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In all the competitive exams, every mark counts and even 1 mark can be the difference between success and failure. Therefore, to help you get these important marks we have created a Free Static GK E-book on Indian Fairs and Festivals.

The list of all major Fairs and Festivals which are celebrated in India are given in a tabular format in the following pages of this Free Static GK E-book on Indian Fairs and Festivals.

Sample Questions -

Q. Every year the International Flower Festival is celebrated in?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Darjeeling
- (c) Shimla
- (d) Gangtok

Answer: Option D – Gangtok

Q. Tulip Festival is held in?

- (a) Srinagar
- (b) Manali
- (c) Dharamshala
- (d) Gangtok

Answer: Option A – Srinagar

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List of Indian Fairs and Festivals

Name	Place	Time	Significance
The Elephant March	Trichur, Kerala	January	A 3 day festival where 101 elegantly decorated and beautifully ornamented Elephants march from Trichur to Thiruvananthapuram.
Lohri	Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana	January	This is the Harvest Festival of North India celebrated with Traditional Dhol Music and Folk songs
International Kite festival	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	January	The Festival is to celebrate Uttarayan to mark the end of winter season.
Pongal	Tamil Nadu	January	It is the Harvest Festival of Tamil Nadu
Bikaner Camel Festival	Bikaner, Rajasthan	January	Festival celebrates the Camels of the desert which are a great attraction for tourists from all over the world.
Republic Day Parade	New Delhi	January	Held on 26th Jan every year to celebrate the Indian Republic
Desert Festival	Jaisalmer, Rajasthan	February	3 days festival celebrating the Desert lifestyle with local cultural events like dance, music, camel race, etc.
Nagaur Fair	Nagaur, Rajasthan	February	This is second biggest cattle fair of Rajasthan
Taj Mahotsav	Agra, Uttar Pradesh	February	It is a 10-day event to celebrate the beauty of Taj Mahal with Dance, Music and other cultural performances
Khajuraho Dance Festival	Madhya Pradesh	February	This festival celebrates the glory and extravagant beauty of Khajuraho Temples
Surajkund Crafts Mela	Haryana	February	The Fair showcases the finest Handlooms, Handicrafts and Cuisines from all over India
Kala Ghoda Arts Festival	Mumbai, Maharashtra	February	9-day open air exhibition of Contemporary Art
Elephant Festival	Jaipur, Rajasthan	March	Elephant Races, Elephant Polo matches and Man vs Elephant Tug of War are held in this festival to celebrate the Indian elephants
Mewar Festival	Udaipur, Rajasthan	March	The festival celebrates the arrival of Spring
Maha Shivratri	All over India	March	The festival is to worship God Shiva
Goa Carnival	Panaji Goa	March	Floats, Parades, Music and Dance bring the streets of Goa to life during this festival
Thrissur Pooram	Thrissur, Kerala	April	It is celebrated at the Vadakkumnathan Temple. The elephant procession (Kudamattom) is the main attraction of the festival.

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Gangaur Festival	Rajasthan	April	Festival is to celebrate and worship goddess Gauri.
Ram Navami	All over India	April	Celebrate the birth of Lord Rama
Baisakhi	Punjab	April	This is the Punjabi New Year Festival
Tulip Festival	Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir	April	Celebrates the beauty and grandeur of the Famous Tulip Gardens of Srinagar.
International Flower festival	Gangtok, Sikkim	May	One of the most popular flowers shows in India which displays the wide variety of flowers from the State as well as the country.
Buddha Poornima	India	May	To celebrate the birth of Lord Buddha.
Ganga Dussehra	Varanasi and Haridwar	June	Celebrate the occasion of Gangavataran (Descent of Ganga on earth).
Sindhu Darshan Festival	Leh and Ladakh	June	The festival is to celebrate the River Sindhu or Indus
Urs Fair Ajmer	Ajmer, Rajasthan	June	Held in the honour of famous Sufi Saint Khawaja Moinuddin Chishti
Hemis Festival	Ladakh	July	It is held to commemorate the birth anniversary of Guru Padmasambhava at the Hemis Monastery.
Rath Yatra	Puri, Orissa	July	The yatra of Lord Jagannatha of Puri is to commemorate the journey of Lord Krishna from Gokul to Mathura.
Guru Poornima	India	July	It is celebrated in remembrance of Sage Vyasa.
Nehru Trophy Boat Race	Alappuzha, Kerala	August	It is an annual event also known as the Snake Boat Race.
Janmashtami	India	August	It is to celebrate the birth of Lord Krishna.
Teej	Rajasthan	August	The festival commemorates the union of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati
Raksha Bandhan	India	August	It celebrates the relationship between a brother and a sister.
EID UL FITR	India	Varies every year	The festival marks end of the holy month of Ramazan for Muslims all over the world.
Metemneo Festival	Nagaland	August	It is a 5-day harvest festival celebrated by the Yimchunger Tribe of Nagaland.
Onam	Kerala	September	Homecoming of the legendry king Mahabali is celebrated in this festival
Durga Pooja	West Bengal	September	Bengalis all over the country worship the divine power "Shakti" in the form of Goddess Durga
Ganesh Chaturthi	Maharashtra	September	The day marks the beginning of a 10-day festival were Lord Ganesh is worshipped with great love.

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Ladakh Festival	Ladakh	September	It takes place from 1st to 15th September every year to celebrate the sports and culture of the Leh Ladakh region.
Marwar Festival	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	October	Celebrated during the full moon, the Marwar Festival is dedicated to the folk Heroes of Rajasthan
Dussehra	India	October	Marks the end of Navaratri and victory of Lord Rama over Ravana
Diwali	India	October-November	The festival of Light to mark of return of Lord Ram to Ayodhya
Rajasthan International Folk festival	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	October	It celebrated at the Meherangarh fort where the folk culture of Rajasthan is at display
Pushkar Fair	Pushkar, Rajasthan	November	It is biggest cattle fair of the country and a major tourist attraction all over the world.
Hampi Festival	Hampi, Karnataka	November	Also known as Vijaya Utsav of Karnataka to celebrate the grandeur of Ancient Vijayanagar Empire whose capital was Hampi.
Kolayat Fair	Bikaner, Rajasthan	November	The celebration take place on the banks of lake Kolayat in Bikaner.
Ganga Mahotsav	Varanasi	November	Cultural Dance and Music performances along thousands of Diyas (Oil lamps) are the highlights of this festival
Chatth Puja	Bihar	November	Worship of Sun
Guru Nanak Jayanti	Punjab	November	Birth Anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikh religion.
Christmas	India	December	To celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
Kochi Carnival	Kochi, Kerala	December	celebrated in the last 10 days of December to celebrate the new year

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