



# New Year Festivals Across India

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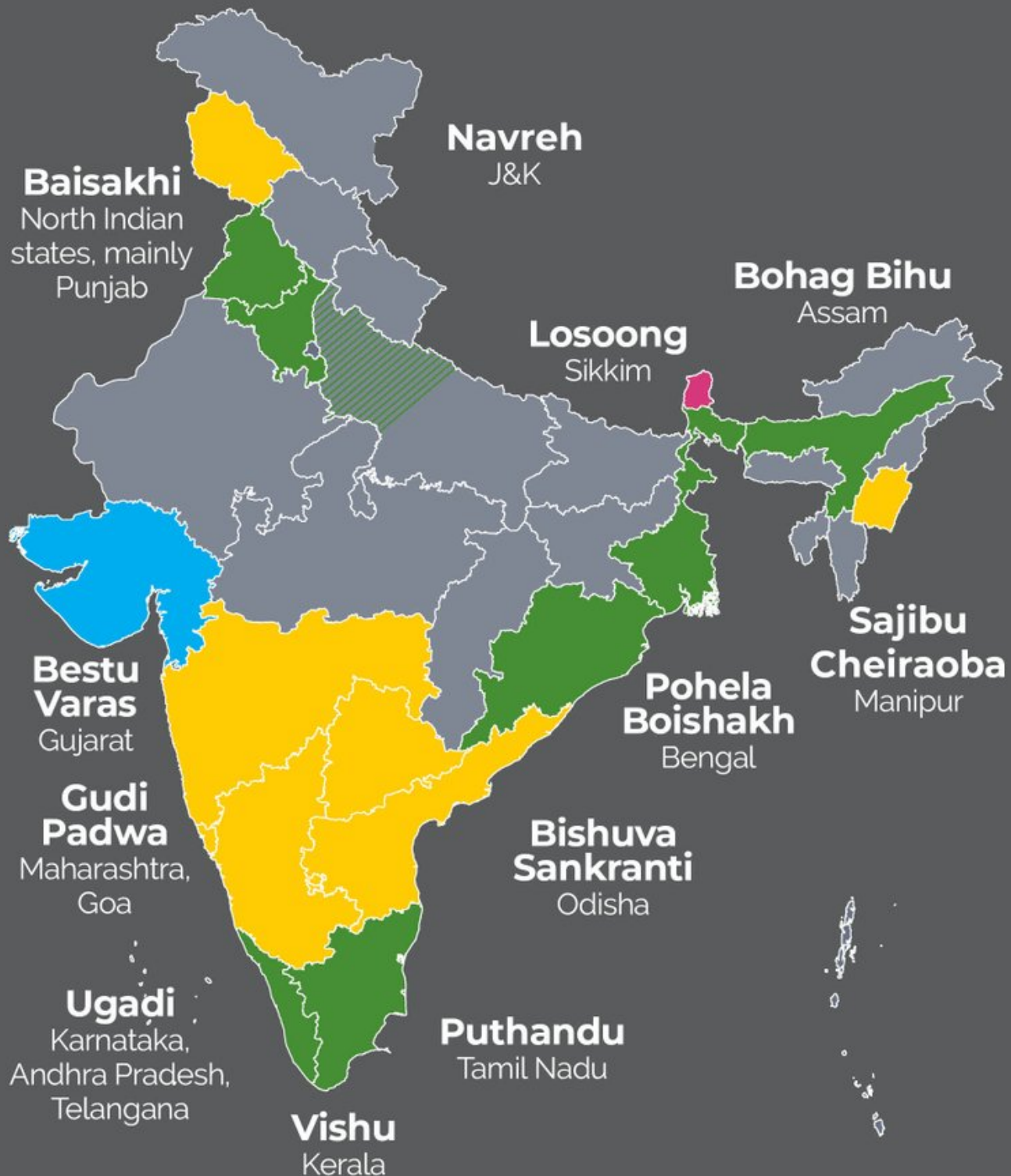
Recently, traditional [Hindu New Year festivals](#) like **Chaitra Sukladi, Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Cheti Chand, Navreh, and Sajibu Cheiraoba** were celebrated across India, fostering cultural unity and appreciation.

## What are the Major Traditional Indian New Year Festivals?

- **Chaitra Sukladi:**
  - Celebrated in **North India**, marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year.
    - The Hindu New Year Vikram Samvat begins with the new moon of the month of Chaitra.
  - According to popular tradition, **King Vikramaditya of Ujjain** established the Vikrama Samvat era after defeating the Sakas.
    - The earliest known inscription which calls the era "Vikrama" is from 842 CE.
- **Ugadi:**
  - Ugadi marks the commencement of the Hindu New Year and is observed in **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka**.
    - The terms Yugadi or Ugadi stem from the Sanskrit words yuga (age) and adi (beginning), denoting the start of a new age.
  - Panchanga Sravanam, the reading of the almanac for the new year, is an important ritual.
- **Gudi Padwa:**
  - Gudi Padwa, also known as Samvatsar Padvo, is observed in Maharashtra and Goa.
  - It marks the beginning of Marathi New Year and is also observed as the first day of Chaitra Month.
  - Marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year and the Marathi New Year.
- **Cheti Chand:**
  - Celebrated by the **Sindhi community**.
  - Marks the beginning of the Sindhi New Year.
  - The festival of Cheti Chand is observed by Sindhis to commemorate the birth of Jhulelal, also called Uderolal, who is considered their patron saint.
- **Navreh:**
  - Celebrated by the **Kashmiri Pandit** community.
  - Navreh is derived from Sanskrit **Nava Varsha**, meaning the new year.
  - Kashmiri Pandits dedicate the Navreh festival to their **Goddess Sharika** and pay homage to her during the festival.
- **Sajibu Cheiraoba:**
  - Sajibu Cheiraoba, also known as **Meitei Cheiraoba**, is a traditional festival celebrated in the northeastern Indian state of Manipur.
  - It marks the beginning of the Manipuri lunar calendar year and is observed by the Meitei community, who are the majority ethnic group in Manipur.

# THE NEW YEAR MAP OF INDIA

New Year festivals in different regions of India



Mar/Apr

April

Oct/Nov

Dec

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