

Festivals of India

Makara Sankranti : Makara Sankranti marks the commencement of the sun's journey to the Northern Hemisphere (Makara raasi), signifying the onset of Uttarayana Punyakalam, and is a day of celebration all over the country. The day begins with people taking holy dips in the waters and worshipping the sun.

Maha Shivratri : Maha Shivratri, the night of the worship of Lord Shiva, occurs on the 14th night of the new moon during the dark half of the month of Phalguna. It falls on a moonless February night, when Hindus offer special prayer to the lord of destruction.

Holi : Holi also known as Dhuli Vandana in Sanskrit, also Dhulheti, Dhulandi or Dhulendi, is celebrated by people throwing colored powder and colored water at each other.

Mahavir Jayanti : In Jainism, Mahavir Jayanti is the most important religious holiday. It celebrates the birth of Mahavira, the last Tirthankara. He was born on the 13th day of the rising moon of Chaitra, in either 599 BC or 615 BC (depending on religious tradition).

Good Friday : Good Friday, also known as Holy Friday, Black Friday, Great Friday, is a religious holiday observed primarily by Christians commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary.

Buddha Purnima : Buddha Purnima is the most sacred festival of Buddhism. Buddha Purnima (Buddha Birthday) is celebrated in remembrance of Lord Buddha. Lord Buddha is the founder of Buddhism. This day is the birth anniversary of Lord Buddha.

Krishna Janmashtami : Krishna Janmashtami, also known as "krishnashtami", saatam Aatham', 'Gokulashtami', Ashrami Rohini', 'Srikrishna Jayanti', 'Sree Jayanti', or sometimes merely as "Janmashtami", is a Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Lord Krishna, an avatar of the Hindu deity Vishnu.

Eid-UI-Fitr : Eid-UI-Fitr often abbreviated to Eid, is a Muslim holiday that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting (sawm). The holiday symbolizes the breaking of the fasting period.

Ganesh Chaturthi : Ganesh Chaturthi, also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi, is the Hindu festival of Ganesha. It is the birthday of Lord Ganesha who is widely worshipped as the God of Wisdom, prosperity and good fortune.

Vijaya Dashami : Vijaya Dashami is a festival celebrated in varying forms across Nepal and India. It is celebrated on the tenth day of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Hindu autumn month of Ashvin or Ashwayuja, and is the grand culmination of the 10-day annual Navaratri festival. Vijayadashami is also known as Dasara, Dashahara, Navaratri, and Durgotsav. It is celebrated in the lunar month of Ashwin from the Shukla Paksha Pratipada to the Dashami, or the tenth day of Ashwin.

Diwali : Diwali (often written Deepavali) is a significant festival in Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, and Jainism, and an official holiday in India. Adherents of these religions celebrate Diwali as the Festival of Lights. They light diyas cotton-like string wicks inserted in small clay pots filled with coconut oil to signify victory of good over the evil within an individual.

Guru Nanak Jayanti : Guru Nanak Jayanti is the birthday of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak, and one of the most sacred festivals in Sikhism. Guru Nanak Dev ji (the First Guru, the founder of Sikhism) was born on 14 April 1469 in Rai-Bhoi-di Ralwandi in the present Shekhupura District of Pakistan, Now Nankana Sahib.

Christmas : Christmas Day is a holiday observed on December 25 to commemorate the birth of Jesus, the central figure of Christianity.



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