



World's Oldest Ghost Fair in Madhya Pradesh

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The Ghost fair, also known as '**bhooton ka mela**' is a **400 years old** fair organised every year in the village of **Malajpur (Betul district), Madhya Pradesh**.

- The fair attracts **pilgrims, mystics, and curious travellers** from across the globe.

Key Points

- Every year **on the occasion of Basant Panchami** a fair is conducted on the Tombstone of Hindu Saint "**Gurusahab Baba**".
 - This ghost fair is celebrated for three weeks, and people '**possessed**' by **evil spirits**, visit the village to get rid of such negative energies.
- According to the legend, Malajpur Ghost Fair dates back to the 18th century when a man called Deoji Maharaj with **magical powers**, visited the village. Eventually he started controlling spirits and exorcising people.

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