. I asked in amazement, "What's this, Maulana?" He replied, "Dr. Murari Lal's wife splashed colours on me." Well, anyone might have encountered the same, but what's rather interestingly striking is the fact that Maulana wore this colour-stained dress over the next few days and he routinely offered namaaz also in the same.

### RANG HI RANG HAIN JAHAN DEKHO

Colours are the most joyous part of the Holi celebrations. Each colour provides us with a sense of beauty, ritual and tradition. Learn how to say names of different colours in Urdu.



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*mo pe rang na daar muraari  
mintii karat hun tohaari  
paniyaa bharan kaah jaaye na deihiin  
shyaam bhare pichkaari  
thar-thar kaanpat laajan 'hasrat'  
dekhat hain nar-naari*

HASRAT MOHANI

### HOLI SPECIAL BLOG



#### SUFIYON KI HOLI: A BLOG BY SUFINAMA

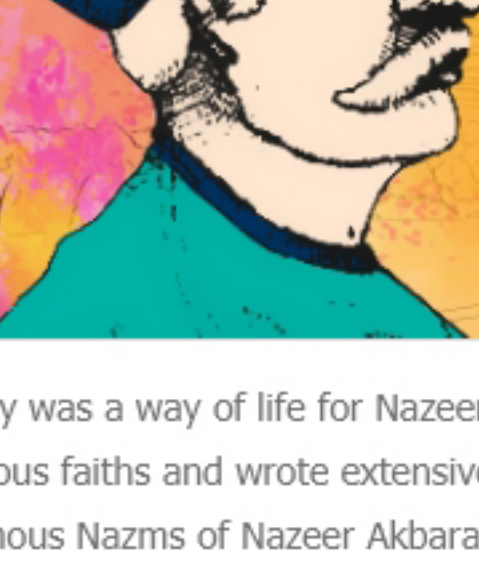
The Sufi flavour of Holi can be seen in the poetry and preaching of Sufis. Hazrat Amir Khusro described this occasion as 'Maha-Rang.' Read this blog and get to know more about Holi of Sufi saints and poets.



#### HOLI'S DUSK IS THE DAWN OF SPRING

Holi is more—much more—than fun and frolic, fete and fiesta. In this blog, Professor Anisur Rahman regards Holi as a symbol of symbols, highlighting the references of Holi in Urdu literature.

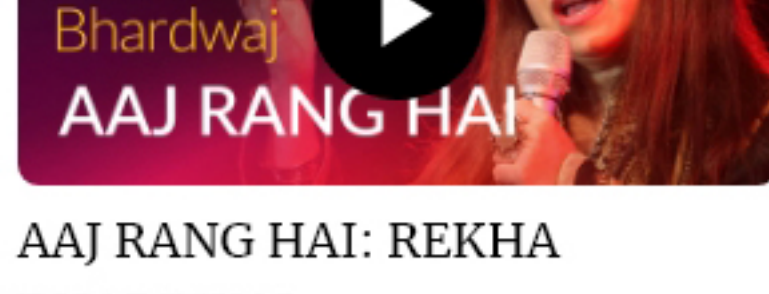
### 9 POEMS BY NAZEER ON HOLI



## Bazar gali aur koochon mein ghul-shor machaya holi ne

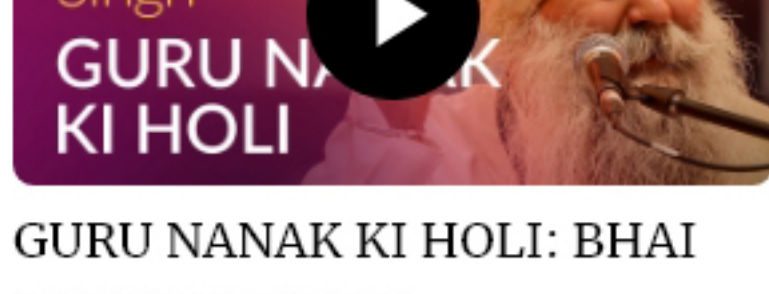
Poetry was a way of life for Nazeer Akbarabadi. He developed a liberal understanding of religious faiths and wrote extensively on customs and rituals, social modes and manners. Read 9 famous Nazms of Nazeer Akbarabadi on Holi.

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#### AAJ RANG HAI: REKHA BHARDWAJ

Amir Khusrau's qawwali is a blissful amalgam of the colour and ambience of his master Hazrat Nizamuddin's presence. Watch this splendid rendition by Rekha Bhardwaj at Jashn-e-Rekhta.

