

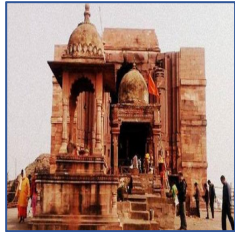
18 Temples That Open Only Once a Year

On **July 29, 2025**, the **Nagchandreshwar Temple** opened for its **annual one-day darshan** on the occasion of Nag Panchami. Situated within the Mahakaleshwar temple complex, this 11th-century shrine **opens only once a year** and is exclusively managed by the Chore family. Devotees gathered in large numbers to offer prayers to Lord Shiva and Nag Devta.

This report compiles **18 unique temples** across India and Nepal that **open only once a year on specific auspicious occasions** like Maha Shivratri, Dussehra, and Navami. These unique temples attract thousands of devotees during their brief openings, offering a rare chance for worship and showcasing deep-rooted cultural and spiritual traditions.

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1.	Ravan's Temple That Opens Once a Year Temple Name: Dashanan Temple Occasion: Vijayadashami (Dussehra) Place: Shivala, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh ✧ Dashanan Temple, built over 150 years ago by Maharaja Shiv Shankar within the Chinamastika Temple premises, opens only once a year on Vijayadashami (Dussehra). ✧ Unlike other places where Ravan is burned, here devotees gather to worship him for his wisdom, devotion, and courage. A five-foot idol of Ravan stands inside the temple, and after day-long prayers, it closes by evening until the next Dussehra.	 Timesofindia
2.	Hasanamba Temple Opens Only One Week a Year Temple Name: Hasanamba Temple Occasion: Diwali Place: Hassan, Karnataka ✧ Hasanamba Temple opens its doors to devotees for just one week every year during Diwali. Built in the 12th century, the temple is dedicated to Goddess Hasanamba, who is deeply revered by the local people. ✧ The temple remains closed for the rest of the year, with special rituals performed to keep the goddess's presence. Thousands of devotees visit the temple during this brief period to seek blessings, making this a rare and spiritually important event.	 Moneycontrol
3.	Nagchandreshwar Temple Opens Once a Year Temple Name: Nagchandreshwar Temple Occasion: Nag Panchami Place: Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh ✧ Nagchandreshwar Temple opens only once a year on Nag Panchami. This 46 year old temple is located within the Mahakaleshwar temple premises. The Chore family has the exclusive responsibility of opening the temple doors on this auspicious day. ✧ The temple has historical significance with restorations dating back to King Bhoje in 1050 AD. Devotees gather to offer prayers to Lord Shiva and Nag Devta for seeking blessings.	 Nativeplanet

4.	Bal Gopaleshwar Temple Opens for Bhai Tika Temple Name: Bal Gopaleshwar Temple Occasion: Bhai Tika during Tihar Festival Place: Rani Pokhari, Kathmandu ✧ Bal Gopaleshwar Temple at Rani Pokhari, Kathmandu, opens annually on Bhai Tika day of the Tihar festival. This special opening is for individuals without sisters to perform worship, receive blessings, and apply tika. ✧ The temple was established during the construction of Rani Pokhari by King Pratap Malla in 1727 BS to console the queen after the loss of their son.	 Myrepublica
5.	Mata Lingeshwari Temple Doors Open 12 Hours Annually Temple Name: Mata Lingeshwari Temple Occasion: Annual Opening Place: Alor village, Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh ✧ Mata Lingeshwari Temple opens only for 12 hours once a year. The temple is located in a Naxal-affected forest area, making visits rare. The entrance is marked by a stone that must be removed to enter. ✧ Devotees believe offering cucumber to the deity fulfills wishes, and couples seeking children especially offer cucumber. Due to the temple's location inside a large mountain cave, visitors must crawl to have darshan.	 Abp.live
6.	Mangala Devi Temple Opens for Annual Festival Temple Name: Mangala Devi Temple Occasion: Chitra Pournami Festival Place: Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala ✧ Mangala Devi Temple, an ancient Kannaki temple inside Periyar Tiger Reserve, opens only once a year on Chitra Pournami in the Chaitram month. The festival is jointly conducted by Kerala and Tamil Nadu. ✧ Entry is regulated with vehicle charges, and two-wheelers are not allowed inside the reserve. Devotees must enter through the Kumily check post before 2:30 pm and leave by 5 pm.	 Onmanorama
7.	Thiruvairanikulam Mahadeva Temple's Special 12-Day Festival Temple Name: Thiruvairanikulam Mahadeva Temple Occasion: Nadathurappu Mahothsavam Place: Sreemoolanagaram near Aluva, Kerala ✧ Thiruvairanikulam Mahadeva Temple on the banks of the Periyar opens its shrine of Goddess Parvathi for only 12 days a year during the Nadathurappu Mahothsavam festival. ✧ It is believed that Goddess Parvathi left the temple after a Brahmin entered the kitchen where she cooked for Lord Shiva but agreed to be present in the sanctum for 12 days annually after being appeased. During	 Asianage

