



Onam and Milad-Un-Nabi

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Recently, the **Prime Minister** and **President** of India extended their greetings and wishes for **Onam** and **Milad-Un-Nabi (Eid-e-Milad)**.

- This year both Onam and Milad-Un-Nabi were celebrated on **same day** across India.
- **Onam:**
 - Onam is a prominent **harvest festival in Kerala**, celebrated to commemorate the **homecoming of the Asura king Mahabali**, who is believed to have ushered in peace and prosperity to the region.
 - It takes place **during Chingam, the first month of the Malayalam calendar**, Kollavarsham.
 - The 10-day festival begins on **Atham (first day of Onam)** and culminates on **Thiruvonam (last day)**.
 - Key celebrations include the creation of **Pookkalam (flower rangolis)**, along with various traditional rituals such as **Vallam Kali (boat races)**, **Pulikali (tiger dances)**, **Kummattikali (mask dances)**, and **Onathallu (martial arts)**.
- **Milad-Un-Nabi (Eid-e-Milad):** It commemorates the **birth of the Prophet**. According to tradition, the Prophet was born on the 12th of Rabee-ul-Awwal (third month of the Islamic calendar) in Mecca in **570 CE**.
 - Notably, the **Prophet also passed away on this same day**.

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