

Dipika's Detailed 2017 Hindu Calendar

Prem Namaste, Vanakkum, Hare Krsna, Jai Shree Krsna, Jai Shree Raam

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Many thanks for remaining an awesome Hindu...



Many have asked us to compile an article on the Hindu calendar for example what are the Festivals dates and Rahu kalam

*** Do note that SOME of the information given below for the festival dates is from the S.A.H.M.S. We don't take any responsibility for the information supplied by them. We **ONLY** have done this for Hindu uniformity within South Africa. Should you have any issues with their dates below please do contact them on 031 3091951 or email sahms@worldonline.co.za ***.

{Another point of note is when you see a * before a prayer date it means this is not in the general Hindu calendar that Hindus have in their homes. I have added these dates because these are equally important prayer dates that sadly seems to be ignored every year.}

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

Firstly the Festival dates are the dates that a Hindu observes. This is quite self explanatory. For example for Shree Ganesh Chaturthi, we have a full explanation of this very important festival date on our website. Many ask what is this festival all about and how does one go about celebrating it. Hence this website is meant to make people from all cultures more aware of these important Hindu festival dates. We have included a few more festival dates below that are not generally on the typical Hindu calendar. For more info on the festival dates for 2017 kindly visit our website www.dipika.org.za.

* Shakambhari Devi Jayanti 12th January (The Devi who provides us with nourishments)

Makar Sankranti 14th January

Thai Pongal 14th January

Thai Poesam Kavady Flag Raising 31th January

Vasant Panchami 01st February

* Varahadeva Jayanti 08th February (The appearance day of Lord Varaha)

* Nityananda Jayanti 09th Feb (The appearance day of Nityananda Prabhu)

Thai Poosam Kavady	09 th February
Maha Shivaratri	24 th February
* Gaura Purnima	12 th March (The appearance day of Caitanya Mahaprabhu)
Holika Dahan	12 th March
Hindi New Year	28 th March
Telugu New Year	28 th March
Ramayana Week (First Navaratri)	Starts 28 th March - Ends 05 th April.
* Vasant Navaratri	Starts 28 th March - Ends 05 th April.
Raam-Navami (Ramnaumi)	04 th April
Hanuman Jayanti	11 th April
Tamil New Year	14 th April
* Akshaya Tritiya	28 th April
* Kathiri period	04 th – 28 th May (Kathiri Veyyil - Agni Nakshatram)
* Sita Jayanti	04 th May (The appearance day of Ma Sita - Lord Raam's wife)
* Nrsimhadeva App day	09 th May (The appearance day of Lord Nrsimhadeva)
* Shani Jayanti	25 th May (The appearance day of Lord Shani-deva)
* Ganga Puja/Dussehra	3 rd June (The appearance day of River Ganga)
Pandava Nirjala Ekadashi	05 th June
* Muruga Jyanthi (Vaikasi Visakam)	= 07 th June
* Ambubachi Mela	22 nd – 25 th June (When Devi menstruates in Guwahati, India for the rejuvenation of Planet Earth)
Guru Purnima	08 th July
* Aadi Madham (Porridge prayers)	16 th July – 16 th August
Naag Panchami	27 th July
Vara Lakshmi Vratam	04 th August
Raksha Bandhan	07 th August
* Balarama App Day	07 th August (The appearance day of Lord Balarama)
Gita Week	Starts 08 th August ends 15 th August
Krishna Ashtami	15 th August
Ganesh Chaturthi	25 th August
* Radhastami	29 th August (The appearance day of Shree Radhe)
* Vamana Jayanti	02 nd September (The appearance day of Lord Vamana)
Pitar Paksh Period	07 th – 20 th September
Pitar Paksh Starts	06 th September @ 09h02.
Offer 1 st water oblations (Tarpana)	on the morning of the 07 th after sunrise.
Pitar Paksh Ends	20 th September @ 07h28.
Last water oblations to be offered	after sunrise on the 20 th
Mahalaya Paksham	07 th – 20 th September. (Pitar Paksh followed in South India)
* Purattasi	17 th September – 17 th October.
MAHA Navaratri	21 st September – 30 th September.
Shree Saraswati Pooja	27 th September
Shree Durga Astami	28 th September

Shree Durga Navami 29th September
Vijay Dashami 30th September

* Sharad Purnima 05th October

* Damodara (Kartik) Maas – Starts 06th October and Ends on 04th November.

Kartik Month starts @ 08h39 on the 05th October & ends @ 07h21 on 04th November

* Karwa Chauth 08th October (Vrat a wife observes for her husband's long life).

Dhan Trayodashi 17th October

Naraka Chaturdasi 18th October

Deepavali / Lakshmi Puja 19th October (Please read below)

*** Amavasya (New Moon) starts on 18th October @ 20h42 and ends on 19th October @ 21h10. Hence the darkest night of 2017 Kartik (Amavasya - New/No Moon) should be observed on the 19th October.

Govardhan Pooja 20th October

Gujarati New Year 20th October

* Bhishma Panchaka 31st October – 4th November (the last 5 lunar days of Kartik)

Prabhodhini Ekadashi 31st October

* Tulsi Vivah 1st November (The marriage of Tulsi devi and Lord Shaligram)

Karthigai Deepam 02nd November

Kartik Purnima 04th November

* Katyayaani Vrata 05th November to 03rd December (Vrat for a good partner)

Skanda Sashti 24th November

Gita Jayanti 30th November (Mokshada Ekadashi)

* Dattatreya Jayanti 03rd December

Additional important dates for 2017: -

* Shani (Saturn) Amavasya (New Moon) 18th November.

* Somvaar Amavasya (New/No Moon) Monday 27th March, 21st August, 18th Dec.

* Purnima (Full Moon) Monday 07th August.

* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday) 8th April, 05th August, 19th August.

* Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday) 24th April, 8th May, 4th Sept, 18th Sept.

Rahu Kalam. Timing in the Hindu or any advance culture is of the utmost importance. Whether it's in the telling of a joke or striking a business deal, there's nothing more important than timing. What you do is important but when you do it is just as important. We all know the importance of timing in the material world. Even little kids understand the importance of timing. When they want their next cool toy, they catch their dads in a good mood and butter them up! Thus we have known the importance of timing right from our childhood. Our sages say that what we need to learn now is that timing is just as important in the world of spirituality. Just as timing is important in the material world, it's important in the world of spirituality too. The efficacy of one's spiritual practices can be increased greatly by timing it according to Vedic injunctions.

According to Vedic astrology, Rahu Kalam is that 1.1/2 hrs of a day, that are inauspicious periods and one should not undertake any auspicious work during these periods - especially any new undertaking, prayers, weddings and so forth. I

will be releasing a day by day Rahu kalam in detail shortly...

Sunday 12h00 – 13h30

Monday 07h30 – 09h00

Tuesdays 13h30 – 15h00

Wednesday 09H00 – 10H30

Thursday 15H00 – 16H30

Friday 10H30 – 12H00

Saturday 06h00 – 07h30 and 16h30 – 18h00

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