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Two trekking guides pass by the white-washed wall of a house en route from Naudanda to Birethanti, Nepal. Whitewashing is done for both the Dasain and Tihar festivals. Dasain is the 15-day national festival of Nepal, which takes place in September or October, following the rice harvest. Tihar is the five-day festival of light to worship the Hindu goddess Laxmi. Tihar, which is also called Diwali in India, takes place several weeks after Dasain.



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