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First festival of Chhattisgarh: Hareli

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On August 08, 2021 the **first festival of Chhattisgarh region 'Hareli'** was celebrated with gaiety.

Key Points

- Hareli festival is considered to be the first festival of Chhattisgarh, which is celebrated every year on **Hareli Amavasya in the month of Sawan**.
- This festival has a **special significance for the farmers of Chhattisgarh**. After the sowing of paddy, **all agricultural and iron tools are worshiped** by the farmers on the day of Hareli.
- On the day of Hareli festival, a **special dish of this festival 'Cheela'** is prepared in homes. Tools are worshiped by offering 'Cheela' in it, after which it is given to the members of the house as prasad.
- On the day of Hareli, men make a **Gedi (made of bamboo)** and climb on it. In some places, horse races are also organized.