

# Festivals of Telangana, Major List, Traditions, Significance

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Telangana is known for its distinctive regional festivals, particularly Bathukamma, Bonalu, Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara and Nagoba Jatara. These festivals are important for understanding the state's cultural identity, tribal traditions and local religious practices.

## List of Major Festivals of Telangana

The major festivals of Telangana, along with their important cultural, religious, tribal and historical associations, are given below:

### Bathukamma

Bathukamma is a famous **floral festival of Telangana**.

- It is celebrated mainly by women for nine days during September-October.

- Women arrange seasonal flowers such as **Tangedu** and **Gunuka** in a distinctive, conical arrangement called Bathukamma.
- Women gather around the **Bathukamma**, sing traditional songs and celebrate together.
- The festival ends with **Saddula Bathukamma**, when the floral Bathukamma is immersed in a water body.
- **Boddemma** is a separate but related festival of Telangana. It is celebrated before Bathukamma and marks the beginning of the festive season that culminates in the Bathukamma celebrations.

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## Bonalu

Bonalu is a major festival **dedicated to Goddess Mahakali**, particularly associated with Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

- It is celebrated during Ashada Masam, generally in **July-August**.
- The term **Bonam** refers to the **food offering made to the Mother Goddess**.
- Women carry pots containing offerings of rice, milk and jaggery, decorated with neem leaves, turmeric and vermilion.
- Important traditions associated with the festival include **Rangam**, **Ghatam** processions and **Pothuraju**.
- The festival is also associated with the worship of different forms of the Mother Goddess, including **Yellamma**, **Pochamma**, **Mysamma** and **other local deities**.

## Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara (Medaram Jatara)

Medaram Jatara is a major **tribal festival** held at Medaram in Mulugu district.

- It is **dedicated to the tribal deities Sammakka and Saralamma**.
- During the Jatara, devotees offer **Bangaram**, traditionally represented by jaggery, to the deities.
- It is recognised as one of the largest tribal congregations in Asia and attracts devotees from different parts of the country

## Nagoba Jatara

Nagoba Jatara is an important **festival of the Gond tribal community**.

- It is held at Keslapur in Adilabad district.
- The festival is dedicated to **Nagoba**, the serpent deity.
- It is celebrated during the **Pushya month**, generally in **December-January**.
- Gonds and other tribal communities, including those from neighbouring Maharashtra, participate in the Jatara.

## Kakatiya Festival

The Kakatiya Festival celebrates the historical and cultural heritage of the **Kakatiya period**.

- It is associated with the Warangal-Hanamkonda region.

- The festival highlights the region’s Kakatiya heritage and cultural traditions.

## Shakambari Festival

The Shakambari Festival is associated with the worship of **Goddess Shakambari**, a form of the Mother Goddess.

## Other Important Festivals

- **Ugadi:** Telugu New Year.
- **Sankranti:** Harvest festival.
- **Dasara/Vijayadashami:** Major festival celebrated across Telangana.
- **Sadar:** A distinctive festival associated with buffalo celebrations, particularly in Hyderabad.
- **Ramzan, Eid, Bakrid and Muharram:** Important Islamic festivals celebrated in the state.
- **Christmas:** Celebrated by Christian communities across Telangana.

## Festivals of Telangana Significance

The festivals of Telangana are important because they preserve the state’s culture, tribal traditions and social diversity.

- **Cultural identity:** Bathukamma and Bonalu are closely associated with Telangana’s unique cultural identity.
- **Tribal traditions:** Medaram Jatara and Nagoba Jatara preserve the religious beliefs and traditions of tribal communities.
- **Folk culture:** Traditional songs, rituals, processions and community celebrations help preserve Telangana’s folk traditions.
- **Composite culture:** Festivals celebrated by different religious communities reflect Telangana’s cultural diversity and peaceful coexistence.
- **Historical heritage:** The Kakatiya Festival highlights the historical and cultural heritage of the Kakatiya period.
- **Tourism:** Major festivals and Jataras attract visitors and promote cultural and religious tourism in the state.

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