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Karnataka

1. Hampi Festival

"Vijay Utsav" alias the Hampi festival is commemorated from the times of Vijayanagar reign.

Main attraction of the festival is Kannadigas dance, drama, fireworks, puppet shows, spectacular parades, and musical instruments like drums and pipes, the same way it used to be in the colonial era.



Karnataka

2. Kambala festival

Kambala is an annual festival celebrated in the Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka.

The festival involves the traditional buffalo race, a popular and unique sport among the farming community of the state. The Kambala festival season starts in November and lasts till March.



Source: Wikipedia

Pattadakal Dance Festival



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Kerala

1. Onam

One of the most important festivals is the Onam festival in Kerala. It is a harvest festival of Kerala that falls in the Malayali month of Chingam.

It is celebrated to commemorate the Vamana avatar of Lord Vishnu and homecoming of King Mahabali.



Source: New Indian Express



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Kerala

2. Vishu

Vishu marks the beginning of Malayali year.

Mostly celebrated at home, a pooja with the family and the evening feast are the highlights of this Hindu festival.



Kerala

3. Theyyam festival

Theyyam is a grand dance festival in Kerala and is celebrated many regions of the state including Kasargod.

Theyyam is considered as Dance Gods & the name has been given to it by two words 'Deivam' & 'Aattam', where 'Deivam' means God & 'Aattam' translates to dance.



Source: tourmyindia.com

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Madhya Pradesh

1. Lokrang

Lokrang is a cultural festival in which all the dancers put their best foot forwards and matches their steps with the folk music.

During the festival, the stage displays the various forms of folk dances, music, and ethnic dances. Also, one can see the beautiful collections of fans and handicrafts made by the tribal community of Madhya Pradesh.



Source: tourmyindia.com



Madhya Pradesh

2. Khajuraho Festival

Khajuraho dance festival is the manifestation of the true India's dance forms.

All the performances take place in an open air stage, right opposite to Chitragupta and Vishwanatha Temple.



Source: tourmyindia.com

Bhagoria Haat Festival



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Maharashtra

1. Kalidas Festival

The Kalidas Festival is celebrated in the honor of great Indian poet Kalidas who is considered one of the greatest classical Sanskrit writers.

The Kalidas Festival is held in the city of Ramtek, Nagpur in the state of Maharashtra.

The Kalidas Festival is held during the month of November.



Maharashtra

2. Pola

The harvest festival of Pola is celebrated by farmers all over Maharashtra.

On this day bullocks, which are an integral part of the agriculture – basically the backbone of it – are worshiped.



Source: boldsky.com



Meghalaya

1. Shad Suk Mynsiem

Shad Suk Mynsiem is the festival of the Khasi Clans of Meghalaya.

The dance is performed to signify the matrilineal and patrilineal structure of the Khasi society.

This is a three-day festival and is popularly known as the 'Shad Phur'.



Source: Times of India



Meghalaya

2. Nongkrem Festival

The Nongkrem Festival is also celebrated among the Khasis.

It is a thanksgiving festival that is celebrated for about 5 days in the month of October or November, every year.



Source: Travelwhistle.com

Behdeinkhlam Festival, Wangala Festival



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Manipur

1. Ningol Chakouba

'Ningol Chakouba' is the largest and most popular festival celebrated by the people of Manipur.

The festival is a celebration of the loving bond between brother and sister that gives an opportunity to strengthen ties inside the family.



Manipur

2. Chumphha Festival

It is the Tanghul Nagas of Manipur who celebrate the Chumphha Festival.

The Chumphha Festival in Manipur is a harvest festival and is held with a lot of rejoicing and merriment.



Source: hellotravel.com



Manipur

3. Gaan-Ngai

The festival of Gaan-Ngai is a synonym of dance, fest, music and spiritual rituals.

The rituals include sacred fire, homage and prayers to the deities for the good health of the community.



Source: tourmyindia.com

Lui-Ngai-Ni, Kut Festival



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Mizoram

1. Chapchar Kut Festival

It signifies the welcome of Spring season in the state.

This is a colorful festival with dance and songs as they welcome the spring season.



Source: Times of India

Mim Kut Festival, Pawl Kut Festival



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Nagaland

1. Hornbill Festival

This festival is meant to celebrate the spirit and the cultural diverseness of the state.

The Hornbill Festival is also called the 'festival of festivals', because of its grandness and festive charm.



Source: sentinelassam.com

Nagaland

2. Aoleng Festival

Celebrated by the Konyak Naga tribe in of Nagaland, the Aoleng festival is celebrated during the first week of April every year.

The Aoling or Aoleng festival marks the onset of the spring season.

Sekrenyi Festival, Moatsii Mong



Odisha

1. Rath Yatra

The festival is celebrated for Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra & Goddess Subhadra.

During that day in Puri, Odisha, their idols are taken out for a bath along with the Sudarshan chakra.



Source: Times of India

Odisha

2. Konark Dance Festival

The main aim of the festival is to bring together all the important and popular artists from across the world on a single stage.

The festival does host some of the most popular dance forms that are known around India including Manipuri, Kuchipudi, Bharatnatyam, Odissi, etc.

Puri beach festival, Nuakhai, Kalinga Mahotsav



Sikkim

1. Saga Dawa

It is an important day for the Mahayana Buddhists as it celebrates the three most important phases of Gautama Buddha – his birth, his enlightenment and his attaining nirvana.

2. Pang Lhabsol

The festival & all its celebrations are surrounding the third highest peak in the world, the Kanchenjunga or Khangchendzonga. Besides celebrating the peak this festival also honors the treaty signed by Bhutias & Lepchas.



Sikkim

3. Losar

The Tibetan word “Losar”, which translates to “New Year”.

The festival also coincides with the end of the harvesting season, providing all the farmers the much-needed break to rejoice the fruits of their patience and hard work.

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Tamil Nadu

1. Pongal

Pongal is the harvest festival in Tamil Nadu which is celebrated for 4 days.

Prayers to Lord Indra are made on this day.

The dish that they eat on this day is also called as Pongal. The first rice after harvest is boiled and served first to the Sun God and then to the people.



Tamil Nadu

2. Puthandu

The Tamil New Year's Day festival is observed in April as the middle of April is the beginning of the first month of the Tamil calendar.

3. Thaipusam

Thaipusam is celebrated on the full moon day of the Thai month in the Tamil Calendar in Tamil Nadu.

The younger son of Lord Shiva was born on this day. His name is Lord Subramaniam.



Assignment!

Write the names of important festival of the following states in comment section:

1. Telangana
2. Tripura
3. West Bengal



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