



NATIONAL MISSION ON CULTURAL MAPPING

QUESTIONS TO ASK IN THE FIELD

GUIDE BOOK

INTRODUCTION

This document details the questions and prompts that can be used to collect information from respondents about the nine cultural domains included in the App ‘Culture Map of India’.

The domains are:

1. Traditional Food
2. Traditional Dress
3. Traditional ornaments
4. Arts and Crafts
5. Beliefs
6. Heritage Places
7. Festivals and Fairs
8. Famous Personalities
9. Prominent Artists

The questions have been designed to get maximum details about the villages surveyed, but it is not an exhaustive list. The surveyors may alter the questions according to their context and needs. This is a reference document to help VLEs in their qualitative data collection.




Please note that the images added in this document have been taken from various sources on the internet. They have been provided only as a reference and visual aid for the VLEs. VLEs are expected to upload original photographs/videos or archival images from the field. Images taken from the internet will not be accepted as valid submissions.




Here are some general questions to ask to get information about the village, outside of the nine domains:




1. What is your village famous for?
2. Is there anything that makes your village unique or different from other villages?
3. Are there any famous historic incidents that happened in your village?
4. Any myths and legends associated with your village?

TRADITIONAL FOOD

For each entry to this sub-domain please identify the local names of the dishes, the process of preparation of the food including ingredients, and whether they're made specifically on any special occasions such as weddings or festivals. Take Audio-Video/Photo recordings whenever possible.

QUESTIONS	FOOD	PHOTOS
Any unique dishes found in your village?	Khar from Assam, Sarson ka saag from punjab	 https://www.goya.in/blog/khar-a-cornerstone-of-assamese-cooking
Whether or not that food/dish is related to any ritual like childbirth, death, marriage, gender or community specific, mourning period, lent period, other?	A spoonful of curd and sugar before any new venture, prasad after pooja, glass of milk for newlyweds	 https://www.quora.com/Is-eating-a-bowl-of-Curd-and-sugar-everyday-healthy-unhealthy
What is the common breakfast of your village?	Vada, Idiyappam, Doodh Jalebi, Poha	

		https://www.sandhiyascookbook.com/2015/06/idiyappam-how-to-make-idiappam-rice.html
Are there any specific dishes related to any festival?	<p>sheer khurma, halwa, kheer, and Shahi tukda made during eid, Chana puri during kanjak, plum cake during christmas, Sarbhaja,</p> <p>Unnakkaya – made from a mixture of ground boiled banana, coconut, egg etc.</p> <p>It is a Famous Ramadan cuisine of Thalassery, Kerala.</p>	 <p>https://www.cookwithmanali.com/sheer-khurma/</p>
Are there any traditional drinks?	Mahua, Bhang, Thandai, Feni, Lassi, Sambharam, Chhach	 <p>https://www.businesstoday.in/latest/economy-politics/story/move-over-beer-govt-bottle-sell-traditional-tribal-drink-mahua-from-bastar-108072-2018-07-27</p>
Are there any traditional sweets?	Malpua, Firni, Til ka Laddoo,	 <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M</p>

		<u>alpua</u>
Are there any local names for special feasts?	Sadhya for Onam, Wazwan in Kashmir	 https://lbb.in/delhi/kashmiri-wazwan-culinary-pop-ups/
Are there any special utensils used?	Trami: decorated plate used for wazwan in Kashmir	 https://www.hamiast.com/Pure-Kashmiri-Copperware-Trami
Are there any special ways of cooking the food?	Wada is prepared on wood fire on the occasion of Pola festival	 https://www.sahapedia.org/celebration-of-labor-agricultural-festivals-of-hareli-and-pola-chhattisgarh

Are there any associated ceremonies?




Kumarabhojanam (Tamil Nadu), Ceremonies for food preparation, ceremonies before eating etc.





<https://www.incognitoframes.org/weddingphotographychennai/tag/Tambram+Wedding>

TRADITIONAL DRESS




For each entry for this domain please ask about the common materials, colours and processes used, and people/communities associated with the clothes. Take Audio-Video/Photo recordings whenever possible.



