

Comprehensive 2017 Dates, Times and Puja proper for Full Moon (Purnima) and New Moon (Amavasya)

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DO NOTE:- All times indicated below, associated with the start or end of a religious day are in 24-hour format.

Purnima (Full Moon) Dates for 2017

How to understand the information below? Well it's rather simple for example, Purnima begins on the 11th January @ 16h21 and ends on the 12th @ 13h22. So although we have given the date for Purnima as 12th January, Purnima is spread over two days... So you should observe Purnima within the times given. This year we are also providing the Full Moon night dates where most of Full Moon transits and which day does Purnima rules as well..

12th January. Begins on the 11th @ 16h21 and ends on the 12th @ 13h22
Full Moon night will fall on the 12th. Full Moon will rule the 12th.

10th February. Begins on the 10th @ 04h00 and ends on the 11th @ 02h31
Full Moon night will fall on the 10th. Full Moon will rule the 10th.

12th March. Begins on the 11th @ 16h53 and ends on the 12th @ 16h52
Full Moon night will fall on the 11th. Full Moon will rule the 12th.

11th April. Begins on the 10th @ 06h52 and ends on the 11th @ 08h06
Full Moon night will fall on the 10th. Full Moon will rule the 11th.

10th May. Begins on the 9th @ 21h36 and ends on the 10th @ 23h40
Full Moon night will fall on the 10th. Full Moon will rule the 10th.

9th June. Begins on the 8th @ 12h46 and ends on the 9th @ 15h08
Full Moon night will fall on the 8th. Full Moon will rule the 9th

8th and 9th July. Begins on the 8th @ 04h01 and ends on the 9th @ 06h05
Full Moon night will fall on the 8th. Full Moon will rule the 8th and 9th.

7th August. Begins on the 6th @ 18h58 and ends on the 7th @ 21h09
Full Moon night will fall on the 6th and 7th. Full Moon will rule the 7th

6th September. Begins on the 5th @ 09h10 and ends on the 6th @ 09h01
Full Moon night will fall on the 5th. Full Moon will rule the 6th

5th October. Begins on the 4th @ 22h17 and ends on the 5th @ 20h38
Full Moon night will fall on the 5th. Full Moon will rule the 5th

4th November. Begins on the 3rd @ 10h16 and ends on the 4th @ 07h21
Full Moon night will fall on the 3rd. Full Moon will rule the 4th.

3rd December. Begins on the 2nd @ 21h27 and ends on the 3rd @ 17h45
Full Moon night will fall on the 2nd. Full Moon will rule the 3rd.

Fasting On Purnima

Us Hindus consider, the full moon day, (Purnima) sacred as it's a day that Lord Vishnu presides over. Some Hindus (health permitting) observe a fast on this day, or at any rate take only light food in the night. A Human Being is composed of about 60% liquid and 40% solid. You may wonder how? Well, blood is liquid, is it not? The Moon has an effect on the sea, making the tides rise or fall. In the same way, the Moon also has an effect on the liquid content in humans. The above results in a person becoming tense and irritable. That is how the term 'lunatic' came into being. 'luna' means 'moon' in latin. Lunatic means 'insane'. Our great Sages and Rishi's, knew how to combat the evil effects on human behavior during the full moon and new moon days. They found that light food on these days would lower the acidic content in our system, which helps human beings to retain their mental balance. By fasting or taking light food the whole system is given a rest. By praying a person would not allow his/her emotions to run wild. When the system is at rest psychologically also there is rest in a person. He/she feels comfortable physically and psychologically and will not be prone to irritation and outburst of temper. Fasting creates remarkable endurance in a person, a special feeling of empathy and a sense of equality between the rich and the poor. Fasting occasionally, is key to good health.

HOW TO OBSERVE A FULL MOON FAST:- On this day many don't consume white grains and observe a fast starting from sunrise without salt or without water depending on ones capabilities and health until the evening when the moon is sighted. For Moon times in your area in South Africa please visit this website <http://www.saao.ac.za/public-info/sun-moon-stars/> . Some offer milk and water on a plant while viewing the Moon. After performing this act then the devotee consumes solid food with salt.

Because Lord Vishnu rules Purnima day, the most auspicious **Shree Satya Narayana Vrata Puja** is the most apted puja to perform on this day. And the times to perform this sacred puja is given above. The D.I.Y Shree Satya Narayana Vrata Puja proper with Havan is given on our website DIPIKA. Ctrl-Click (**HERE**) to access this article.

The Maha-Mritunjaya Havan performed on Full Moon

The Maha Mritunjaya havan is a very simple yet extremely powerful havan. This havan should preferably be performed on Purnima (full moon) when auspiciousness is at maximum. After having a bath, wear clean clothes. Prepare about a medium size bowl of sweet rice. Then add about 200 g of Black sesame (til) seeds, cut about a stand of kush grass into very small pieces (if you don't have Kush grass not to worry), add 100g of vegetable or butter ghee and finally add to the sweet rice. Mix all these ingredients together.

