

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.

Reference

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