

MEANING

- “Full moon.”
- Festival dedicated to the birth of the Siddhartha Gautama, who later became Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism.

GREETINGS

- “Happy Buddha Purnima.”

WHEN

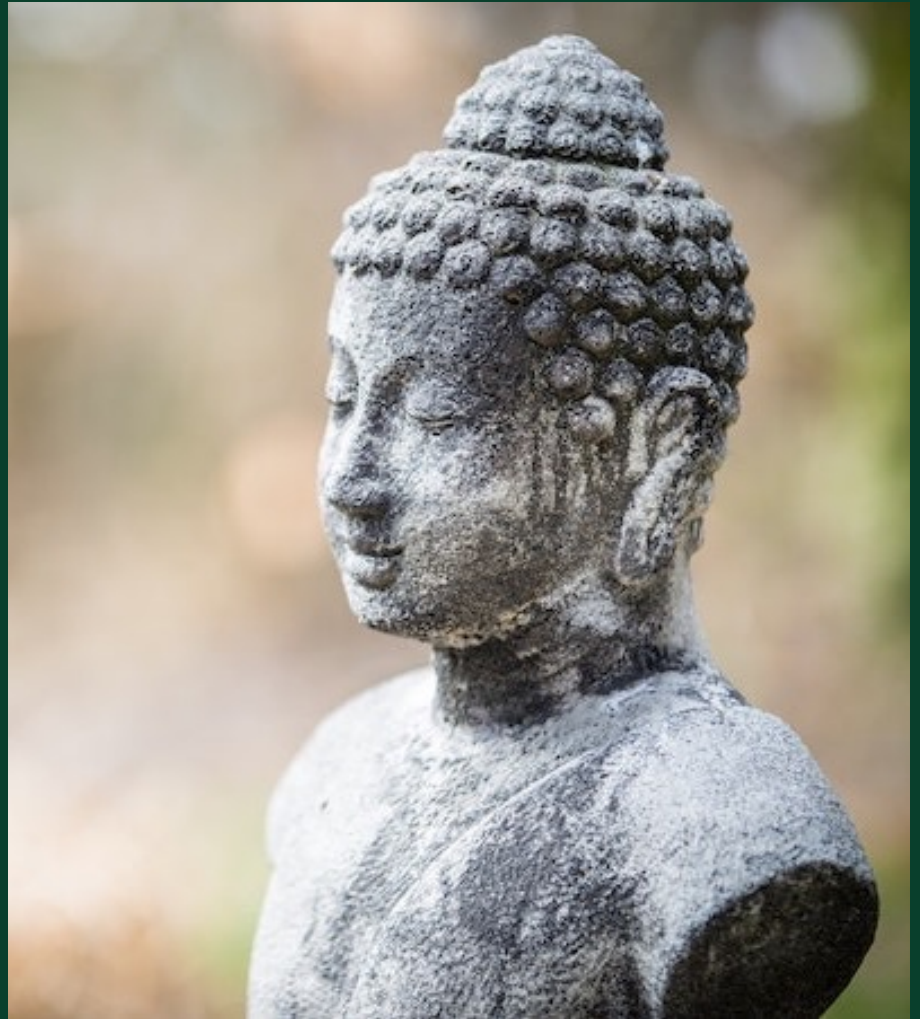
- Buddha’s birth is celebrated as part of a festival week called Vesak, where three key moments of his life are recognized: his birth, enlightenment and death.
- The date of the celebration takes place on a full moon day in the month of Vaisakh.

COMMON PRACTICES

- Many begin their day by cleaning their homes, bathing and spreading Gangajal around their house.
- Lighting candles and decorating homes with flowers.
- Donating food and clothing to those in need.
- Visiting viharas, temples or monasteries and taking part in prayer and meditation.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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Buddha Purnima

Sanskrit

[Boo·duh Por·nee·muh](#)



- In some areas of the world, people get the day off from work or school. Some people may choose to take the day off to participate in celebrations.

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Type of Calendar:

Buddhist (lunisolar)

