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CELEBRATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH

The festivals of Chhattisgarh revolve around the farmers' and their harvesting activities throughout the year. The Govt. of Chhattisgarh also now recognises some of these and declares them as public or local holidays.

Hareli: A Harvest Festival, celebrated during plantation of paddy in the fields. Primarily a celebration of green environment.

Cherichera: This harvest festival is unique to Chattisgarh, inculcating the values of Humility and Giving . It is celebrated on full moon day of Pausa month of the Lunar Hindu Calendar . On this day grains are donated so that no one goes hungry building the rich tradition of Charity and Social Harmony in the state. The festival rests on the myth of Shiva and Parvati when Shiva begged for the hand of Parvati. Thus begging is not a matter of shame on this day. Grains and fruits are also offered to ancestors as a mark of gratitude for watching over them for a good harvest. The Bastar region of the state comes alive with singing and dancing that is part and parcel of the celebrations.

Pola: A festival to thank the bulls that plough the fields. Bulls are decorated ..and worshipped. As most of the students come from villages or have roots in the villages, they enjoy the holiday.

Dusherra: The last day of Ram Navami is celebrated in this state with a lot of aplomb specially in the Bastar region.

Kamarchat: Another festival for the mothers for their children when the women fast during the day praying for the welfare of their children. Special rice and vegetables are cooked and eaten.

Ghasidas Jayanti: Celebrated on 18th December as the birthday of Saint Ghasidas. He is a Parton of the Satnami samaj and worked for the upliftment of his community. The day has been declared as a state holiday.

- **Note: List of holidays for celebrations as sanctioned by Govt. of Chhattisgarh attached.**




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