

Festivals of Madhya Pradesh 2026, Name, Famous Fair & Festival List

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Festivals of Madhya Pradesh 2026 reflect the state's rich historical, cultural, tribal and religious heritage. Madhya Pradesh is known as the "Heart of India" and celebrates festivals that preserve folk traditions and community harmony.

The state is known for promoting cultural heritage through government supported festivals and community celebrations. Along with its three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, vibrant tribal traditions and rich folk culture, festivals remain an important part of the social and cultural identity of Madhya Pradesh.

Festivals of Madhya Pradesh 2026

Festivals in Madhya Pradesh represent the state's traditions, history, tribal heritage, classical arts and religious diversity. They promote unity among different communities and preserve local customs, music, dance, literature, theatre, handicrafts and folk traditions. Many festivals are organized by the Department of Culture, Madhya Pradesh Tourism and various cultural academies, making the state one of India's leading centres for cultural celebrations throughout the year.

List of Festivals of Madhya Pradesh 2026

The **Festivals of Madhya Pradesh** include cultural, religious, tribal, literary, music, dance, theatre and agricultural celebrations held across different districts every year. The List of main Festivals of Madhya Pradesh 2026 has been provided below:

Hareli Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Community:** This important agricultural festival is celebrated by farming communities, where agricultural implements are worshipped for prosperity and successful cultivation.
- **Observance:** It is generally observed on the Amavasya of Shravan, while Mandla celebrates it on Shravan Purnima and the Malwa region observes it during Ashad as Hariyagodha.

Bhagoria Haat Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Community:** Bhagoria Haat Festival is celebrated by the Bhil tribe for three days before Holi, mainly in Jhabua and Khargone districts and is popularly known as the “Festival of Love.”
- **Tradition:** Young men and women traditionally choose their life partners by applying red gulal to each other before seeking acceptance from their families.
- **Celebration:** Tribal dance, music, colourful markets, traditional ornaments, handicrafts, local food and community gatherings make Bhagoria one of the most distinctive tribal festivals of Madhya Pradesh.

Karma Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Community:** Karma is celebrated mainly by the Oraon tribal community with traditional songs, dances and collective worship that strengthens social unity and cultural identity.
- **Significance:** The festival expresses gratitude for prosperity, nature and community well-being while preserving traditional customs through music and dance performances.

Larukaz Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Community:** Larukaz is celebrated by the Gond tribe.
- **Celebrations:** It is observed in honour of Narayana Dev and remains an important expression of Gond religious traditions and cultural heritage.

Rasnava Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Community:** Rasnava is celebrated by the Baiga tribe, especially in Mandla district, in memory of Adi Purush Naga Baiga, reflecting ancestral traditions and tribal beliefs.

Meghnath Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Community:** Meghnath is an important traditional festival of the Gond tribe and represents their long-preserved cultural and religious customs through community participation.

Madai Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Location:** Madai is among the most famous tribal festivals of Mandla and Dindori districts, where Gond communities gather for traditional rituals, fairs, music and dance.
- **Features:** The festival promotes tribal identity through cultural performances, local markets, community interaction and preservation of indigenous customs.

Kaksar Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Community:** Kaksar is celebrated by the Abujh-Madia tribe, where unmarried young men and women traditionally select their life partners during festive community gatherings.

Chethiyagiri Vihara Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Location:** The festival is organized every November at Sanchi in Raisen district, an internationally important Buddhist heritage centre.
- **Historical Importance:** Devotees visit to view the sacred relics of Buddha's disciples Sariputta and Mahamogallena, discovered in Stupa No. 3 during 1853.

Diwali

- **Observance:** **Diwali** is celebrated on Kartik Amavasya as the festival of lights with homes, temples and public places decorated using lamps and colourful decorations.
- **Significance:** The festival symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and is celebrated with prayers, family gatherings, sweets and cultural traditions.

Holi

- **Celebration:** Holi is celebrated during Phalgun with colours, music, community gatherings and traditional festivities across towns, villages and tribal regions of Madhya Pradesh.
- **Meaning:** The festival represents the victory of good over evil while strengthening social harmony through collective celebrations.

Madhya Pradesh Utsav

- **Foundation Day:** Madhya Pradesh Utsav is organized every year on 1 November by the Department of Culture to celebrate the state's Foundation Day.
- **Venue and Activities:** State-level programmes are held at Lal Parade Ground, Bhopal, featuring folk dance, drama, music, singing and performances by eminent artists.

Lokrang Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Organization:** Lokrang Festival is organized every January in Bhopal by the Madhya Pradesh Adivasi Lok Kala Academy.

- **Features:** Folk dances, classical dance performances, tribal handicrafts, folk music and cultural exhibitions highlight India's traditional artistic heritage.

Akhil Bhartiya Kalidas Samaroh

- **History:** Organized in Ujjain, this seven-day festival began in 1958 to honour the literary contributions of the great poet Kalidas.
- **Activities:** Theatre, poetry recitation, story reading, exhibitions, literature, painting and cultural performances are organised around Kalidas's works.