	the festival, devotees, especially unmarried women, seek blessings for good fortune and married life.	
8.	Koottala Bhadrakali Temple Opens for One Month Temple Name: Cheruvalur Koottala Bhadrakali Temple Occasion: Nadathuruppu Festival (Kumbham Month) Place: Cheruvallur, Thrissur district, Kerala ✧ Koottala Bhadrakali Temple opens only once a year, from the 1st to the 30th day of the Malayalam month Kumbham (February-March). Special rituals and prayers are held for 30 days, with the goddess worshipped as Mahasaraswati in the morning, Mahalakshmi in the afternoon, and Mahakali in the evening. ✧ The temple remains closed and surrounded by forest for the rest of the year. It is believed that visiting and praying at the temple during this time brings blessings and prosperity. The festival ends with the Mudi yettu ritual, and devotees receive a coin with turmeric, saffron, and flowers, kept for good luck and goddess's grace.	 Nativeplanet
9.	Taleju Bhawani Temple Opens Annually on Maha Navami Temple Name: Taleju Bhawani Temple Occasion: Maha Navami during Dashain Festival Place: Hanumandhoka Durbar Area, Kathmandu, Nepal ✧ The Taleju Bhawani Temple in Kathmandu, Nepal, opens only once a year on Maha Navami during the Dashain festival. Devotees gather in long lines to worship the goddess, believed to be the protector of children and the main deity of the Newa community. ✧ The ancient Malla-era temple sees animal sacrifices, midnight rituals, and grand processions. The statue of the goddess is placed in Mulchowk for worship until Bijaya Dashami. The day also includes kot puja by security forces and scripture recitations.	 ANI
10.	Someshwar Mahadev Temple Opens Once a Year on Mahashivratri Temple Name: Someshwar Mahadev Temple Occasion: Mahashivratri Place: Raisen, Madhya Pradesh ✧ The Someshwar Mahadev Temple is a 12th-century shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva. Once attacked during medieval invasions, the temple remained shut until 1974, when CM Prakashchand Sethi reopened it after public protests. ✧ Controlled by the Archaeological Department, the temple opens only once a year on Mahashivratri, from 6 AM to 6 PM. Devotees from across India visit on this day, while the rest of the year, prayers are offered outside the gates.	 Tupaki.com Myadhyatm.com

11.	Ekalingeswar Mahadev Temple Opens Yearly on Maha Shivratri Temple Name: Ekalingeswar Mahadev Temple Occasion: Mahashivratri Place: Moti Dungri Fort Palace in Jaipur, Rajasthan ✧ Eklingeswar Mahadev Temple in Jaipur is one of the rare temples in India that opens for devotees only once a year, on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri. Situated on a small hill near Moti Dungri Fort, this ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva attracts lakhs of devotees every year who eagerly wait for darshan. ✧ Managed by the royal family of Jaipur, this temple has historical significance as it was once frequented by kings and queens. Even now, members of the royal family visit for darshan during Sawan and other special occasions.	 Odishatv
12.	Nagdwara Temple: The 'Amarnath of Madhya Pradesh' That Opens Only Once a Year Temple Name: Nagdwara Temple Occasion: Sawan month Place: Satpura hills near Pachmarhi in Madhya Pradesh ✧ Nestled in the Satpura hills near Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh, Nagdwara Temple is revered as the Amarnath of Madhya Pradesh. Dedicated to Lord Nag, it opens only once a year during Sawan for 10 days. ✧ Pilgrims undertake a tough 14-km trek through dense forests and seven steep ridges to reach this divine shrine. Devotees believe that no one returns empty-handed. The temple is located around 217 km from Bhopal and 125 km from Narmadapuram.	 Navbharattimes Bhaskarenglish
13.	Pita Maheshwar: Kashi's Hidden Shivling Seen Once a Year Temple Name: Pita Maheshwar Temple Occasion: Mahashivratri Place: Kashi (Varanasi), Uttar Pradesh ✧ Hidden in the spiritual city of Kashi, Pita Maheshwar Shivling is a rare and sacred form of Lord Shiva, located deep underground. Unlike other temples, it opens only once a year on Mahashivratri, allowing devotees to see the powerful Shivling directly. ✧ On regular days, it can only be viewed through a narrow opening. Believed to grant moksha not just to the viewer but to 21 generations, it is one of Kashi's most mysterious and divine sites.	 Times of India MSN