Place wood in the havan kund (which should already have a little sand in it. The reason for this is so that the ghee does not leak out.) Take a little Ganga water and sip it three times chanting "Om Vishnu". I recommend that those who are sitting down for the havan chant the very auspicious Hanuman Chalisa. Then place camphor on the wood and light it. Thereafter invite Lord Vishnu and the devis and devas to the havan by saying "O Lord Vishnu, Sarva Devis and Devas I _____(your name) invite you all to this auspicious havan.

Now start the offerings by the chanting the Mritunjaya mantra, which is, as ff: -

"Om trayam bakkam yajaa-mahe sugan-dhim pushti-varadhanam
urvaa-rooka-miva bandha-naam mriytor mooksheeya maamritaat Om" swaahaa

Offer the sweet rice after you say Om (the second Om above) and chant swaahaa. Do this for 108 x's. Once this is complete ask Lord Vishnu and all the devi and devas for forgiveness for any mistakes that was committed during the havan and chant the Maha Mantra "Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare" 21 times to allay for any mistakes committed during the havan. Then request Lord Vishnu and the Devi and devas to kindly return to their abodes.

Requirements for the Havan:- One packet havan wood; 100g ghee; 200g black til; One small bowl sweet rice, one strand of kush grass, havan kund, 2 blocks of camphor.

New Moon (Amavasya) Dates for 2017

How to understand the information below. Well it's rather simple for example, Amavasya begins on the 25th February @ 17h50 and ends on the 26th February @ 16h56. So although we have given the date for Amavasya as 26th February, Amavasya is spread over two days... So you should observe Amavasya within the times given. This year we are also providing the New Moon night dates where most of New Moon transits and which day does Amavasya rules as well..

27th January. Begins on the 27th @ 01h31 and ends on the 28th @ 02h05
New Moon night will fall on the 27th / 28th. New Moon will rule the 27th.

26th February. Begins on the 25th @ 17h50 and ends on the 26th @ 16h56
New Moon night will fall on the 25th. New Moon will rule the 26th

27th March. Begins on the 27th @ 07h14 and ends on the 28th @ 05h55
New Moon night will fall on the 27th. New Moon will rule the 27th

26th April. Begins on the 25th @ 17h37 and ends on the 26th @ 14h14
New Moon night will fall on the 25th. New Moon will rule the 26th

25th May. Begins on the 25th @ 01h37 and ends on the 26th @ 07h44
New Moon night will fall on the 25th/26th. New Moon will rule the 25th

23rd June. Begins on the 23rd @ 08h19 and ends on the 24th @ 04h29
New Moon night will fall on the 23rd. New Moon will rule the 23rd.

23rd July. Begins on the 22nd @ 14h57 and ends on the 23rd @ 11h44
New Moon night will fall on the 22nd. New Moon will rule the 23rd.

21st August. Begins on the 20th @ 22h39 and ends on the 21st @ 20h28
New Moon night will fall on the 21st. New Moon will rule the 21st

20th September. Begins on the 19th @ 08h22 and ends on 20th September @ 07h28
New Moon night will fall on 19th September. New Moon will rule the 20th

19th October. Begins on the 18th @ 20h42 and ends on the 19th @ 21h10
New Moon night will fall on the 19th. New Moon will rule the 19th

18th November. Begins on the 17th @ 11h59 and ends on the 18th @ 13h40
New Moon night will fall on the 17th New Moon will rule the 18th

18th December. Begins on the 17th @ 05h59 and ends on the 18th @ 08h28
New Moon night will fall on the 17th. New Moon will rule the 18th

The new moon day is called Amavasya and is observed as a day of fasting in many Hindu households. Since the Hindu calendar is organized according to the lunar month, Amavasya is the beginning of the new lunar month which lasts approximately 29-30 days. Many festivals, the most famous being Diwali, are observed on this day. The importance of Amavasya is that it is a day of new beginnings. It is a time to discard the old (habits, thought processes, failures and negative influences) and embrace the promise of new 'light' that the new moon brings to us. The 'dark' side of the moon is revealed on this day as the moon completes its waning cycle of approximately 15 days.

(On New Moon days one can offer a food offering to one's ancestors. Whatever vegetarian meal one cooks on that day he/she can offer to one Pitar's – just as one does in Pitar Paksh or Mahalaya Paksham. By performing this act great merits awaits that person. In the Garuda Purana Preta Khanda II 10.50-55 Lord Vishnu says to Shree Garudaji "On the day of Amavasya (new moon day), the airy manes (the ancestors) stand at the door of their descendents in order to receive their food. They remain there till sunset. When they do not receive their food they fall in despair and out of suffering heave long sighs and go back cursing the descendents. Therefore, one should carefully perform shraddha (offer food) to one's ancestors on the new moon day (Amavasya) every month". So why are you hearing this for the first time? Well that's a million dollar question, which I can't answer.

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