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1. Hindu Calendar Months & Their Major Festivals

- **Chaitra** (1st month, March-April) — Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Rama Navami, Hanuman Jayanti, Ranga Panchami, **Mahavir Swami birth anniversary**. **Vaishakha** — Parshuram Jayanti, Akshaya Tritiya, **Buddha Purnima**. **Jyeshtha** — Gayatri Jayanti, **Ganga Dussehra (10th day of Shukla Paksha)**. **Ashadha** — **Guru Purnima**, Jagannath Rathayatra. **Shravana** — Nag Panchami, **Raksha Bandhan** ('ties of protection', full-moon day). [Q527, Q545, Q569, Q570, Q612, Q623, Q632]
- **Bhadrapada** — Krishna Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Hartalika Teej. **Ashwin** (7th month) — Durga Ashtami, Saraswati Puja, Indira Ekadashi, Shardiya Navratri, **Vijayadashami/Dussehra**. **Kartika** (8th month) — Karwa Chauth, Dhanteras, **Diwali**, Bhaiya Dooj, Chhath Puja, Govardhan Puja, Narak Chaturdashi. [Q566, Q597]

YAAD RAKHO — Diwali ki 14 saal wali kahani

Diwali **Lord Ram ke 14 saal ke vanvaas se Ayodhya wapas aane** ka din hai (Ravan ko haraakar) — [Q607]. Diwali = victory of good over evil/wisdom over ignorance/light over darkness.

2. Pan-India Hindu Festivals — Holi, Diwali, Dussehra, Navratri

- **Holi** (Holika Dahan) — **victory of good over evil** ko mark karta hai, Phalgun maah mein (Hindu calendar ka last month), winter ke ant aur spring ki shuruaat. Different state-names: Rang Panchami (Maharashtra/Rajasthan/MP), Lathmar Holi (UP), Holla Mohalla (Punjab), Shigmo (Goa), Manjal Kuli (Kerala), Dol Jatra (West Bengal), **Yaosang** (Manipur — 5 din, ThabalChongba folk dance highlight), Phaguwa (Bihar). Bhagoria (MP/Maharashtra tribal festival) Holi se hi associated hai. [Q524, Q598, Q606]
- **Dussehra** — Vijayadashami/Dashain bhi kehlata hai, Sharad Navaratri ke ant mein, Ashvin maah ke 10th day. Mysore Palace (Karnataka) mein famous celebration hota hai (Wodeyars rulers). Bastar Dussehra (Chhattisgarh, **75 din lamba**, 13th century se, King Purshottam Dev ke reign se, deity Goddess Danteshwari). Ramlila 2008 mein UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list mein aaya. [Q554, Q556, Q597]

- **Navratri** mein **Garba** perform hota hai (Maa Durga aur uske 9 avatars/Navdurga ki 9-din worship). **Durga Puja** — Goddess Durga ki **Mahishasura** par jeet celebrate karta hai, 10 din, Ashvina maah, West Bengal/Jharkhand/Odisha mein main hai; **2021 mein UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list** mein include hua. [Q573, Q622, Q651]
- **Janmashtami** — Lord Krishna ka janm (Bhadrapada month, 8th/Ashtami day dark fortnight ka), **Dahi Handi** (human pyramid banakar buttermilk-bhara matka todna, Maharashtra mein popular) isi se associated hai. [Q575]