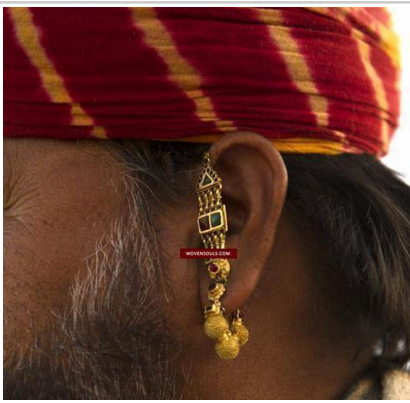
QUESTIONS	DRESS	PHOTOS
What is the common attire for both men and women in your village? (provide local names, specific types, identify any gender associations, list the materials used to make the clothes)	Dhoti-Kurta, tant saree, Ghagra-Choli, mekhala-chador, kasta/nauvari saree, lungi, munda, pattu pavada, Pata	 https://www.sahapedia.org/traditional-tribal-textiles-of-bastar
Are there any clothing items that cannot be found anymore in your village but used to be worn earlier? Any styles of wearing clothes that are not seen anymore?	Different styles of wearing a sari	 https://vintageindianclothing.com/2015/02/26/the-kerala-post/
Any clothes associated with a particular community of the village?	Chhippa community (Bagru handblock printing)	 https://eco-age.com/resources/p




		reserving-the-art-of-natural-block-printing-bagru-india/
Are there any clothes related to different demographic groups (age, marital status, etc)	langa voni (Tamil Nadu) is a two piece half-saree worn by girls between puberty and marriage	 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Langa_voni
Are there any clothes associated with religious beliefs or cultural practice?	Janeyu, Pagdi, crimson pulu worn by Buddhist monks, Svetambara Jain monks wear thin white robes, Robes worn by Christian priests and nuns, Taqiyah worn by muslims.	 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dastar

TRADITIONAL ORNAMENTS

For each ornament ask the details about where the ornament is **worn (body part: Neck, Ear, Head/hair, Nose, Upper arm, Wrist, Fingers, Waist, Toes, Ankle, Calf)** and the material it is made of. Take Photo/Video recordings whenever possible.

QUESTIONS	ORNAMENTS	PHOTOS
What are the common ornaments worn in your village?	Ornaments for the legs: Bichhiya, Chutki, Paajeb, Painjan (Hollow), Toda/Tora, Kada/Karal	 https://www.sahapedia.org/folk-ornaments-of-chhattisgarh
	Ornaments for the waist: Kardhan/Kardhani, Kamarbandh, Tagdi, Kamarpatta	 https://www.shaadisaga.com/blog/12-kamarbandh-designs-we-are-going-crazy-over
	Ornaments for the hands and fingers: Dauriya Parchhaiya, Mundari, Lapeta, Angoothi, Jhalar	
	Ornaments for the arms: Nagmori, Bajuband, Gajra, Kalivari, Tabiz, Pahuchi	
	Ornaments for the neck: Hansli, Chokar, Ranihaar, Champakali, Kanthimala, Dhanmala	
	Ornaments for the nose: Phulli, Phiephir, Nath, Koka, Motyanchi Nath	
	Ornaments for the ears: Jhumka, Karnphool, Bali, Khinva, Chaandbali	
	Ornaments for the forehead: Lalat Patti, Borla, Teeka, Matha Patti	
	Ornaments for the head/hair: Jhabli, Gajra	 https://www.sahapedia.org/folk-ornaments-of-chhattisgarh

<p>Are there any specific or distinct traditional ornaments related to any special occasion?</p>	<p>Nettichutti (maang Teeka worn in weddings in Tamil Nadu) Kempu Kal Valai</p>	 <p>https://in.pinterest.com/pin/348184614916414576/</p>
<p>Are there any ornaments people in your village used to wear earlier but are not found anymore?</p>	<p>Mekka Mothiram earrings (worn by christian women in Kerala) Aama thodu mothiram (worn only by artists in Kerala)</p>	 <p>https://www.alamy.com/stock-photo-kunukku-gold-ear-ring-ancient-christian-keralite-jewelry-gold-round-83602517.html</p>
<p>Are there any ornaments related to different demographic groups (age, gender, marital status, etc)</p>	<p>Mangal Sutra, Gokhru earrings (worn by men in Rajasthan), Bindi, Chooda, rings, mangalsutra, nath, paranda, Kumaoni guluband</p>	 <p>https://wovensouls.com/collections/antique-gold-jewelry-ornaments/review_best</p>





<p>Are there any traditions related to jewellery in your village? (for e.g. like passing on to the next generation)</p>	<p>Lisum (passed on from mother to daughter in the Aalo tribe of Arunachal Pradesh), Dokso, Likar, Sohne</p>	
<p>Are there any ornaments associated with religious beliefs or practices?</p>	<p>Kada, Toe ring (bichhua), birthstone rings</p>	 https://www.sahapedia.org/folk-ornaments-of-chhattisgarh
<p>Are there any communities involved in jewellery making in your village?</p>	<p>Bead jewellery made by Narikurava community of Tamil Nadu</p>	 https://narikuravarnews.wordpress.com/chidiya/




TRADITIONAL ARTS AND CRAFTS


Performing Arts

For each entry to this sub-domain please identify the **type: Dance (Classical or Folk), Music (Vocal or Instrumental), Theatre, Puppetry**; costume associated with them if any, for **dance, music and theatre** forms provide information on the musical instruments associated with it. Take Photo/Audio-Video recording whenever possible.

QUESTIONS	PERFORMING ARTS	PHOTOS
Is there any local dance form in your village?	Ghoomar (Rajasthan), Raas (Gujarat), Gidda, Tappe (Punjab)	 https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ghoomar.jpg
Is there any local music tradition in your village?	Baul (West Bengal), Jori or Algoza (Kutch, Gujarat), Rabindra Sangeet	 https://www.thehindu.com/entertainment/movies/ricky-kej-who-is-baul-documentary/article34359867.ece
Is there any local theatre tradition in your village?	Kumauni Rangmanch (Uttarakhand), Tiatr (Goa),	 https://www.sahapedia.org/kau

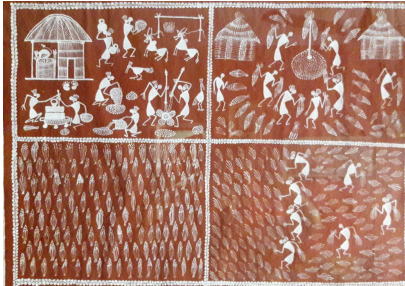

		<u>maaunnai-rangamanca-kaa-vais alaesanaatamaka-adhayayana</u>
Is there any local puppetry tradition in your village?	Kathputli (Rajasthan), Bommalattam	 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathputli_(puppetry)
Are there any traditional sport or martial art forms in your village?	Pehalwani, Mallkhamb, Kalaripayattu (Kerala), Silambam	 https://www.sahapedia.org/wrestling-pole-art-mallakhamb-training
Is there any community associated with a particular performing arts?	Langa, Manganiars, Bhopa (Rajasthan)	 <u>wikimedia commons</u>
Are there any festivals/rituals/customs/beliefs associated with any performing arts?	Thiruvathirakali (Kerala) during Onam festival. Bhangra during Lohri celebrations, Puli Kali during Onam	 http://www.spiderkerala.net/resources/8062-Onam-Malayalam




		-Greeting-Cards-for-Wishing-Friends.aspx
Are there any traditional musical instruments associated with the local music tradition of your village?	Libuh (Nagaland), Iktara, Tumbi, Algoze, sarangi, Dhadd, Chimta (Punjab)	 https://www.sahapedia.org/the-significance-of-the-libuh-the-indigenous-music-of-nagaland
Are there any art forms that are performed at religious places or fairs?	Nukkad natak, Qawwali in dargah	 https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Qawwali_hazrat_nizamuddin_delhi.jpg
Are there any artforms that used to be practised but aren't there anymore? Are they being brought back by anyone/through any initiatives?	Kalaripayattu was banned during British raj, then revitalised post-independence	 https://www.keralatourism.org/artforms/kalaripayattu-martial-art-kerala/27

Are there any artforms related to agriculture? (record AV examples of it if possible)	Chhau dance (West Bengal/Odisha, Jharkhand), Jungoo and dooah songs (Jaunpur and Jaunsar regions of the Garhwal Himalaya)	 https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Chhau_dance.jpg
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Visual and Material Arts

For each entry to this sub-domain please identify the **type, material (surface, colours, tools), process/technique, and people** associated with them. Also document any customs/rituals/beliefs associated with it. Take Photo/Audio-Video recording whenever possible



