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MAKARA SANKRANTHI



Makara Sankranti is an important harvest festival in India, celebrated every year in the mid of January. On this day Sun enters the zodiac sign Capricorn(Makara) and begins its northward journey(Uttarayan). This change is considered very auspicious in Hindu Culture. It represents prosperity, new beginnings and positivity.

Makara Sankranti celebrates the end of the winter and the beginning of the longer days. Farmers thank nature and the Sun god for a successful harvest. People take holy bath in rivers like Ganga, Yamuna and Godavari.



Kite flying is popular activity during this time, especially in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Special food like tilgul, chikki, laddoos and Pongal are prepared using jaggery and sesame seeds, which keep our body warm during winter.



Homes are decorated with rangoli and flowers. The festival teaches us to live in harmony with nature, respect farmers and spread sweetness, peace and unity in society.



Some of the regional names on the festival:

- ❖ Thai Pongal - Tamil Nadu
- ❖ Makar Sankranti - Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
- ❖ Uttarayan - Gujarat
- ❖ Magh Bihu - Assam
- ❖ Lohri - Punjab.



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Fill in the blanks:

1. Sankranti is festival.
2. Sankranti is celebrated in the month of
3. People worship the God on Sankranti.
4. Sweets are made from and
5. In Punjab this festival is know as

State True or False

1. Sankranti is festival of lights.()
2. Kite flying is popular during Sankranti. ()
3. Sankranti is celebrated in October month. ()
4. People share sweets with friends and neighbours. ()
5. Makara Sankranti celebrates the end of the winter. ()

Write one word

1. Which God is worshipped during Sankranti
2. What do people fly in the sky?.....
3. Name one Sankranti sweet.....
4. Homes are decorated with
5. Who thank the Sun god for successful harvest.....

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Answer the following.

1. What movement of the Sun is considered auspicious according to the Hindu culture.

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2. Where people take holy bath during this festival?

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3. Name the popular activity in Gujarat state during this season.

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4. Name some sweets prepared during Sankranti.

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5. What this festival teaches us?

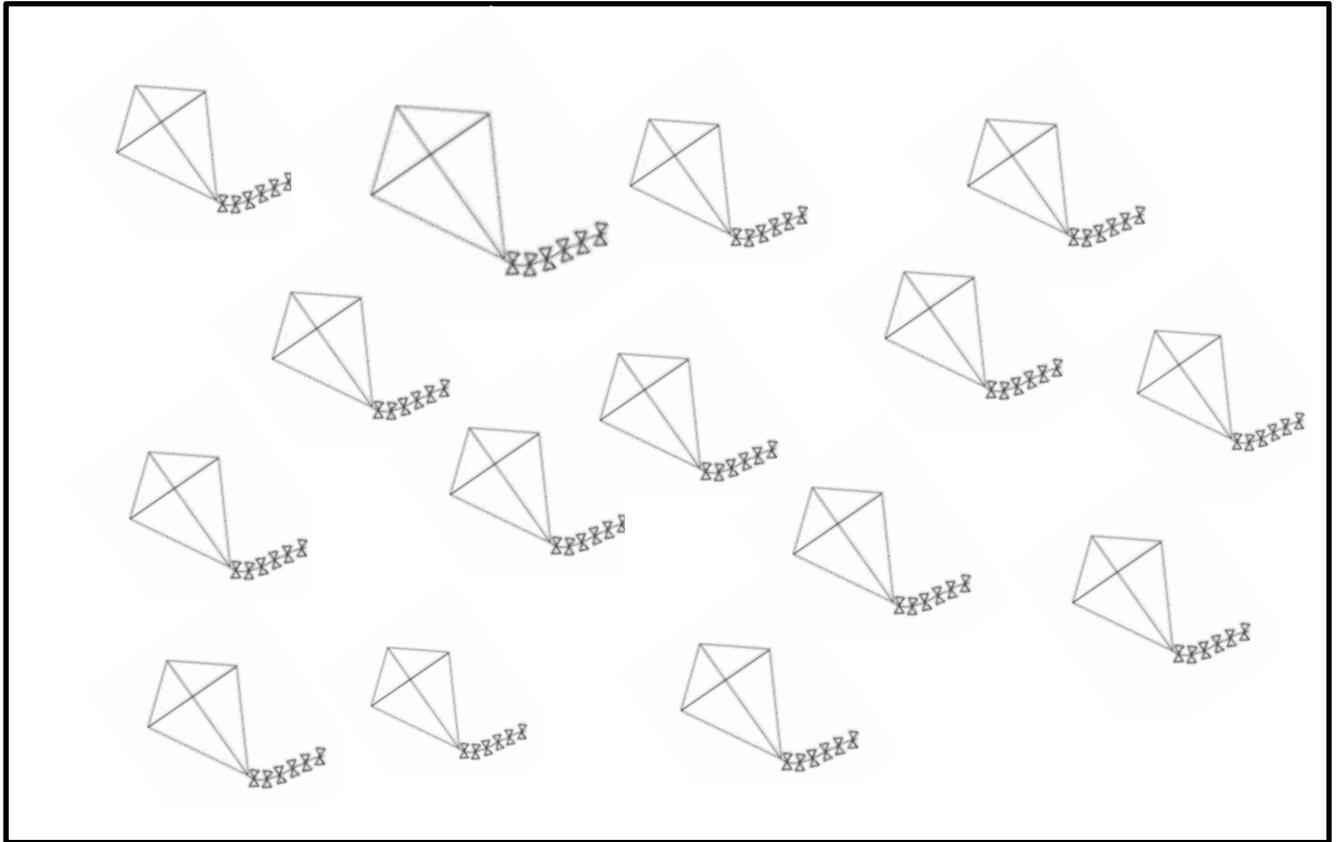
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Colour the kites and write few lines about Sankranti



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