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Discovery Journey of Beautiful Culture

16th July
to
15th Sep



Janai Purnima

Monday, August 3, 2020

Janai Purnima:

Janai Purnima is said to be the "Day of the Holy Knot" which is held on the day of the full moon.

Some Hindu boys hang a string from the right shoulder to the left side. Today is the day to replace it once a year. When Hindu boys get the first string, they invite a lot of people to do a great puja (religious ceremony). If they do not do this, they will not be able to cremate at their parents' funeral.



Raksha Bandhan

Festival is related to Hinduism

Raksha Bandhan:

Today is called "Raksha Bandhan". It's time for people to wear a string of red or yellow on their right wrist. This is said to be for their own security, and they are rolling it up to Tihar two months later.

While Raksha Bandhan is celebrated in various parts of South Asia, different regions mark the day in different ways.



Bon Festival

A custom to honor the spirits of one's ancestors

About the festival

A family reunion holiday during which people return to ancestral family places and visit and clean their ancestors' graves when the spirits of ancestors are supposed to revisit the household altars.

As Obon occurs in the heat of the summer, participants traditionally wear yukata, a kind of light cotton kimono. Many Obon celebrations include a huge carnival with rides, games, and summer festival foods.

Local people perform the "Bon Odori", a kind of dance form performed during this festival





Importance of this festival

Respecting ones ancetors

Initially a disciple of Buddha, made offering to other monks to free his deceased mother who had turned into a "Hungry Ghost"

Now, a lot of people give offerings to the Monks so that their ancestors can be free and happy in their after life. This custom is very similar to the "Solah Sharaddha" in Nepal.

In the ancient times this custom was celebrated according to the Lunar calender's 7th month's 15th day just like in Hindu culture.

In conclusion, both Hindus and Nepalese respect and honor their ancestors.

This festival is celebrated by majority of the people on 15th Aug, the anniversary of the end World war II - VJ day.

Reported by Yushika

Gai jatra:गाई जात्रा

Gāi means cow and *jātrā* means festival in Nepal

- **Gai Jatra** is a festival celebrated in Nepal, mainly in Kathmandu valley by the Newar community. The festival is generally celebrated in the month of Bhadra (August–September). The date is set according to the lunar Nepa and falls on the first day of the dark four night of the month of Gunla.



Reported by Miwa

Kathmandu

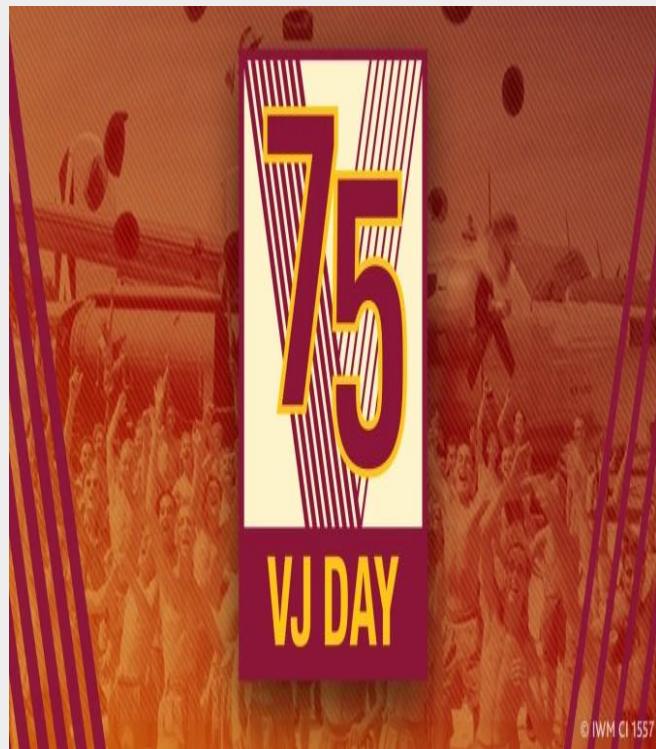
Kathmandu is considered to be the main source of this festival as the king who started this festival was from this city. After the show presented to the queen was a success, it became an annual program to present the queen with this festival. As time passed on and as the kings and the queens passed on, the festival has been passed on from generation to generation.

Patan

Patan has a similar kind of following for this festival like that with Kathmandu, but has less involvement of people than that on Kathmandu. People in Lalitpur have another festival similar to Gaijatra called *Matayaa* which is followed by Hindu with much more devotion and much more involvement by the people.



**Memorial
day for
the end of
the war**



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The Importance:

The 75th anniversary of the end of world war II

AKA VJ day or Shūsen-kinenbi or the day for mourning of war dead and praying for peace.

On August 6 and 9, 1945, the US dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

A significant public function of marked importance to the world, specially to Japan.

The day on which Imperial Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect bringing the war to an end.

Pay heartfelt tribute by offering a silent prayer for 3.1 million victims of the war, and pray for world peace and for the continuing development of the country.



Reported by sasti

Krishna Janmashtami

The Festival for Krishna's birthday

About the festival:

1. Krishna Janmashtami is Krishna's birthday.
2. Hindus celebrate Janmashtami by fasting, singing, praying together, preparing and sharing special food, not sleeping and visiting Krishna or Vishnu temples.
3. Many communities organize dance-drama events called Rasa Lila or Krishna Lila.



Importance of this festival

The difference from Japanese custom to pray for god

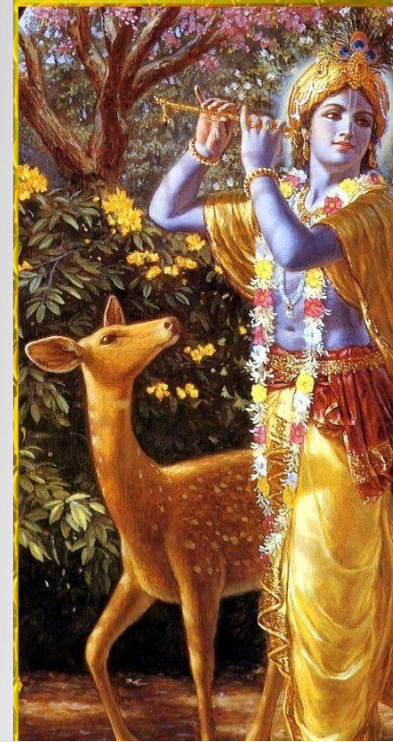
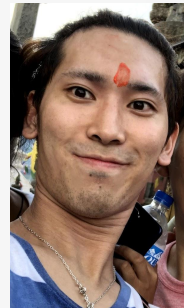
Respect of Gods

Actually, there is no definition of the importance of this festival. But I found that a lot of Hindus have their lives with Hindu gods. It can be said that this krishna is also one of such important gods.



Through studying this festival, I've learn how essential the existence of the god for Hindu. And I also understand that Hindu gods have brought a lot of fun and happiness to Hindu people with such a festival.

Reported by Ryo Inoue



Yosakoi

Come at night



Yosakoi よさこい

August 9 - August 12



1954, Kochi

All over the country

all age groups

Energetic, traditional
dance , modern music



Best Part; you dont just sit and watch but also JOIN





August 15



September 15

Thank You!!

Stay tuned for next journey