Khajuraho Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **History:** Started in 1976, the seven-day Khajuraho Festival is organized every February in Chhatarpur district near the Chitragupta and Vishwanatha temples.
- **Performances:** Renowned artists perform **classical** and **folk dances** including- **Kathak, Bharatanatyam, Odissi, Kuchipudi, Manipuri** and **Kathakali**, while exhibitions display sculptures, handicrafts and local artworks.

Malwa Utsav

- **Background:** Started in 1991, Malwa Utsav is organized in Indore, Ujjain and Mandu, bringing together artists from India and abroad.
- **Highlights:** **Folk dance**, music, drama, handicrafts, visual arts and cultural exhibitions celebrate the artistic traditions of the Malwa region.

Tansen Sangeet Samaroh

- **Location:** Organized since 1980 at Behat village in Gwalior district every December as a tribute to legendary musician Tansen.
- **Importance:** Classical musicians perform near Tansen's tomb for four days, making it one of India's most respected classical music festivals.

Pachmarhi Utsav

- **Celebration:** Organized during the last week of December at Pachmarhi, the festival presents folk arts, workshops, demonstrations, handicrafts and cultural exhibitions.
- **Features:** Carpets, bamboo crafts, sculptures, traditional dress materials and performances from different Indian folk traditions are major attractions.

Dhrupad Samaroh

- **Importance:** Held annually in Bhopal, the festival is dedicated to the ancient Dhrupad tradition, one of the oldest forms of Hindustani classical music.

Raag Ameer Festival

- **Organization:** This three-day music festival is organized every March in Indore by the Ustad Alauddin Khan Sangeet and Kala Academy.
- **Dedication:** The event honours Ustad Amir Khan, founder of the Indore Gharana, through classical music performances by distinguished artists.

Madhya Pradesh Samaroh

- **History:** Started in 1982 in Delhi, the festival promotes Madhya Pradesh through singing, dancing, theatre and painting exhibitions.

Orchha Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Celebration:** Started in 1994, Orchha Festival is organized every March at the Sheesh Mahal Complex by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board.
- **Focus:** The festival celebrates Bundelkhand's dance, literature, music, drama and cultural heritage through traditional performances.

Namaste Orchha Festival of Madhya Pradesh

- **Background:** The first edition was organized from 6 to 8 March 2020 to promote Orchha as an international heritage tourism destination.
- **Activities:** Guided heritage walks, photography, music, dance, art exhibitions, Kisan Melas and business meetings form the main attractions.

Nimar Utsav

- **History:** Started in 1994, this three-day festival is organized every November at Maheshwar on the banks of the Narmada during Kartik Purnima.
- **Features:** Tribal music, dance, theatre, boating, canoeing, folk performances and traditional arts are organized to honour excellence in tribal **cultural heritage**.

Other Famous Festivals in Madhya Pradesh

- **Makar Sankranti:** Makar Sankranti marks the Sun's northward journey during January and is widely celebrated with prayers, charitable activities and colourful kite flying.
- **Dussehra:** Dussehra, also known as Vijayadashami, commemorates the victory of Lord Rama over Ravana and symbolizes the triumph of righteousness over evil.
- **Krishna Janmashtami:** Krishna Janmashtami celebrates the birth of Lord Krishna during August with devotional singing, temple worship, cultural programmes and community participation.
- **Navratri:** Navratri honours Goddess Durga's victory over Mahishasura through nine days of worship, devotional music, fasting and cultural celebrations.

- **Ganesh Chaturthi:** Ganesh Chaturthi marks the birth anniversary of Lord Ganesha with idol installation, prayers, devotional songs and public celebrations.
- **Bhaiya Dooj:** Bhaiya Dooj is celebrated twice annually in Madhya Pradesh, once after Holi and again after Diwali, highlighting the bond between brothers and sisters.
- **Eid-ul-Fitr:** Eid-ul-Fitr is celebrated after the completion of the holy month of Ramadan with prayers, charity, community meals and family gatherings.
- **Eid-al-Adha:** Eid-al-Adha honours the devotion and sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim and is observed with prayers, charitable acts and community participation.
- **Muharram:** Muharram is observed as a period of mourning to remember the sacrifice of Imam Hussain, the son of Hazrat Ali.
- **Guru Nanak Jayanti:** Guru Nanak Jayanti commemorates the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak through prayers, devotional singing and community service.
- **Prakash Utsav:** Prakash Utsav marks the birth anniversary of **Guru Gobind Singh**, the tenth Sikh Guru, with religious ceremonies and community gatherings.
- **Christmas:** Christmas is celebrated on 25 December with prayers, church services, decorations and gatherings commemorating Jesus Christ.
- **Good Friday:** Good Friday remembers the crucifixion of Jesus Christ through prayer services and religious observances in churches across the state.
- **Buddha Purnima:** Buddha Purnima marks the birth anniversary of Lord Buddha and is observed with prayers, meditation and religious gatherings.
- **Mahavir Jayanti:** Mahavir Jayanti celebrates the birth anniversary of Lord Mahavira, the 24th Tirthankara, through religious processions, prayers and charitable activities.

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