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# Kharchi Puja

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**Why is in news?** PM conveys best wishes on Kharchi Puja

Kharchi Puja is a **Hindu festival from Tripura**.

It is performed in Agartala in July or August, the festival involves the **worship of the fourteen gods forming the dynasty deity of the Tripuri people**.

Kharchi Puja is one of the most popular festivals in Tripura.

It's a **week-long royal Puja** which falls in the month of July on the eighth day of the new moon and attracts thousands of people.

The word "Kharchi" is derived from the **word "Khya" which means "Earth"**.

Kharchi Puja is **basically done to worship the earth**. All of rituals are of tribal origin, which **includes worshipping fourteen gods and Mother Earth**.

The Puja is performed to wash out the sins and to clean the post-menstrual phase of Mother Earth's menstruation. Thus the Puja is performed for seven consecutive days.

On the day of the Puja, the fourteen gods are carried to **river Saidra** by the members of chantai. The gods are bathed in the holy water and are brought back to the temple.

Animal sacrifice is also an important part of this festival.

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