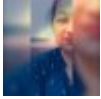


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CHAMPA SHASHTHI: TODAY

Khandoba or Khanderao is worshipped as the Prabhu of gatherers, hunters, warriors, herders, and farmers.

Champa Shashti is mostly celebrated in the states of Karnataka and Maharashtra.

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Khandobachi jejuri is the Mandir of Sri Khandoba in Pune. It is believed that Khandoba is the Prabhu of Sakamabhakti i.e. Prabhu who fulfils all the desires of his devotees.

The hilltop on which the Mandir stands is called Jejurigad and its history dates back to 1688.



Once there were 2 demon brothers Mani n Malla who troubled Devas, Rishis n human beings.

Hence, everyone sought help from Shiva.

Shiva took the form of Khandoba who had an appearance like shining gold. As Khandoba, his face was covered with turmeric powder.

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The fight went on for 6 days n Mani sought forgiveness from Shiva offering him his white horse. Mani expressed his wish that he wanted to live with Shiva.

Shiva,then,decided to place a Murti of Mani in all the Khandoba Mandirs to be created after the battle.

