



Our Festivals

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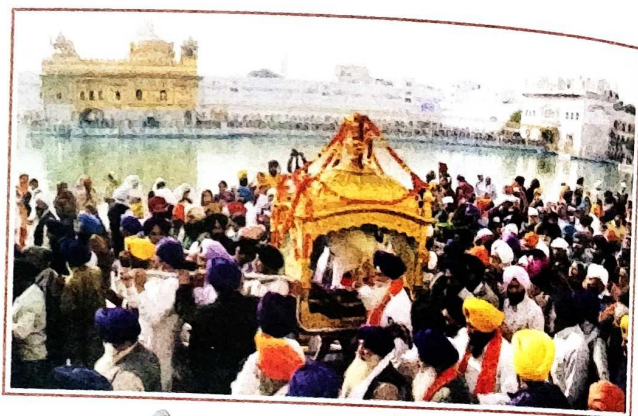
India is the land of festivals. We celebrate many festivals. Festivals bring joy and happiness. We wear new clothes and decorate our homes during festivals. We also buy sweets and cook special food. We pray and visit places of worship. We also visit our friends and relatives and exchange gifts. We have a lot of fun during festivals.

We already know, how festivals like **Diwali**, **Christmas**, **Eid** and **Gurupurab** are celebrated.

Look at the pictures and name the festivals being celebrated.



1. Diwali



2. Gurupurab



3. Christmas



4. Eid

DO YOU KNOW?

Onam is the most important harvest festival of Kerala. People make beautiful pookalams (rangoli with flowers) on this festival.

Snake-boat races are the main attraction of Onam.

Snake-boats are boats decorated with flags and silk umbrellas. Decorated elephants are also taken out in processions.



Snake-boat race during Onam



pookalam

PRACTICE EXERCISE – SECTION A

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A Tick (✓) the correct answers.

1. Raksha Bandhan is a festival for

(a) brothers



(b) sisters



(c) brother-sister



2. Holi is the festival of

(a) colours



(b) crackers



(c) lights



B Match correctly.

1. Holi

(a) snake-boat races

2. Onam

(b) lights

3. Diwali

(c) gulal



PRACTICE EXERCISE – SECTION B

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A Tick (✓) the correct answers.

1. This festival marks the victory of good over evil.
(a) Holi ☐ (b) Dussehra ☒ (c) Onam ☐
2. Onam is celebrated in
(a) Tamil Nadu ☐ (b) Kerala ☒ (c) Gujarat ☐

B Fill in the blanks correctly with the words given below.

rakhi gulal festivals

1. We have a lot of fun during festivals
2. A sister ties rakhi on the wrist of her brother.
3. At Holi, we apply gulal on each other's faces.

C Answer the following questions.

1. What do sisters do on Raksha Bandhan?
2. What do we see on the last day of Dussehra?
3. Which festival do you like the most?
4. What special dish is made for Holi?
5. We celebrate festivals with our family and friends. What values do festivals teach us?

Value Corner



ACTIVITY

- A. Make a rakhi with the help of your teacher or parents.
- B. Make your own greeting cards for different festivals and give them to your parents, teachers and friends.