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Dhanu Yatra

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Why is in news? PM greets everyone as Dhanu Yatra begins

Dhanu Jatra or Dhanu Yatra is an annual drama-based **open air theatrical performance** celebrated in **Bargarh, Odisha**.

Spread across a 8 km radius area around the Bargarh municipality, **it is world's largest open air theater**, one that finds a mention in the **Guinness Book of World Records**.

It is based on **mythological story of Krishna** (locally known as Krushna), **and his demon uncle Kansa**.

Originating in Bargarh, in the present day play, the enactments of the play are being performed in many other places in Western Odisha.

The major one of these is the original one at Bargarh. It is about the episode of Krishna and Balaram's visit to Mathura to witness the Dhanu ceremony organized by their (maternal) uncle Kansa.

The department of Culture of the Government of India has accorded **National Festival status to Dhanu Yatra** on November 2014.

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