3. Regional Harvest Festivals

- **Makar Sankranti** alag-alag states mein alag naam se: **Uttarayan (Gujarat, kite flying)**, Maghi/Magha Saaji (Himachal Pradesh, Punjab), Poush Sankranti (West Bengal), **Pongal (Tamil Nadu, 4-din harvest festival, Surya devta ko dedicated)**, Makaravilakku (Kerala, Sabarimala Temple), Pedda Panduga (Andhra Pradesh), Kicheri (Uttar Pradesh, ritual bathing). [Q562, Q581, Q602, Q604, Q608]
- **Assam Bihu types**: Rongali/Bohag Bihu (April), Kongali/Kati Bihu (October), **Bhogali/Magh Bihu (January, Makar Sankranti ke din)**. [Q562]
- **Pongal** — Tamil Nadu ka 4-din harvest festival, South India aur Sri Lanka mein celebrate hota hai, Surya devta ko dedicated, winter solstice ke ant ko mark karta hai. **Jallikattu** (bull-taming) Mattu Pongal day (Pongal ka part) mein hota hai Tamil Nadu mein. [Q559, Q602]
- **Thanksgiving/harvest festivals list**: Pawl Kut (Mizoram, straw harvest), Lyuva Khutla (Mara tribe, Mizoram), Uttarayan (Gujarat), Lohri (Punjab), Onam (Kerala), Bhogali Bihu (Assam), Pongal (Tamil Nadu), Gudi Padwa (Maharashtra), Ugadi (AP/Telangana/Karnataka). [Q558]
- **Onam** — Kerala ka Hindu harvest festival, **King Mahabali ki folklore** se associated, Shravana maah ki Chaturdashi Tithi (Shukla Paksha). Kumarakom boat race (Vembanad Lake) Onam ke time September mein hoti hai. [Q537, Q637]
- **Huthri** — Karnataka ka rice harvest festival, Coorg/Kodagu community, November-December. **Kambala** — Karnataka, buffalo-race, farming communities, Lord Kadri Manjunatha (Shiva) ko dedicated. [Q579, Q589]
- **Pola** (Maharashtra + Chhattisgarh) — bullocks/cattle ki worship, Shravana month ki Pithori Amavasya (new moon) ko. [Q662]
- **Nicobar Islands** ke tribes — **Ossuary Feast** mein family ke head ki departed soul ko respect dete hain. **Kali Puja** — Kartik month ke new moon (Amavasya) din manaya jaata hai. [Q646, Q647]

4. North-East India Festivals — State-wise

- **Assam**: Bihu, Baishagu, Ali-Ai-Ligang, Baikho, Rongker, Rajini Gobra/Harni Gobra (**Dimasa tribe**, naya cultivation shuru hone se pehle), Bohaggiyo Bishu, **Ambubachi Mela** (Kamakhya temple Guwahati, mid-June, monsoon, temple 3 din band rehta hai tantric rites ke liye), **Doul Utsav** (Holi/Rang bhi kehlata hai), **Me-Dum-Me-Phi** (ancestor-worship, 31 January), Jonbill Mela, Tea Festival (Jorhat, Nov-Jan). **Bihu — ek hi naam se festival AUR dance dono hai** (Majuli, Dehing Patkai, Kaziranga Elephant, Ali Ai Ligang, Rongker & Chomangkan, Raas Lila, Karam Puja bhi Assam ke festivals hain). [Q523, Q546, Q547, Q557, Q568, Q576]
- **Nagaland: Hornbill Festival** (1-10 December, 'festival of festivals', Indian Hornbill bird ke naam se — statement A aur C sahi hain), Sekrenyi/Sokre-n (**Angami tribe**, February), Moatsu (**Ao tribe**, May first week, Sangpangtu bonfire), Aoleang (Konyak Nagas). [Q529, Q532, Q625]
- **Manipur**: Gang-Ngai, **Lui Ngai Ni** (Naga tribes, seed-sowing, 15 February), Yaosang, Cheiraoba (**Manipuri New Year**), Kang (Manipuri Rath Yatra), Heikru Hitongba, Ningol Chak-Kouba, Kut (Kuki-Chin-Mizo festival), **Gaan-Ngai** (5-din, Zeliangrong people, harvest ke baad, Assam-Manipur-Nagaland teeno mein). **Lai Haraoba** — 'merry making of the gods' matlab hai, universe ki creation ka re-enactment, sacred site Haraothel (Koubu Hill) par. [Q555, Q565, Q654, Q667]
- **Mizoram**: **Chapchar Kut** (March, jhum operation clearing ke baad), Pawl Kut (straw harvest), Mim Kut, Anthurium. [Q538, Q558]

