

November 2025

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04th to 06th November

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05th November

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Chandrabhaga Fair

The Chandrabhaga Fair is an annual event in Jhalarapatan, Rajasthan, blending commerce and religion. Known as the "city of bells," Jhalarapatan features some of Rajasthan's most beautiful temples. Held on an auspicious day of the Hindu calendar, the fair attracts thousands of pilgrims who take a holy dip in the Chandrabhaga River. The event also includes cattle fair and offers a chance to mingle with locals, experience their rituals and traditions, enjoy folk music, and purchase traditional Rajasthani arts and crafts. It provides a unique cultural experience.

Highlights:

- A lesser known animal and religious fair of Rajasthan by the River Chandrabhaga
- An opportunity to mingle with the locals, witness their rituals and traditions, enjoy folk music performances



When: November 4 - 6, 2025



Where: Jhalawar, Rajasthan



Dev Deepavali

On Dev Deepavali, Varanasi's ghats are adorned with thousands of earthen oil lamps, creating an enchanting and magical spectacle. Known as the Diwali of the Gods and Goddesses, it is believed that deities descend to bathe in the Ganga River. The celebration features an elaborate Ganga Aarti, fireworks, and processions of decorated deities through the streets. Oil lamps are set afloat on the river, enhancing the mystical atmosphere. Dev Deepavali in Varanasi is a mesmerizing and spiritually uplifting experience, showcasing the city's enchanting religious heritage.

Highlights:

- The Ghats of Varanasi come alive with hundreds of thousands of earthen oil lamps
- The evening ceremony by the Ganga on Dev Deepavali is very elaborate compared to other days



When: November 5, 2025



Where: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



The Sangai Festival

Named after the Sangai, the brow-antlered deer unique to Manipur, the Sangai Festival highlights the region's exquisite craftsmanship, culture, handloom, handicrafts, art, indigenous games, food, and music. Coupling this with the Hornbill Festival in Kohima, Nagaland (December 1-10), provides a fascinating showcase of India's cultural diversity. These festivals celebrate the rich heritage and artistic traditions of the North-eastern states, making for a vibrant and enriching experience that underscores the unique cultural tapestry of the region.

Highlights:

- The festival is named after the brow-antlered Sangai deer found only in Manipur
- The game Sagol Kangjei which is considered the precursor of the modern-day game of Polo



When: November 21 - 30, 2025



Where: Manipur



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India Craft Week

India's first official Craft Week was launched in 2018, inspired by founders Iti Tyagi and Somesh Tyagi. Their vision was to tell the untold stories of Indian artisans. This week-long event honors craftsmanship, showcasing the dedication of artisans in preserving their heritage. It features a diverse array of work from innovators, traditional artists, weavers, and craftsmen from across India. The event also includes engaging symposiums and craft awards, making it a significant part of India's cultural calendar and a celebration of the country's rich craft heritage.

Highlights:

- India Craft Week aims at reviving the various art and craft forms in India
- This event brings many renowned artists out into the spotlight



When: Dates TBA, 2025



Where: Delhi



Majuli Raas Mahotsav

The Raas Mahotsav is enthusiastically celebrated by the residents of Majuli, Asia's largest freshwater river island and the cultural hub of Assam. Accessible only by a 2-hour ferry ride, this festival honors the life and times of Krishna, a significant deity in Hinduism. The entire community participates in the festival's preparations and performances, making it the grandest event on the island. The celebration showcases Majuli's rich cultural heritage and unites its residents in a joyous expression of devotion and tradition, highlighting the island's unique blend of spirituality and community spirit.

Highlights:

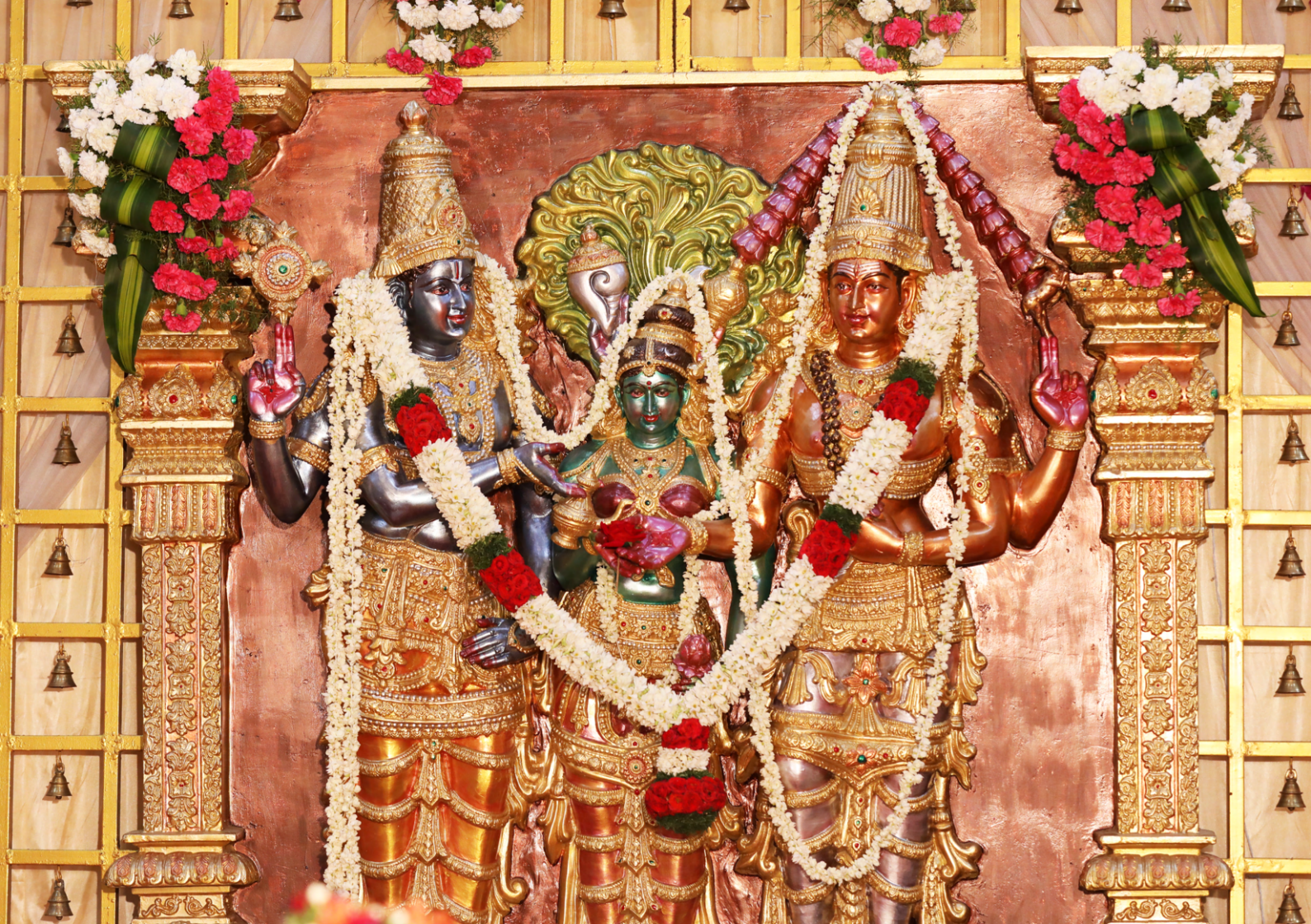
- The Raas Mahotsav celebrates the life and times of Krishna, a major deity of the Hindu religion
- It is held in Majuli, Asia's largest freshwater River island and the hub of Assamese culture



When: Dates TBA, 2025



Where: Majuli, Assam



Ram Vivah

Every November, Orchha bursts into life with the Ram Vivah festival, celebrating the marriage of Ram and Sita from the Ramayana. Devotees from far and wide gather for this two-day event filled with feasting and merrymaking. The highlight is the grand marriage procession on the second evening, where Ram's idol is carried in a palanquin from door to door, accompanied by dancing horses, village bands, and actors dressed as Ram and his brother Laxman. This unique festival transforms Orchha into a lively and festive hub, showcasing the town's rich cultural heritage and vibrant community spirit.

Highlights:

- The small town of Orchha plays host to the marriage of Ram & Sita, the main protagonists of Ramayana
- The main highlight is the marriage procession which goes from door to door



When: November 25, 2025



Where: Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh