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1. Kumbh Mela & Major Religious Melas

- **Kumbh Mela** — **Uttar Pradesh** se famous hai (Sangam/Triveni Sangam, Prayagraj), Makar Sankranti ke din se shuru hota hai. **4 pilgrimage sites** (12 saal mein ek baar rotate karta hai): **Ganga — Haridwar, Triveni Sangam — Prayagraj, Godavari — Nashik, Shipra — Ujjain**. **Ardha (half) Kumbh** — sirf Haridwar aur Allahabad mein, har 6th saal. **Maha Kumbh** — har 144 saal baad. UNESCO ki **13th intangible cultural heritage** India se list hui. [Q672]
- **Shahi Snan** (ritual bath) — Kumbh Mela ka major event hai. [Q677]
- **Simhastha fair** — Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh), **Kshipra river** ke kinare, har 12 saal mein ek baar (Kumbh Mela ka hi Ujjain wala version). [Q673]

2. Rajasthan Fairs

- **Pushkar Fair** — duniya ka **sabse bada camel fair**, har November mein Kartik Purnima ke time (Ajmer). **Shri Jagannathji Mela** — **Alwar** mein hota hai, Lord Jagannath ki procession se shuru hota hai. [Q669, Q671]
- **Doosre Rajasthan fairs**: Karni Mata Mela (Bikaner), Beneshwar Mela (Dungarpur), Kapil Muni Fair (Bikaner ka sabse bada fair), Bikaner Camel Festival (January), Barmer Cattle Fair (March-April), Mewar Festival (Udaipur, March-April, spring welcome), Bundi Festival (Kartik/Oct-Nov). [Q668, Q669, Q671]

3. Gujarat & Haryana Fairs

- **Surajkund Mela** — **Faridabad (Haryana)**, February mein, Haryana Tourism Department organise karta hai, ek famous **international Crafts Mela** hai (potters, embroiderers, weavers, wood carvers, metal workers, stone smiths, painters — sab India bhar se ek platform par aate hain). [Q668]
- **Madhavpur Fair** — **Porbandar (Gujarat)**, Ram Navami se shuru hoti hai, Lord Krishna aur Rukmini ki yaad mein celebrate hoti hai. Doosre Gujarat fairs: Shamlaji Fair, Chitra Vichitra Fair. [Q668, Q670]

4. Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh Fairs

- **Simhastha fair** — Ujjain (MP), Kshipra river. **Dhamoni Urs** — Mastan Shah Vali ki shrine par, April-May, Sagar district (MP). **Nagaji Fair** — MP ke tribal area mein celebrate hota hai. [Q673, Q680]
- **Sheorinarayan fair** — **Chhattisgarh**, February (Magh Purnima), Sherorinarayan Temple (Lord Rama) main venue hai. **Champaran Mela** — **Raipur (Chhattisgarh)**, Magh month mein celebrate hota hai. [Q675, Q679]

5. Bihar, West Bengal & Assam Fairs

- **Sonepur Cattle Fair** — **Bihar**, Asia ke sabse bade cattle fairs mein se ek, Ganga aur Gandak river ke confluence par organise hota hai, **Hariharnath temple se associated hai, Kartik month ki Purnima (full moon) se shuru hoti hai** (MP mein NAHI hai — trap). [Q674]
- **Ganga Sagar Mela** — **West Bengal**, Hooghly river ke mouth par, Sagar Island ke southern tip par (jahan Ganga Bay of Bengal mein milti hai), Makar Sankranti (January) ke occasion par. Doosre WB fairs: Bera Utsav, Orange Festival, Jalpesh Festival, Ramkeli Mela, Poush Mela, Raas Mela. [Q678]
- **Ambubachi Mela** — **Guwahati (Assam)**, 'Ameti'/'Tantric fertility festival' bhi kehlata hai, Goddess Kamakhya ke yearly menstruation cycle ka celebration hai (phallus worship). Kamakhya Temple — Nilachal Hills, Brahmaputra river ke kinare, Nilachala style architecture. [Q676]

6. Himalayan Belt Fairs — Uttarakhand & Himachal Pradesh

- **Nanda Devi Fair** — Kumaon region (**Uttarakhand**), September month, main fair **Almora** mein hota hai. Doosre Uttarakhand fairs: Bhagwal Devidhura, Bagwali Pokhar, Chandrabadni, Gabladev, Gaucher, Gendua, Haatkalika, Kamleshwar, Purnagiri, Tapkeshwar. **Ashwin Amavasya Mela** — Uttar Pradesh mein celebrate hota hai. [Q681, Q682]
- **Nalwari Fair** — **Himachal Pradesh** ka **cattle fair** hai. **Doongri Festival/Hidimba Devi Fair** — Kullu mein, Basant Panchami ke occasion par (Hidimba Devi, Bhima ki patni). **Ashwin Navratri Mela** — Himachal Pradesh mein celebrate hota hai. [Q682]