

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IN THE SOUTH BAY



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From left, Sanika Puranik, 6, Shivani Soni, 6, and Ashmika Gupta, 6, of the Vidya Dance Company perform a traditional Indian dance at the Diwali Festival — or the Festival of Lights — at Great America in Santa Clara. The Festival of Lights celebrates the victory of good over evil and the glory of light. The annual festival also celebrates the start of the Indian New Year.