- **Meghalaya:** Shad Suk Mynsiem, **Nongkrem** (harvest festival, November, Smit-Khasi Hills), Behdienkhlam (Jaintia), **Chad Shukra/Sukra** (Jaintia tribe, sowing festival), Wangala (**Garó tribe**, 100-drums festival, Sun-god Saljong ko honour). [Q539, Q592, Q617]
- **Tripura:** **Ker aur Garia Puja** (traditional tribal festivals), Kharchi Puja (14 gods ki worship, Agartala), Bizu Festival, Ashokastami, Lampra Puja, Wah festival. [Q533, Q601]
- **Arunachal Pradesh:** Boori Boot, Myoko, Pongtu, Murung, **Solang/Solung** (Adi tribe, September pehla week, agricultural), Mopin (**Galo tribe**, harvest, April), **Dree Utsav**, Tamladu (**Digarú Mishmis tribe**, Buddhist, Lohit district). [Q548, Q583, Q591, Q609]
- **Sikkim:** Drupka Teshi, Bumchu, Saga Dawa, Phang Lhabsol, **Losong/Namsoong** (Sikkimese New Year, Bhutia+Lepcha tribes), Tamu Lachar (**Gurung community New Year**), **Kagyed dance** (Buddhist, December, 8 tantrik gods), **Saga Dawa** ('month of merits', May-June, Mahayana Buddhism), **Drukpa Tsechi** — **Lord Buddha** ke pehle 5 disciples ko Sarnath mein 'Four Noble Truths' preach karne ki yaad mein. [Q549, Q590, Q618, Q658, Q663]
- **Bhutan** — **Paro Tschechu** (mask dance, Guru Rimpoche/Padmasambhava ka birth anniversary, 5-din, March/April). [Q585]

5. North-East India Festivals — Tribe-wise

- **Tribe** → **Festival quick match:** **Garó tribe (Meghalaya)** → Wangala | **Bhil tribe (MP)** → Bhagoria | Tharu tribe (South Nepal/North India) → Tihar/Jitiya | **Bhutia+Monpa tribe** → Losar | **Karbi tribe (Assam)** → Rongker (Dehal in Dumra Longri) | **Ao tribe (Nagaland)** → Moatsu | **Angami tribe** → Sekrenyi | **Zeliangrong people** → Gaan-Ngai | **Naga tribes (Manipur)** → Lui Ngai Ni | **Boró Kachari tribe (Assam)** → Baishagu (Baishak month/mid-April) | **Digarú Mishmis** → Tamladu | **Galo tribe** → Mopin | **Adi tribe** → Solung. [Q532, Q536, Q555, Q617, Q635, multiple]
- **Losar festival** — Tibetan New Year, Ladakh mein harvesting season ke end mein, Arunachal/Ladakh/Sikkim/Lahaul (HP) mein celebrate hota hai, Mahayana Buddhism follow karne wale tribes (Sherdukpens, Khamba, Memba, Monpa). [Q578]

