

# Latthmaar Holi

Among the most entertaining iterations of the festival in India, Latthmaar Holi, celebrated in Barsana, Uttar Pradesh, involves women hitting men with sticks. This is a symbolic reenactment of a myth where the women of Barsana chased away Lord Krishna for teasing his beloved, Radha, and her friends on this day.

## Manjal Kuli

In the South Indian state of Kerala, Holi is known as Manjal Kuli, and commemorates the legend of Kamadeva (Bodhan), who was burnt to ashes by Lord Shiva. A dry straw effigy representing him is paraded through the streets and burned near temple grounds.

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# Cultural Calendar - March 2020



Celebrating International Women's Day "Kasturba Katha" -A talk on Kasturba Gandhi By Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna Chief Functionary, Gandhian Forum for Ethical Corporate Governance, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) India Venue: SVCC Auditorium

Holi– The Festival of Colours by students & teachers of SVCC Venue: SVCC Lawn



Bharat Mahotsav Lavani - Marathi Folk Dance Inspiring Bollywood Group led by Shri Pradeep Kadam from India Venue: Viharamaha Devi Open Air Theatre Entry Free



Monday

10.30 am - 1.00 pm



**Bharatha Natyam Recital by Thushyanthy Velauthan** Venue: SVCC Auditorium

Programmes subject to change Admission to all programmes are on first-come-first-serve basis. Entry Free. All are cordially invited



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# **Cultural Tapestry**

# THE MANY HUES OF HOLI

Celebrating the victory of good over evil and marking a glorious welcome to spring, the festival of colours has nearly as many iterations across India as there are hues in the spectrum! We bring you scenes from some of the most intriguing among them







#### Hola Mohalla

Hola Mohalla is celebrated a day after Holi in Anandpur Sahib, Punjab. Begun by Guru Gobind Singh, the 10th Sikh Guru, as a gathering of Sikhs for military exercises and mock battles, it is an energetic martial iteration of the festival.

#### Dol Jatra

Dol Jatra (or Dol Purnima) is how West Bengal celebrates Holi. Women, adorning themselves with garlands, sing and dance to the accompaniment of musical instruments like ektara, dubri and veena, and people smear coloured powder, or abir, on each other.

# Mewar ki Holi

In Rajasthan, the royal families residing in the state celebrate the festival of colours in a grand manner, with music and dance performances. Attired in traditional Rajasthani ensembles, the royal family of Udaipur is seen here during the ritual of holika dehen.





### **Yaosang**

Manipur celebrates Yaosang for five days, beginning on the full moon day of the month of phalguna in the Hindu calendar. The thabal chongba, a Manipuri folk dance, is performed as part of the festivities.

# Vrindavan ki Holi

The historic Gopinath temple in Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh, has, for six years now, opened its doors to widows in the region for the celebration of Holi with flowers and gulaal (colour).



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