14.	Chhattisgarh's Nirai Mata Temple Opens Only Once a Year for 5 Hours Temple Name: Nirai Mata Temple Occasion: Chaitra Navratri Place: Mohera village, Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh ✧ Located near Mohera village in Chhattisgarh, the ancient Nirai Mata Temple opens just once a year during Chaitra Navratri, and that too for only five hours from 4 AM to 9 AM. Uniquely, there is no idol inside the sanctum, yet thousands gather with deep faith. ✧ A mystical flame lights up naturally on the hill, considered a divine miracle. Devotees offer only coconuts and incense, and believe that Nirai Mata fulfills their wishes and protects them from suffering.	 Speakingtree Amar Ujala
15.	Dandu Maa Temple in Odisha Opens Only During Navratri Temple Name: Dandu Maa Temple Occasion: Navratri Place: Paralakhemundi, Gajapati district of Odisha ✧ The Dandu Maa Temple (also known as Dandamaramma in Telugu) opens only for nine days during Navratri. Devotees from Odisha and Andhra Pradesh visit to catch a glimpse of the goddess. The temple opens with a yagna on the first day, and shuts at midnight on the last day. For the rest of the year, the temple remains closed, following a centuries-old tradition passed down by ancestors.	 Times of India
16.	Ajaygarh Fort Temple Opens Once a Year on Makar Sankranti Temple Name: Ajaypal Baba's temple Occasion: Makar Sankranti Place: Panna district, Madhya Pradesh ✧ Ajaygarh Fort is home to a mysterious temple of Baba Ajaypal, which opens only on Makar Sankranti. The idol is specially brought from Rewa's Archaeological Museum for a day, then returned. Devotees bathe in the fort's pond before offering prayers. ✧ Legends speak of a hidden treasure of the Chandel kings buried within the fort, adding to its enigma. Locals avoid the fort after dark due to its eerie reputation.	 Asianetnews

17.	Akkare Kottiyoor Shiva Temple Opens Only for 27 Days a Year Temple Name: Akkare Kottiyoor Maha Siva Temple Occasion: Kottiyoor Vysakha Mahotsavam Place: Kannur, Kerala ✧ The Akkare Kottiyoor Maha Siva Temple opens only once a year for 27 days during the Kottiyoor Vysakha Mahotsavam, held in May–June. This sacred site marks the legendary Daksha Yaga, where Sati Devi is believed to have immolated herself. ✧ The temple stays closed for the rest of the year. Thousands of devotees visit during this period to participate in age-old rituals and offer prayers to Lord Shiva.	 Mathrubhumi
18.	A Temple That Opens Only on Datta Jayanti Temple Name: Dattatreya Temple Occasion: Datta Jayanti Place: Grant Road, next to the Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Maharashtra ✧ Tucked away near Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan in Mumbai's Grant Road, the Dattatreya Temple opens its doors to the public only once a year, on Datta Jayanti. Built in 1898 by Shantaram Narayan Dabholkar as a private family shrine, the marble temple boasts stunning heritage architecture and is managed by his grandson, Sachin Dabholkar. Despite public demand, the temple remains closed year-round to preserve its sanctity, drawing over 500 devotees during its one-day annual darshan.	 Mumbaimirror Indusladies