6. South India Festivals — State-wise

- **Tamil Nadu:** **Chithirai festival** (Madurai, Lord Sundareswarar-Shiva aur Goddess Meenakshi ki celestial union), **Puthandu** (Tamil New Year, Chittirai 14 April), Jallikattu, Karthigai Deepam, Aadi Perukku, **Thaipusam** (Lord Murugan ko dedicated, Tamil month Thai, Jan-Feb full moon), Float Festival (Meenakshi Amman Temple), **Valvil Ori Vizha** (Kolli Hills, August). [Q559, Q574, Q616, Q619, Q638, Q659]
- **Telangana:** **Bathukamma** ('Mother Goddess come and live', colourful floral festival, 9 din, Sept-Oct Dussehra se pehle, **women dance karti hain flower bunches ke around, men NAHI** — trap), **Bonalu** (Goddess Mahakali, Ashada Masam/July-Aug, Yellamma ki bhi pooja), Medaram Jatara/Sammakka-Sarakka Jatara, **Peerla Panduga** (Muharram ka Telangana naam), **Dunnapothula Panduga** (buffalo carnival). [Q530, Q535, Q586, Q626, Q630]
- **Andhra Pradesh:** **Atla Taddi** — married/unmarried women dono, Devi Gauri ki blessings (Karwa Chauth jaisa), Ashwayuja Thadia (3rd day full moon ke baad). **Deccan festival** — 5-din, Deccan culture reflect karta hai. **Rottela Panduga** — Bara Shaheed Dargah (Nellore), 3-din annual festival. [Q552, Q642, Q650]
- **Kerala:** **Vishu** (Malayalam New Year, Medam month ka pehla din, April), **Thiruvathira** (Goddess Parvati ka fast, Lord Shiva), **Guruvayur Ekadashi** (Vrischikam month), **Makaravilakku** (Sabarimala Temple), **Thrissur Pooram**, **Sundareswara Festival** (Lord Shiva temple). **Arthunkal Feast aur Vettukad Festival** — Kerala ke church festivals hain (doosre: Bharananganam, Edappally Perunal, Edathua, Kadamattom, Koratty, Malayattur, Maramon Convention, Niranam, Thumpoly). [Q531, Q584, Q587, Q624, Q657, Q664]
- **Karnataka:** **Dussehra** — **Mysore Palace** mein famous celebration (Wodeyars). **Kambala** (buffalo race), **Hampi Festival/Vijaya Utsav** (Vijayanagara Empire glory, 2-3 din), **Pattadakal Dance Festival** (UNESCO heritage site, January, 3-din), **Kaveri Sankramana** (Talakaveri, Kodagu, October), **Kailpodh** (Kodava

community, weapon worship, September; Puttari — harvest festival). [Q556, Q579, Q614, Q621, Q652, Q656]

7. West & Central India Festivals

- **Maharashtra:** **Gudi Padwa** (Marathi New Year, Chaitra maah pehla month, 'Gudi' — victory ka symbol, bamboo stick+cloth+neem leaves; Karnataka/Telangana/AP mein Ugadi kehlata hai), **Banganga festival** (Mumbai, Malabar Hills, January, Lord Ram tribute), **Elephanta Festival** (February, Elephanta Caves, Shiva-dedicated). [Q528, Q571, Q644]
- **Gujarat:** Dandiya Raas, Tippani, Bhavai, **Gangaur Festival** (Goddess **Parvati** ko dedicated, Central+Western India), **Uttarayan** (kite flying, Makar Sankranti). [Q534, Q608]
- **Madhya Pradesh:** **Chethiyagiri Vihara Festival**, **Lokrang** (5-din, 26 January, MP Adivasi Lok Kala Academy), **Laru Kaj** (Gonds tribe; Meghnad Parv — Gond, Ratona — Baiga, Bhagoriya — Bhil). [Q526, Q577, Q628]
- **Chhattisgarh:** **Kajari festival** (farmers, wheat/barley sowing season shuru), **Goncha Festival** (Chariot Festival, Rath Yatra ke time), **Gaura-Gauri Puja** (Diwali ke agle din, gedi/Raut Nacha/Panthi Nritya rituals), Bastar Goncha (Chhattisgarh + Odisha ki fusion culture, Rath Yatra time). [Q550, Q561, Q631, Q666]
- **Goa:** **Ladainha** (Christian festival), Shigmo, Sao Joao, **Chikal Kalo** (monsoon mud festival, Ashadh 12th day/July, Devaki-Krishna temple Marcel village), **Fatorpa Zatra** (Shantadurga Kuncolienkarin temple), Fugdi dance **Ganesh Chaturthi** ke time perform hoti hai. [Q600, Q611, Q627, Q649]
- **Himachal Pradesh:** Halda, Maghi, **Doongri Festival** (Kullu district, May, Hadimba Devi ka birthday — Hindu community), Ladarcha, Chet, Kullu Dussehra, **Chaitrual aur Phulaich** (Sirmour area — pictures/flowers ke festival), **Gochi festival**. [Q526, Q567, Q582, Q639]

8. North India & Himalayan Belt Festivals

- **Jammu & Kashmir:** **Navreh** (lunar new year, Chaitra Navratri ka pehla din, rice bowl — riches/fertility ka symbol). **Ladakh:** **Galdan Namchot** (Buddhist saint Je Tsongkhapa ka birthday, Tibet/Mongolia/Ladakh mein, Ladakh New Year bhi). [Q593, Q610]
- **Rajasthan:** **Maru Mahotsav** (Desert Festival, Jaisalmer, Magh month), **Elephant Festival** (Jaipur district, Holi ke din), Kamaicha aur Chinkara jaisi cultural traditions. **Gugga Naumi** — Haryana + Punjab/Rajasthan/UP/HP ke parts mein, **snake-worship festival** hai (Gugga Pir ke honour mein), Bhadon month ke Krishna Paksha 9th din. [Q522, Q640, Q641]
- **Uttarakhand:** Bhitauli, Harela, Phool Dei, Batsavitri, Ganga Dussehra/Dasar, Dikar Puja, Olgia/Ghee Sankranti, Khatarua, Kumaon Holi. **Madai festival** (Bastar region) — local goddess **Kesharpal Kesharpalin Devi** ki worship ke saath celebrate hota hai. [Q660]
- **Uttar Pradesh:** **Kicheri** (harvest, ritual bathing). **Bihar:** **Chhath Puja** (**Sun God** ko dedicated, Kartika maah, 4 din — Nahai Khai, Kharna, Sandhya Arghya, Usha Arghya), **Festival of Salhesh**, Sonapur Cattle Fair, Sama-Chakeva. [Q604, Q605, Q636]
- **Punjab:** **Baisakhi** (Sikh New Year, Khalsa Panth formation 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh, 13/14 April), **Teeyan** (women's festival, monsoon onset). [Q613, Q661]
- **Jharkhand:** **Sohrai** (Santhal tribe, cattle honour, Diwali ke baad new moon, Kartik maah), **Sarhul** (Oraon/Munda/Ho tribes, sal tree honour, New Year, Chaitra), **Rohini** (seed-sowing festival), **Tusu** (harvest, winter, Poush maah ka last din). [Q543, Q544, Q594, Q599]
- **Delhi:** **Sair-E-Gul Faroshan** (3-din, September, Mehrauli, rainy season ke baad). [Q615]

9. Religious Festivals — Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Muslim, Christian

- **Sikh:** Guru Nanak Dev ka birth anniversary **Kartik month ke full moon din** manaya jaata hai (November ke aas-paas). **Bandi Chhor Divas** — Diwali ke saath coincide karta hai (Guru Hargobind ne 52 prisoners Gwalior Fort se release kiye the, Jahangir ke against). Doosre Sikh festivals: Muktsar Mela, Parkash Utsav, Holla

Mohalla, Gurpurab. [Q541, Q580]

- **Jain: Mahavir Jayanti** — April maah, 24th aur last Tirthankara Vardhamana Mahavira ka birth, unse pehle 23rd Tirthankara Parshvanatha the. **Paryushan** festival — **Shwetambar community 8 din, Digambar community 10 din (Dasalakshan Parva)** celebrate karti hai. [Q632, Q653]
- **Buddhist: Buddha Purnima** (Vaisakh maah, Buddha ka birth+enlightenment+death teeno ko commemorate karta hai). **Sangken** — Buddhist festival. Doosre Buddhist festivals: Hemis, Losar, Lumbini, Parinirvana Day, Rumtek Chaam, Mani Rimdu. [Q545, Q648]
- **Muslim: Nauroz** — Parsi community ka New Year (Iranian/Persian origin, spring ki shuruaat). **Muharram** — Islamic calendar ka pehla month, Hazrat Imam Hussein ki shahadat commemorate karta hai (Telangana mein 'Peerla Panduga' kehlata hai). **Milad-un-Nabi/Barawafat/Mawlid al-Nabi** — Prophet Muhammad ka birthday, Rabi al-awwal month. Id-ul-Zuha (Eid al-Adha) — Abraham ki Ismail ko qurbani dene ki willingness honour karta hai. Shab-e-Barat — Allah forgiveness deta hai. [Q540, Q586, Q588, Q620]
- **Christian: Easter** — Jesus Christ ke resurrection ko mark karta hai, spring ke pehle full moon ke baad wale Sunday, **eggs decorate karne ka custom** bhi isi mein hai. Christmas (Jesus ka birth), Good Friday (crucifixion), Holy/Maundy Thursday (Last Supper), Epiphany (12th night, Magi/Wise Men ka Bethlehem visit, 6 January). [Q572, Q629]

