Traditional New Year festivals of Various States

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Why in News?

The prime minister's Greetings extended on multiple regional New Year festivals across India.

- These celebrations, marking the beginning of the Hindu Lunar New Year (Vikram Samvat 2083).



Festival	Region/State	Cycle	Time	Feature / Purpose	Associated Deity
Gudi Padwa	Maharashtra	Lunar (Chaitra)	March–April	Raising Gudi (victory flag); New Year	Lord Brahma

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Ugadi	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka	Lunar (Chaitra)	March–April	Ugadi Pachadi (6 tastes of life)	Lord Brahma
Cheti Chand	Sindhi community Diaspora areas like Ujjain, Mumbai, Ahmedabad	Lunar (Chaitra)	March–April	Birth of Jhulelal; Baharana Sahib	Jhulelal (Varuna)
Navreh	Jammu & Kashmir	Lunar (Chaitra)	March–April	Navreh Thali ritual	Lord Shiva
Sajibu Cheiraoba	Manipur	Lunar (Chaitra)	March–April	Hill climbing ritual	Sanamahi, Leimarel Sidabi
Vishu	Kerala	Solar (Mesha Sankranti)	Mid-April	Vishukkani (auspicious sight)	Lord Krishna
Puthandu	Tamil Nadu	Solar (Mesha Sankranti)	Mid-April	Tamil New Year celebrations	Lord Shiva
Baisakhi	Punjab/Haryana	Solar (Mesha Sankranti)	Mid-April	Harvest festival; Sikh New Year	Guru Gobind Singh
Pohela Boishakh	West Bengal	Solar (Mesha Sankranti)	Mid-April	Bengali New Year	Goddess Lakshmi
Bohag Bihu	Assam	Solar (Mesha Sankranti)	Mid-April	Assamese New Year; agriculture	Nature-centric
Nababarsha	Odisha	Solar (Mesha Sankranti)	Mid-April	Odia New Year	Lord Jagannath
Losar	Ladakh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh	Lunar	Jan–Feb (varies)	Tibetan Buddhist New Year	Buddha
Bestu Varas	Gujarat	Lunar (Diwali-based)	Oct–Nov	Gujarati New Year (after Diwali)	Lord Krishna

- **Cultural Pattern –** Symbolizes Renewal, Prosperity, and Agricultural cycle.
- **Deity Pattern –** Linked with Creation**,** Nature, and Local traditions.

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