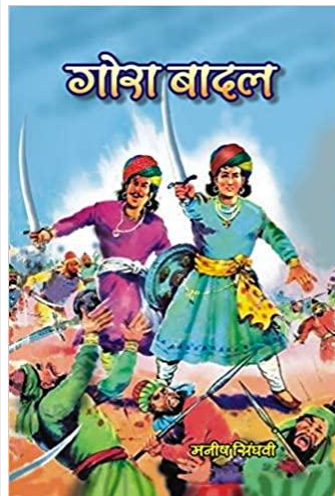
QUESTIONS	VISUAL AND MATERIAL ARTS	PHOTOS
Are there any local arts or crafts traditions in your village? Eg: Sculpture, Painting, Literature, Leatherwork, carpentry Cinema, Glasswork, Handloom, Handicrafts. Music instruments.	Warli (Maharashtra), Manjusha (Bihar), Kalamkari (Andhra pradesh), Bagru (Rajasthan), Bidri (Karnataka), Chonk Jewellery (Jharkhand), Phipha (Nagaland), Bangle-making (Firozabad), Ittar making (Kannauj)	 https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Warli_art.jpg
Is there any community associated with a particular art or craft?	Kerang woven by Gadaba women (Odisha), Laal Paad woven by Baraik community (Jharkhand), Bagru hand-block textile printing by Chhippa Community (Rajasthan)	 https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Chanderi-bagru-print-1.jpg



<p>Are there any festivals/rituals/customs/beliefs associated with any arts and crafts?</p>	<p>Kolam (Pongal), Golu dolls (Navratri), Pichwai art (Pushtimarg devotional tradition), Manjusha art (Bihula-Bishari), Thang-ka (Buddhism)</p>	 <p>https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Thangka_Depicting_Vajrabhairava,_ca._1740,_Sotheby%27s.jpg</p>
<p>Are there any art forms that are done at religious places or fairs?</p>	<p>Kolam outside temples (Tamil Nadu), sanjhi in temples (UP)</p>	 <p>https://www.sahapedia.org/kolam-floor-art-of-tamil-nadu</p>
<p>Are there any artforms that used to be practised but aren't there anymore? Are they being brought back by anyone/through any initiatives?</p>	<p>The Shahtoosh shawl is now a banned item because Chiru is an endangered species (Kashmir)</p>	 <p>https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Tibetan-chiru-antelope-and-shahtoosh-products_fig19_313633222</p>

Do the craftsmen/artists have access to any markets, schemes etc?		

Literature

For each entry to this sub-domain please identify the **type (folktale/lores, storytelling, poetry, epic narration, local written traditions)**, **process/technique**, and **people (community)** associated with them. Also document any customs/rituals/beliefs associated with it. Take Photo/Audio-Video recording whenever possible

QUESTIONS	LITERATURE	PHOTOS
Are there any unique epic narration/storytelling styles in your village?	Kavad storytelling through the shrine, Wayanad Ramayana (Kerala), Kathaiyum Paattum (TamilNadu), Dastangoi, Puran Pravachan, Katha Kathan, Burra Katha, Villu Paatu, Pandavani	 https://www.sahapedia.org/evolving-storyline-rajasthans-kaava
Is the form of literature associated with any beliefs/local practices/customs/rituals?	Villu Pattu troupes usually perform for festivals associated with deities such as Sudalai Madan, Mutharamman, Pechiamman, Isakkiamman (Tamil Nadu)	 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Villu_Paatu
Are there any folk tales or legends in your village?	Sohni-Mahiwal, Birsa Munda, Heer-Ranjha, Gora Badal	 https://www.amazon.in/-/hi/Manish-Singhvi/dp/9384406627


<p>Are there any unique poetry traditions in your village?</p>	<p>Shayari, Bhakti, Tappe (Punjab), Vedic Chanting</p>	 <p>https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/tradition-of-vedic-chanting-00062</p>
<p>Are there any old manuscripts available in your village, including in places of worship which are considered sacred?</p>	<p>Manuscripts made of: Palm leaf manuscripts, Birch Bark (Bhojpatra), Metal, Cloth, Leather</p>	 <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birch_bark_manuscript</p>





BELIEFS



Please give details of activities associated with these **beliefs**, **frequency of those activities**, **who participates in them (people/community)**, and **reasoning behind certain rituals/activities (perceived benefits from the said rituals)**. Also document any customs/rituals/beliefs associated with it. Take Audio-Video/Photo recording whenever possible

Note:

- When noting down religious beliefs, focus on local manifestations of religion- what is unique to the village within a larger religion like Hinduism, Islam etc?
- To be able to get good information from the villagers, we need to interview people of different religions and different communities. Do not record data related to just one community.
- Although religion is a part of beliefs, it is not the entirety of the domain. Maintain the distinction between community and local beliefs and religion.


