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One of many festivals to honor the advent of spring, this day is celebrated particularly in North India, where it is called Chhoti Holi. The festival is a prelude to Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. It is celebrated as the first day of spring, and spans the first 15 days of the first month of the lunar calendar—until the full moon arrives.

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