


FESTIVALS OF NORTH INDIA

BAISAKHI

- **Baisakhi** is the New Year day, falling in **Mid April**, of the Punjabis. They sing, dance and make merry on this particular day. It is also a harvest festival, when the golden wheat ripens and fills the heart with Joy.



SINDHU DARSHAN

- Sindhu darshan festival is another important festival when the Kashmiris come from all over the state to worship the source of the River in Leh. There are many Buddhist Monasteries in the part of Leh.



GANGORE

- **Gangore** is celebrated around March -April. Idols of Ishar and Gangore are taken out in procession and songs in their praise are sung till they are immersed into water. This spring festival is held in honor of Gauri, the goddess of abundance.



KUMBH MELA

- The month long **Kumbh Mela** of Allahabad is one of the largest fairs of the world and is attended by millions of pilgrims from all over India as well as the devout from the world over. This religious occasion takes place in the months of January-February, on the banks of the holy confluence of rivers Ganga and Yamuna.



MATA MURTI KA MELA

- The Mata Murti Ka Mela held in the Champavat region in September is the unique festival. On this day the mother of Badrinath is worshipped, and a large fair held at the Badrinath Temple. Among the four sacred places of India where the Kumbh is held.



LATHMAR HOLI

- Some unique festivals to Uttar Pradesh includes the most famous, **Lathmar Holi**.

48 km. from Mathura at Barsana, is celebrated the famous **Lathmar Holi** of Braj.

- Tradition has it that Krishna from Nandgaon used to come to Barsana to play Holi with Radha along with his Gopi friends.

