

11 Different Diwali Customs & Traditions of Tribal Communities in Bharat

- This report has compiled **11 unique Diwali celebrations** of tribal communities in Bharat.
- On **7 November, 2023**, people of **62 tribal communities of Madhya Pradesh** celebrated the Diwali festival for two months according to the old tradition. Community **worship of livestock on the festival of Diwali**.



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1.	Date: 30 December, 2023 Place: Bastar, Chhattisgarh Customs & Traditions: The tribal community of Bastar has its own separate Diwali which is called 'Diyari Tihar' Their rituals during Diyari Tihar include worshipping the crocodile for the safety of life and property and praying to Shitala Mata at the Gudi (the place of worship of the tribals) for the well-being and prosperity of the village. Mahalakshmi Puja in Bastar is called by the local tribals as "Raja Diyari".	 Abp Live You tube Link
2.	Date: 12 December, 2023 Place: Himachal Pradesh Tribes: Hatti Customs & Traditions: The Hatti community lives in Trans-Giri area of Himachal Pradesh's Sirmour district began celebrating the week-long tribal festival Budhi Diwali. The Hatti community on this occasion prepares a large number of traditional dishes, including Badoli, Cidkoo, Malpuda, Patande and different varieties of Muda dish. The villagers went to the temple of Kuldevta and burnt the fire in front of the temple as per the tradition.	 National Herald You Tube Link
3.	Date: 12 November, 2023 Place: Mumbai, Maharashtra Tribes: Warli and Banjara Customs & Traditions: Diwali celebrations at the Warli pada commence with poojas at the Gaondevi and Waghoba shrines, with male community members offering food to be blessed and an animal sacrifice. Warli and Banjara communities treasure their cultural practices, even as exposure to mainstream culture may be altering how they celebrate Diwali. Diwali is tied to the harvest of rice grains, ragi and vegetables such as chawli.	 Mid day You Tube Link

4.	Date: 11 November, 2023 Place: East Singhbhum, Jharkhand Tribes: Santhal Customs & Traditions: Sohrai Porab falls on the day after Diwali. Villagers worship them by lighting lamps, singing songs and offering pujas. The cows are decorated with oil, vermillion. Diwali celebrates the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya from 14 years of exile, Sohrai Porab celebrates the return of the cattle to the tribal villages. On the final day, villagers assemble to find out if anyone has been guilty of mistreating cattle in the village.	 Gaon connection You Tube Link
5.	Date: 7 November, 2023 Place: Madhya Pradesh Customs & Traditions: People of 62 tribal communities of Madhya Pradesh celebrate the Diwali festival for two months according to the old tradition. The people of the tribal community worship of livestock on the festival of Diwali. Dhavas and majali made of clay are bought by the tribal people from the potters. Mahalakshmi, the goddess of wealth, and Lord Ganesha, the god of happiness and prosperity, are worshiped especially on the festival of Diwali. Animals are also beautifully decorated. Dishes are prepared at home and offered to the family deities and favorite deities and people enjoy the festival of Diwali by dancing and singing.	 NDTV You Tube Link
6.	Date: 25 October, 2022 Place: Odisha & Himanchal Pradesh Tribes: Paraja, Saora, Gadaba Customs & Traditions: The tribal festival of Diyali has its own unique traits celebrated with great fervour by the Paraja, Saora, Gadaba and other tribes of southern Odisha, the three-day festival involves bovine worship. The locals in the hill State burn pieces of deodar and pinewoods on small slabs of rock in every house for peace and prosperity.	 The Indian tribal You Tube Link

7.	Date: 25 October, 2022 Place: Chandrapur , Maharashtra Customs & Traditions: The Diwali Dandar festival started with great enthusiasm on Bhogi day at Yellapur with around 75 to 80 tribal dolls in the rural areas of the taluka. On the occasion of Diwali festival, home made food was fed to the cows by taking offerings in the soup.	 Lokmat You Tube Link
8.	Date: 23 October, 2022 Place: Udaipur, Rajasthan Customs & Traditions: The children of a government school in the tribal area of Udaipur district celebrated Diwali festival in the school. All the students of the school bring lamps and oil from their respective homes and paint the school building, decorate with rangoli and lights.	 Dainik Jagran
9.	Date: 9 November, 2020 Place: Adilabad , Andhra Pradesh Customs & Traditions: Tribals of the Adilabad celebrate the Dandari-Gussadi festival around a week before Diwali. A dance festival that starts Dandari-Gussadi festival is an important cultural affair of ethnic tribes. The celebrations usually begin with the tribals visiting the Padmalpuri Khako shrine at Gudirevu village on the banks of the Godavari river.	 The New indian express You Tube Link
10.	Date: 30 October, 2016 Place: Narmada, Gujarat Tribes: Vasava and Tadvi (majority) Customs & Traditions: It is a 15-day Diwali celebration for tribals, but they don't fire crackers. They burn wood of different types of trees and 'jadi buties' whose smoke kills bacteria they say keeps them healthy and wealthy too. They offer liquor and grains to their god and goddess during the festival and worship tress, water storage like river, well, pond etc.	 Connect Gujarat

11.	Date: 13 November, 2015 Place: Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand Tribes: Tharu Customs & Traditions: “In Tharu community traditions, this day used to be observed as a day of sorrow and they used to offer a “roti” to the deceased family member. However, with the passage of time, traditions have changed and Tharu people have started celebrating the day as Diwali,”	 The Tribune You Tube Link
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