

Rohtak village keeps Holi tradition alive Residents celebrate the festival at common place

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Residents of Sundana village in the district kept the decades-old tradition by celebrating Holi at a common place yesterday.

Satywan, who has been organising the event every year, claims that not a single incident of enmity has taken place in the past several years during the celebrations. It is due to the observance of certain rules by the participants in the Holi celebrations that the tradition has been going on from the past several decades.

Ram Kumar, a resident, said while the womenfolk were authorised to use Korda (cloth baton) to hit the menfolk, the latter tried to defend themselves with a cane, a bucket or running away while throwing water on women during the event.

The woman, who 'beat' or hit the maximum number of men is applauded, while the man, who manages to escape the beating and throws maximum water on women, also gets an ovation.

Neelam, who has been a participant for the past several years, says the festival provides a chance to hog the limelight as a majority of residents enjoy the unique event. Sundana, 15 km from Rohtak, has a population of around 15,000.

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