



TABLE

Fairs and Festivals

Name of town /village	Fair/Festival	Date and duration	Castes/ Communities
Beri	Mela Devi	<i>Chaitra Sudi</i> 8 (Mar.-April) and <i>Ashwin Sudi</i> 8 (Sept.-Oct.)	Hindus
	Cattle Fair	<i>Phalguna</i> (Feb.-Mar.) <i>Bhadrapada</i> (Aug-Sep)	All communities
	Mela Shamji	<i>Phalguna</i> (Feb-Mar.)	Hindus
Silana	Gugga Naumi	<i>Bhadrapada Badi</i> 9 (Aug.-Sep)	Hindus/ Muslims
Kutani	Mela Buddha Baba	<i>Magha</i> (Jan-Feb.)	Hindus
Jhajjar	Baba Prasad Giri Fair	<i>Chaitra</i> (March)	Hindus
	Dabra Mandir Fair	<i>Phalguna</i> 14 (Feb.-Mar.)	Hindus
	Budda Mahadev Fair	<i>Navratra</i> and <i>Shivratri</i>	Hindus
	Buddi Mata Fair	<i>Chaitra</i> (March)	Hindus
Bahadurgarh	Guru Nanak Dev Janam	<i>Kartika Puranmashi</i> (Oct-Nov.) one day	Sikhs and Hindus
	Cattle Fair	<i>Chaitra Sudi</i> 1 (Mar-Apr.) <i>Margshirsh</i> (Nov.-Dec.)	All communities
	Diwali	<i>Kartika Amavasya</i> (Oct.-Nov.)	Hindus
	Mela Dulhandi	<i>Chaitra Badi</i> (Mar.-Apr.)	Hindus
	Holi	<i>Phalguna Puranmashi</i> (Feb.-Mar.)	Hindus
	Haryali Teej	<i>Shravana Sudi</i> 3 (July-August)	Hindus

VIII

held in Jhajjar district

Significance	Mode of observation and entertainment
Religious	Homage to Goddess Bhimeshwari is paid. <i>Mundan</i> ceremony is held.
Commercial	Cattle fair, called donkey fair is held. Wrestling, matches are main attractions.
Religious	Worship of Shanji, performance of <i>mundan</i> ceremony of children.
Religious	To pay homage to Gugga idol and graveyard; <i>dangal</i> is performed.
Religious	Folk songs, religious songs and wrestling is held.
Religious	To pay homage to Baba Prasad Giri and <i>langar</i> is observed.
Religious	Shivratri Fair is held.
Religious	<i>Langar</i> is observed.
Religious	15 days mela is observed and new married couples come to pay homage to goddess.
Religious	Worship of small idols.
Commercial	Wrestling, matches are main attractions.
Religious	Goddess Luxmi is worshipped. People decorate their homes. Bazaars are full of busy activities.
Seasonal and recreational	Celebration is like Holi. People play with colours.
Seasonal and recreational	People do religious rituals in the front of bonfire and <i>Holika dahan</i> is performed.
Seasonal and recreational	Singing and swinging by women.

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	Janamashtami	<i>Bhadrapada Badi</i> 8 (July-Aug.)	Hindus
	Basant Panchami	<i>Magha Sudi</i> 5 (Jan-Feb.)	Hinuds
	Rakhri or Solono	<i>Shravana Puranmashi</i> (July-August)	Hinuds
	Ganga Asthan	<i>Kartika Puranmashi</i> (Oct.-Nov)	Sikhs
Majra Dubaldhan	Shamji Mela	<i>Phalguna Sudi</i> 12 (Feb.-March)	Hindus
Khanpur Kalan	Janam Ashtami	<i>Bhadrapada Badi</i> 8 (Aug-Sep.)	Hindus
Chhudani	Mela Baba Garib Das	<i>Phalguna Sudi</i> 12 (Feb.-March)	Hindus
Salhawas	Mela Vishnu Shyamji	<i>Phalguna</i> (Feb.-March)	Hindus
Dujana	Cattle Fair	<i>Magha Badi</i> 2-9 (Jan-Feb.)	All communities
Dulehra	Cattle Fair	<i>Phalguna Sudi</i> 6-13 (Feb-March)	All communities
Machhrauli	Cattle Fair	<i>Vaishakha Sudi</i> 1 (April-May) <i>Kartika Sudi</i> 1 (Oct.- Nov.)	All communities
Matanhail	Mela Matanhail	<i>Phalguna Sudi</i> 11 (Feb-Mar.)	Hindus
Chhara	Mela Gias	<i>Phalguna</i> (Feb.-Mar.)	Hindus
Kablana	Mela Shiv Naumi	<i>Phalguna</i> (Feb.-Mar.)	Hindus
Birdhana	Shivratri	<i>Phalguna Badi</i> 14 (Feb.-Mar.)	Hindus

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Significance	Mode of observation and entertainment
Religious	Worship of Krishna idol. Eatables; general merchandise.
Seasonal and recreational	Children fly kites in the sky; singing by women.
Social	Sisters tie <i>rakhi</i> on the wrist of their brothers and do <i>tilak</i> on their foreheads.
Religious	This fair is associated with Guru Nanak's birthday; recital of Granth Sahib; <i>kirtan</i> a holy dip in the river.
Religious	Worship of Shamji. Eatables; general merchandise.
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Religious	Obeisance and offerings at Chhatri Sahib; recitation from <i>Granth Sahib</i> ; free meals is organised.
Religious	To pay homage to <i>Vishnu Shyamji</i> idol.
Commercial	Sale of livestock; distribution of prizes to the owners of best quality animals.
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Religious	Worship in temple and offerings are made.
Religious	A holy dip in the tank and worship at the <i>smadh</i> ; wrestling; <i>kabaddi</i> ; swinging by women.
Religious	Shivratri Fair is held.
Religious	Mela Shivratri is held. Wrestling matches are held. Prizes are given to winners.

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Birohar	Dussehra	<i>Ashwin Sudi</i> 10 (Sep.-Oct) (Feb.-Mar.)	Hindus
	Diwali	<i>Kartika Amavasya</i> (Oct.-Nov.)	-do-
	Mela Dulhandi	<i>Chaitra Badi</i> (Mar.-Apr.)	-do-
	Holi	<i>Phalguna Puranmashi</i> (Feb.-Mar.)	-do-
	Haryali Teej	<i>Shravana Sudi</i> 3 (July-August)	-do-
	Janamashtami	<i>Bhadrapada Badi</i> 8 (July-Aug.)	-do-

Badi-waning phase (*Krishana paksh*) of moon, *Sudi*-waxing phase (*Shukla paksh*) of moon

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Significance	Mode of observation and entertainment
Religious	Effigies of Ravana and his brothers are burned. Fair is organised.
-do-	Goddess Luxmi is worshipped. People decorate their homes. Bazaars are full of busy activities.
Seasonal and recreational	Celebration is like Holi. People play with colours.
-do-	People do religious rituals in the front of bonfire and <i>Holika dahan</i> is performed.
-do-	Singing and swinging by women.
Religious	Worship of Krishana idol. Eatables; general merchandise.

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