

Karma Puja

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The Prime Minister of India wished all fellow countrymen, especially the tribal community on the occasion of Karma Puja.

About Karma Puja

- It is also **called Karam and Karam Parab** – is one of the most **important tribal festivals** in India.
- It is related to the **harvest** and a **tribute to the Karam tree**. (Karam tree symbolises fertility, prosperity and everything that is auspicious).
- It is celebrated primarily in **Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, and Assam**.
- It is popular especially among the **Munda, Ho, Oraon, Baiga, Kharia, and Santhal peoples**.
- It is traditionally celebrated on the **Ekadashi tithi** (eleventh day) which corresponds to **August-September** in the **Gregorian calendar**.
- **How is it celebrated?**

- About a week prior to the festival, young women bring clear sand from the river and **sow seven types of grains.**
- A **Karam tree branch** is planted in the courtyard or 'akhra' on the festival day.
- Devotees come with jawa (hibiscus) flowers, and the pahan (priest) worships the Karam Raja. Dancing and singing of traditional Karam songs follow.
- The festival concludes with **the immersion of the Karam branch in a river** or pond, and the jawa is distributed among the devotees.
- At the end of the Karam festival, branches from sal or bhelua trees are often planted in the fields with the hope that the **Karam Raja/ Devta will protect their crops.**

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