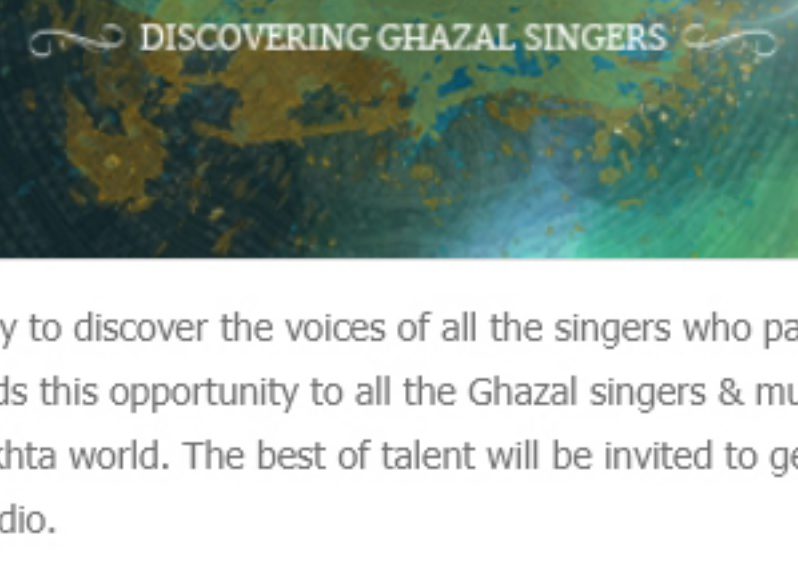
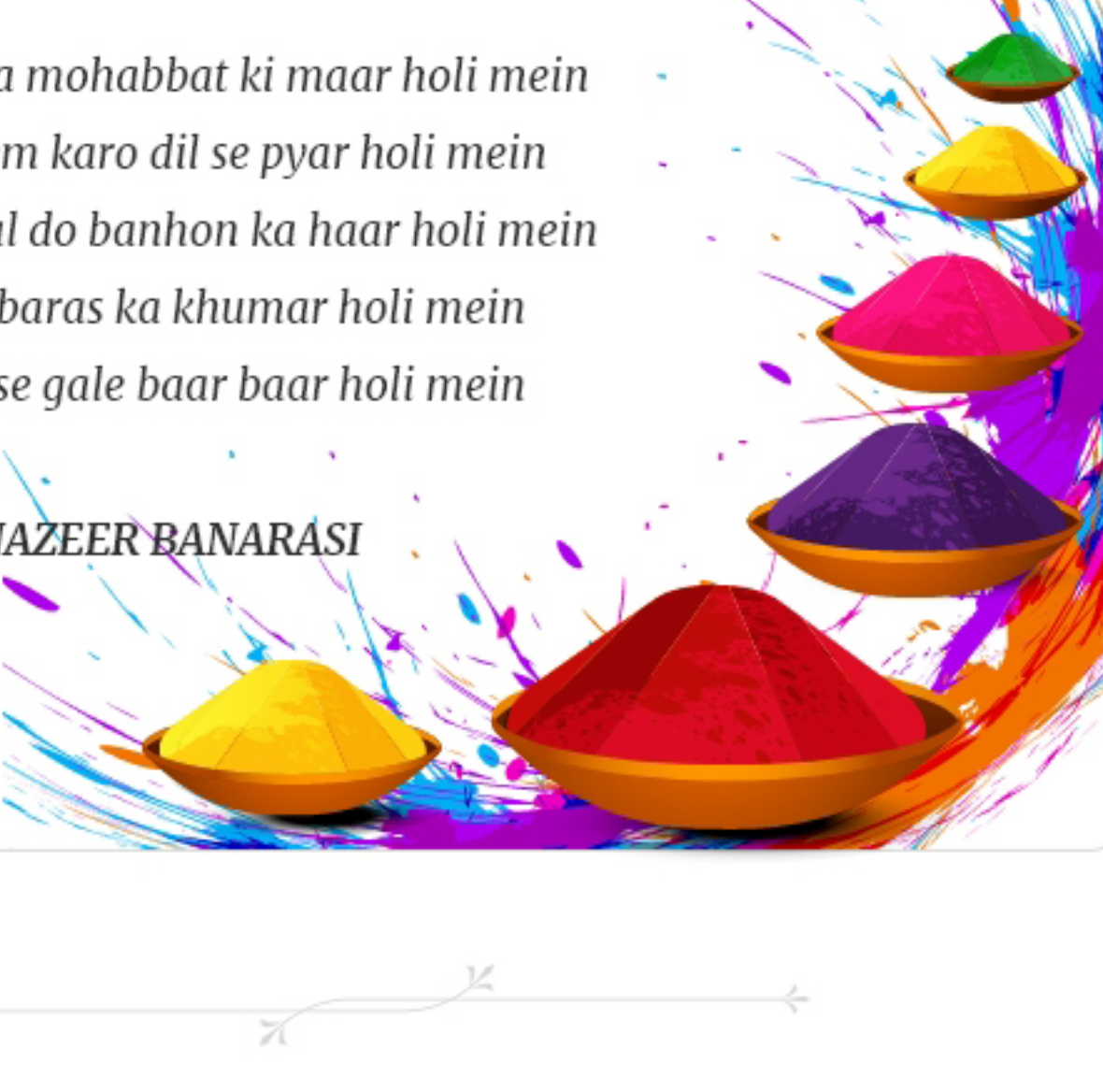


#### GURU NANAK KI HOLI: BHAI BALDEEP SINGH

Holi is not just about colours, it's much more than that. Listen to Guru Nanak Ji's thoughts around Holi.

*kahin pade na mohabbat ki maar holi mein  
adaa se prem karo dil se pyar holi mein  
gale mein daal do banhon ka haar holi mein  
utaaro ek baras ka khumar holi mein  
milo gale se gale baar baar holi mein*

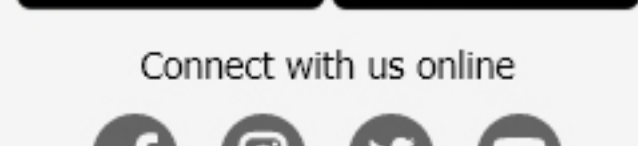
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