10. Temple & Dance/Art Festivals

- **Tirupati Tirumala Brahmotsavam** — **9 din**, Venkateswara Temple (Andhra Pradesh). Doosre temple festivals: Thrissur Pooram (Vadakkumnathan Temple, Kerala), Arattu festival (Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple), Vaikunth Chaturdashi Mela (Uttarakhand), Ambubachi Mela (Kamakhya temple). [Q525]
- **Dance festivals: Konark Dance Festival** (Odisha, 1986 se, **1-5 December**, Sun Temple/Black Pagoda ke backdrop mein). **Khajuraho Dance Festival** (MP, 6-din, 1975 se, Kala Parishad, 20-26 Feb). **Ellora Ajanta Dance Festival** (Maharashtra, January, MTDC). **Soorya Classical Dance Festival** (Thiruvananthapuram, 10-din). Doosre dance festivals: Bamnia Chhau (WB), Mamallapuram/Natyanjali (Tamil Nadu), Nishagandhi (Kerala), Sirpur (Chhattisgarh). [Q553, Q603, Q643, Q645]
- **Flower festivals: Tulip Festival** — **Srinagar** (Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden). Doosre: Rose Festival (Chandigarh), Ooty Flower Show (TN), International Flower Festival (Gangtok), Lalbagh Flower Show (Bangalore), Dasara Flower Show (Mysore), Cherry Blossom Festival (Shillong). [Q564]
- **Art festivals: International Sand Art festival** — **Odisha**. Doosre: Kala Ghoda Arts Festival (Mumbai), Ellora-Ajanta International Festival (Aurangabad), Surajkund Crafts Mela (Haryana), Taj Mahotsav (Agra), Serendipity Arts Festival (Goa). [Q634]
- **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** — 1952 mein started (pehli baar Bombay mein), **2004 se Goa permanent venue** hai. [Q563]

11. Odisha Special — Ratha Yatra & Related Festivals

- **Rath Yatra (Puri)** — Lord **Jagannath** ko dedicated (Ashadh maah, Shukla Paksha ka 2nd din). 3 deities apne-apne chariots mein: **Jagannath (Nandighosh), Balabhadra (Taladhwaja), Subhadra (Darpadalana)** — **Lord Shiva iss list mein NAHI hai** (trap). Jagannath temple 12th century mein King Anantavarman (Chodaganga dynasty) ne banaya. **Chera Panhara ritual** — Gajapati Maharaja gold-plated broomstick se chariots ke decks saaf karte hain. [Q560, Q595, Q633]
- **Nuakhai** — naye anaj ki worship (Panchami Tithi, Bhadrava, Ganesh Chaturthi ke agle din, 'eating of new rice'). **Raja Parba** — Mother Earth/Bhuma Devi aur womanhood ko dedicated, 3 din, June (monsoon arrival). **Sakraat festival** — 'Budigali/'Kalasi' dance, women decorative pots sar par le kar. [Q542, Q551, Q596]
- **Dhanuyatra** (Bargarh district) — Lord **Krishna** ko dedicated, drama-based open-air theatre. **Baliyatra** ('voyage to Bali') — **Cuttack** mein, Asia ka sabse bada open trade fair, Kartika Purnima se shuru. [Q655, Q665]