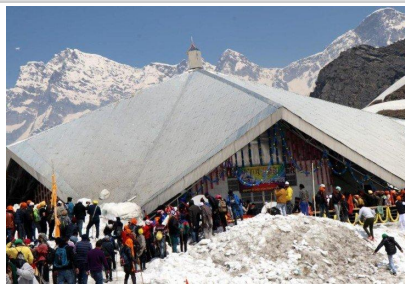

QUESTIONS	BELIEFS	PHOTOS
Which religions are followed in the village? (which deity is worshipped, sects of the religion, local customs within a religion)	Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Islam, Jainism, Ramnami community (Chhattisgarh), Lamaism (Himalayan regions), Vaishnavism, Lingayat community	 https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Tibetan_Buddhism-Young_Monk.jpg
Is there a custom/belief unique to your village?	In Bhaini Maharajpur, villagers offer prayers at a local shrine before starting any important tasks.	 https://m.jagran.com/haryana/rohtak-the-name-of-the-village-was-named-bhaini-maharajpur-after-a-maharaj-did-penance-for-years-22451440.html




<p>Are any practices like witchcraft practised in the village?</p>	<p>Jhad phoonk (exorcism), baby throwing ritual (Baba Umer Dargah, Solapur, Andhra Pradesh), witchcraft</p>	 <p>https://wiki.ubc.ca/Relevance_Of_Baby_Tossing_In_Todays_World</p>
<p>Are there any non-religious beliefs/practises?</p>	<p>Throwing coins in a well for good luck, eating curd and sugar for good luck, vastu shastra, nazar battu</p>	 <p>https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Nazar_Battu.jpg</p>
<p>Are there any beliefs associated with different age groups, gender, etc or major life events like birth, death, marriage etc.?</p>	<p>Namkaran ceremonies, Chudakarana (mundan), rudaali, Ritu Kala Samskaram</p>	 <p>https://www.pratisandhi.com/ritushuddhi-practice-is-menstruation-just-a-biological-construct/</p>
<p>Any rituals/customs/beliefs associated with agriculture/nature/season?</p>	<p>Farmers in Bundelkhand pray to rain gods to prevent droughts, Lou Mun Vet (Mizo hills), frog marriage in Assam and Maharashtra to please the rain gods.</p>	 <p>https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/national/571886-bundelkhand-farmers-perform-rituals-to</p>

		<u>-please-rain-god</u>
Are there any beliefs associated with arts and crafts?	Myladi stone carvers of Tamil Nadu begin the process of carving by praying for success	 https://www.onmanorama.com/travel/outside-kerala/2018/07/04/myladi-tamil-nadu-sculpting-town.html
What are some myths/stories that people believe in in your village?	Black cat crossing the path, evil eye (buri nazar), marrying a tree, The Santhal tribe believes a child is in grave danger if their very first tooth appears on the upper gum so in order to disappear the evil the child is married to a dog.	 https://www.wedamora.com/man-glik-marrying-peepul-tree-custom-india/

HERITAGE PLACES

For each entry to this sub-domain please identify the **type (built or natural), significance, deity, and gender relations, people and community** associated with them. The place should be more than 100 years old to be considered a heritage place, or something of major significance. Take Audio-Video/Photo recording whenever possible




QUESTIONS	HERITAGE PLACES	PHOTOS
Is the heritage place linked to any religious practice/ Is it a place of worship? (Hindusims, Islam, Jainism etc and their sects)	Masheshwar mahadev temple, Heritage tree Rayan (Sander, Gujarat), Baba Umer Dargah, Solapur, Andhra Pradesh	 <p>(primary data collected from Sander village)</p>
What kind of activities take place at the heritage place, if any? Are they places of national importance? (Ceremony as Place of Worship, Meditation, Prayer, Bhajans, Offerings Puja, Activity requiring Priests/ Conductor, Whether any Sacrifice involved, Lent, abstinence to be followed if any as a part of the pilgrimage, Feast, Distribution of food (Langar), Distribution of alms –part of belief)	Sound and light show at Red Fort (Delhi), Azan at Mosques, kirtan at Hemkund Sahib, funeral at Tower of Silence	 <p>https://presswire18.com/uttarakhand-the-doors-of-hemkund-sahib-will-be-closed-today-afternoon-shabad-kirtan-will-start-from-9-am/</p>
Are there any places with historical and archaeological significance? (example: stepwells, forts, monuments, tombs,	Dholavira archaeological site, Kalibangan archaeological site, Jallianwala Bagh,	




