

Four gift ideas to celebrate an eco-friendly Lohri and Makar Sankranti



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maintenance. This is an ideal gift for anyone who enjoys ambient lighting in their home. With a 5-10 year lifespan, it outshines traditional lights cost-effectively. Simple to install without electrical wiring, it's a hassle-free gift suitable for various applications—outdoor, indoor, parks, boat ramps, etc.

Plants and Tree Saplings


The idea of gifting or dedicating trees on special occasions is also growing popular. Platforms like Grow-Trees.com not only facilitate tree plantation to memorialise special occasions but also enable individuals to greet and dedicate trees to loved ones. Greet with Trees make the perfect gift as loved ones can monitor their growth and they also have a lasting positive impact on the environment. It is also a unique idea to Greet with Trees especially to loved ones and colleagues on harvest festivals like Lohri and Makar Sankranti. The site also enables you to contribute to their various tree planting initiatives such as Trees for Tigers, Trees for Water, and Trees for the Himalayas and add a few trees to mother earth this year.

Bird Feeder

A bird feeder makes a memorable gift, enabling the recipient to connect with nature. Especially for nature and bird enthusiasts, this present has the potential to bring lasting enjoyment, offering them a daily dose of happiness as they interact with various birds amid their busy schedules. Additionally, it holds numerous benefits, such as aiding parent birds in feeding their chicks, promoting bird health, and offering our feathered friend's essential food during cold and barren months.

Low-Impact Clothing

The fashion industry is among the largest polluters in the world, accounting for more than 10% of global carbon emissions and 20% of global wastewater. Therefore, it is crucial to be mindful when choosing clothing gifts. Opt for sustainable items, as numerous brands support eco-friendly fashion today, offering choices that rival the aesthetics of fast fashion.

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Andhra family treats son-in-law to feast with 300 dishes

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Visakhapatnam : A family in Andhra Pradesh's Anakapalli treated their son-in-law with 300 food items at a grand feast thrown on the occasion of Makar Sankranti. The family served a variety of dishes on the first visit of the son-in-law to their house after the marriage.

Gunda Sai, a rice merchant, and his wife wanted to make it a memorable occasion. P. Devendra, who married Rishita last month, said he was surprised with the grand welcome and such a large number of dishes. He said every dish tasted different.

The dishes included biryani, zeera rice, fried rice, tomato rice, pulihora and dozens of sweets. The mother-in-law said she worked hard for three days to prepare the dishes. "We wanted to set an example by hosting the son-in-law in a grand manner. No one in Anakapalli has done this before," she said.

Treating or pampering sons-in-law by throwing royal feasts on Sankranti (Pedda Panduga) has been a tradition in many households in Andhra Pradesh. The tradition is common in undivided Godavari districts.

Last year, a family in Eluru had served 379 items to their son-in-law. A similar feast was thrown by a family in Narsapuram in 2022 when a family had treated their future son-in-law with 365 dishes.

It's not just about food served to sons-in-law. The families also present costly gifts to them. This