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## Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)

Sep 7- It is in honour of one of Hindu's major deity, Ganesh, the elephant-headed god. He is known as the 'remover of all obstacles' and is invoked at the beginning of all new undertakings.



## Dashalakshani-Parva (Parva)

Sep 08-Celebrated by the Digambara sect and lasts ten days, each day dedicated to a virtue: humility, honesty, purity, forgiveness, truthfulness, selfrestraint, asceticism, study, celibacy and detachment.

## Meskerem-New Year (Ethiopia)

Sep 11-Coptic Orthodox Christians are found in all of Africa. They include Egypt, Libya, Sudan and Ethiopia. During the time of Pharoahs 4,000 years ago, the appearance of Soothis (Dog Star) marked the signal that the Nile River would rise, flooding the fertile plains so that planting could begin. The end of the rainy season became known as the New Year.



## Onam (India)

Sep 14-Onam is Hindu festival celebrated by the people of Kerala in India. Lasting for four to ten days, it is a harvest festival commemorating the homecoming of the legendary Emperor Mahabali from Patala (the underworld) who visits every Malayali home.



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## Eid-Maulad-un-Nabi (Islam)

Sep 15- Anniversary of the birth of Prophet Muhammad. Some Muslims mark this occasion by special prayers, whilst other Muslims may mark the occasion by dedicating more time to reading the Koran.



## Keiro No Hi (Japan)

Sep 16-It was established as a national holiday in 1966 to express respect for the elders in the community, to recognise and thank them for their contributions to the society and last but not least, celebrate their long lives.

## Heritage Day (South Africa)

Sep 24-This day celebrates cultural diversity and serves as a time for South Africans of various heritages to strengthen bonds.



## Fiesta San Miguel (Mexico)

Sep 28-The festival of the Archangel San Miguel is in honor of the Patron Saint of the city of San Miguel. Cultural, social, artistic and sporting events are held throughout the city, along with bullfights.





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## National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Indigenous, Canada)

Sep 30- This day honours the survivors of the residential school system, their families, and communities.

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