archaeological sites etc.)		https://www.news18.com/news/buzz/dholavira-harappan-city-indus-valley-civilization-unesco-world-heritage-list-4018403.html
Are there any places or things like sacred groves, lakes, trees etc?	River Ganga, Sacred groves of Kodagu, Groves in Khasi and Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya and Aravalli Hills of Rajasthan, Groves in Thar Desert of Rajasthan maintained by the Bishnois	 https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/sacred-groves-kodagu-how-faith-helping-protect-rnatakas-protected-forests-64240
Any specific architectural style of building houses and temples in your village?	Kath Khuni in Himachal Pradesh, use of jalis in rajasthani monuments, onion-shaped domes in Mughal architecture, building houses on stilts in Himachal Pradesh, houseboats of Kashmir	 https://www.wildfrontierstravel.com/en_CA/blog/the-houseboats-of-kashmir-1
Any cemeteries, memorials, chhatris, distinct burials?	Memorial Hero stones in Rajasthan, memorials for famous personalities like freedom fighters, South Park Cemetery (Kolkata), Parsi Cemetery (Delhi), Bhowanipore Cemetery	 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hero_stone




FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Festivals

For each entry to this sub-domain please identify the **type (religious or non-religious), significance, and any deity, gender relations, people and community** associated with them. Take Audio-Video/Photo recordings whenever possible.




QUESTIONS	FESTIVALS	PHOTOS
What are the common festivals celebrated in your village?	Holi, Eid, Diwali, Onam, etc	 https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/travel/destinations/eid-al-fitr-indian-cities-that-best-celebrate-the-festival/as64601018.cms
Are there any festivals that are unique to your village/region?	Shahidi Diwas celebrated at Khatkar Kalan, birthplace of Bhagat Singh (Punjab), Hariyali Teej, Pola Festival (Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh), Thaipusam Festival (Tamil Nadu)	 https://www.india-tours.com/fairs-and-festivals/thaipusam-festival-of-tamil-nadu.html
Is the festival linked to any religious belief/practice?	Holi- Hinduism, Eid- Islam, Navroz- Zoroastrian,	 https://bp-guide.in/AXUYhXCt





<p>Any particular deity or religious personalities associated with the festival?</p>	<p>Govardhan Puja- Krishna, Diwali Lakshmi Puja- Lakshmi, Durga Puja- Durga, Muharram- Islamic prophet Muhammad's grandson Imam Hussain Ibn Ali, Thaipusam- Murugan</p>	 <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durga_Puja</p>
<p>What do you do to celebrate the festival? Any specific ritual/practice associated with it?</p>	<p>Ceremony at Place of Worship, Ceremony at Other common premises, Ceremony at home, Meditation, Prayers, Bhajans, Offerings Puja, Any specific Dress code, Any specific Code of conduct to be followed, Activity requiring Priests/ Conductor, Whether any Sacrifice involved, Any Articles associated with the activity, Sacred objects, Donations, Lent, abstinence to be followed if any as a part of the belief, Feast, Distribution of food, Distribution of alms –part of belief etc</p>	 <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Langar_(Sikhism)</p>
<p>Who are the people/communities associated with the festival?</p>	<p>Navroz (Parsis), Margamkali (Syrian Christian festival in Kerala), Baisakhi (Sikhs), Tring (New year festival in Tripura)</p>	 <p>https://www.sahapedia.org/margamkali-1</p>

<p>Is there any particular gender or age group associated with the festival?</p>	<p>Kanjak or Kanya Puja (during Navratri), Bhaiduj and Rakshabandhan to mark the bond between brother and sister</p>	 <p>https://www.newsx.com/lifestyle-and-fashion/navratri-2019-what-is-the-significance-of-kanya-puja-or-kanjak.html</p>
<p>Are there any festivals associated with agriculture/nature/season?</p>	<p>Harvest festivals: Lohri, Makar Sankranti, Baisakhi, Basant Panchami, Nuakhai, Gudi Padwa Seasonal: Uttarayan, Onam, Fagun Madai (Bastar), Harela, Nariyal purnima, Hemis</p>	 <p>https://www.swadesi.com/news/gujarats-uttarayan/</p>
<p>Are there any performing arts related to the festival?</p>	<p>Dandia/Garba (Gujarat), Bhangra (Punjab), Bihu (Assam), Ghoomar (Rajasthan)</p>	 <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bihu_dance</p>

Fairs

For each entry to this sub-domain please identify the **type (religious or non-religious), significance, and any deity, gender relations, people and community** associated with them. Take Audio-Video/Photo recordings whenever possible.

