

BANESHWAR FAIR IN DUNGARPUR (8-10 FEBRUARY)

Baneshwar Fair is a popular tribal festival held in the Baneshwar Temple of Dungarpur. This festival, held on the full moon day of February or Magh Shukla Purnima, attracts a large number of tourists. On this pious occasion, Bhils travel all the way from Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh to take a dip at the confluence of the rivers, Mahi and Som. In addition to this fair, the Vagad Festival is also one of the popular celebrations of Dungarpur. This festival showcases dance forms and music from the region. Holi, the popular Hindu festival, is celebrated here with tribal dances.

Dungarpur

This year the cultural programmes from 8 February to 10 February at the 'Baneshwar Fair' will be organized by the Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan along with the District Administration, Dungarpur.

On 8 February evening, the 'Baneshwar Fair' will begin with folk performances by the folk artists of Rajasthan at 7pm. The evening will be wrapped up with a spiritual 'Bhajan Recital' at 10pm. On 9 February and 10 February, folk performances, have been organised by West Zone Cultural Centre of Udaipur. These events will take place from 7 pm to 10pm.

Other major attractions at the fair will include 'Tribal Sports' and 'Religious processions'. Merchants will also be selling their wares at the 'Tribal Bazar' for those looking to take a souvenir back home. The festival will also host highly energetic 'Gair Dance' performances by men wearing colorful red ghagras. Deepdaan and other attractions will also be a part of the festival.

More details about Dungarpur

Dungarpur is as exotic as the green marble found here and shipped globally and lies snug in the foothills of the Aravalli range. Harsh and wild in the northeast and teeming with life in the fertile plains of the southwest, it is irrigated by two rivers, Mahi and Som.

Dungarpur's rise to tourist fame is thanks to the exceptional architecture of its palaces and royal residences. These stone structures are adorned with 'jharokhas' (windows) and built in a style that was born during the times of Maharawal Shiv Singh (1730-1785 AD). Dungarpur's goldsmiths and silversmiths are skilled artisans Famous for Their lacquer-painted toys and picture frames.

Dungarpur was founded in 1258 AD by Rawal Veer Singh, the eldest son of Karan Singh, the ruler of Mewar, after he drove out the local Bhil chieftain named Dungariya. Later rulers of Dungarpur added to the town's architectural heritage.

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