

Dhanu Yatra

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Why is in news? PM greets everyone as DhanYatra begins

DhanJatra or DhanYatra 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 Dhanceremony organized by their (maternal) uncle Kansa.

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