QUESTIONS	FAIRS	PHOTOS
What are the common fairs organised in your village? (eg: weekly, monthly, yearly haats/melas)	Diwali mela, Hafta Bazaar	 https://www.dsource.in/gallery/haat-bazaar-narayanpur-bastar
Are there any fairs that are unique to your village/region?	Fair on Shahidi Diwas celebrated at Khatkar Kalan, Pushkar Fair, Rann Utsav	 https://www.gujarattourism.com/fair-and-festival/rann-utsav.html
Is the fair linked to any religious belief/practice?	Ambubachi Mela (Guwahati, Assam)	 https://www.india.com/news/india/ambubachi-mela-2021-at-asams-kamakhya-temple-called-off-no-devotee-to-be-allowed-till-june-30-4758124/

Any particular deity or religious personalities associated with the fair?	Kumbh Mela, Ichchhapuri Shivratri Mela	 https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-57005563
What do you do to celebrate the fair? Any specific ritual/practice associated with it? (Example: Ceremony at place of worship, ceremony at other common premises, ceremony at home, feast, distribution of food, distribution of alms –part of belief etc.)	Pooja, Aarti, fasting, piercings, carnival, feasts, etc.	 https://indiatours.net/village-to-urs.html
Who are the people/communities associated with the fairs? Who organises it?	Nagaur Fair (Rajasthan), Bhagoria Mela (Madhya Pradesh)	 https://www.indianholiday.com/fairs-and-festivals/chhattisgarh/bhagoriya-festival.html
Are there any fairs associated with agriculture/nature/season?	Hareli and Pola (Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh)	 https://www.tourmyindia.com/sates/maharashtra/pola-festival.html

FAMOUS PERSONALITIES

For each entry please document: **name, why they are famous, contribution (year/duration), legends/stories associated with them.** Take photos/videos whenever possible. You can also take archival/old pictures from their families or interviewees.




QUESTIONS	FAMOUS PERSONALITY	PHOTOS
Are there any famous personalities in your village? Is there anyone who has made your village famous?	Bhagat Singh, Dashrath Manjhi (Gehlaur village, Bihar), Saalumarada Thimmakka (Hulikal Village, Karnataka), Bhuri Bai (Pitol village, Madhya Pradesh)	 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhagat_Singh
Why are they famous (legends and stories associated with them)?	Performers (dancers, musicians, artists), master-craftsmen, community leaders, environmentalists, national/state awardees, war heroes, freedom fighters	 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhuri_Bai
Any person who has been awarded by the state or central government? (Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, State/National level sports-person etc.)	Padma Shri: Saalumarada Thimmakka, (Hulikal Village, Karnataka), Bhuri Bai (Pitol village, Madhya Pradesh)	 https://www.karnataka.com/personalities/saalumarada-thimmakka/
Do they have any family members living in the village?		

PROMINENT ARTISTS

For each entry please document: **personal details (name, age and gender), their contribution (type of art and craft they practice), legends/stories associated with them, and contact details (ID cards, phone number, address, email ID).**

Please note: the prominent artists need not be famous– they need to be established and important within their community.

Take photos/videos whenever possible. You can also take archival/old pictures from their families or interviewees.

QUESTIONS	PROMINENT ARTISTS	PHOTOS
Are there any prominent artists living in your village? (Name and age of the artist, master-craftsmen)	<p>Gulabo Sapera, 62 years old, female (Rajasthan)</p> <p>Teejan Bai, 65 years old, female, (Rajasthan)</p> <p>Birju Maharaj, 84 years old, Male (Uttar Pradesh)</p>	 <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulabo_Sapera</p>
Which type of art or crafts do they practice?	Kalbeliya Dance, Pandavani	 <p>https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Kalbeliadance.jpg</p>
Are there any legends/stories associated with them?	<p>Gulabo Sapera, 62 years old, female (Rajasthan), buried alive by her relatives as an infant because they did not want girl child</p>	 <p>https://www.outlookindia.com/</p>

		outlooktraveller/travelnews/story/71218/kalbeliya-dancer-gulabo-sapera-interview
Do they have any family members living in the village?		
Contact details (phone number, address, email ID, any other contact details)		