

The four-day Hindu festival, Chhath Puja, the worship of the setting and rising Sun, is dedicated to the God of Sun (Surya) and Chhatti Mai (Goddess of Power).

The festival's aim is to thank the God for sustaining life and energy on earth. It is considered as the festival of forgiveness and compassion, which sees devotees making cultural bonds and distribute fruits and sweetmeats.

The Chhath Puja is seen as a serene event when bejeweled women in colorful saris visit the banks of rivers and ponds, singing folk songs. They then take a dip in the water and pray to the Sun god with pure devotion.