

## **Dipika's Detailed 2020 Hindu Calendar**

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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](mailto: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 2020 kindly visit our website [www.dipika.org.za](http://www.dipika.org.za).

\* Shakambhari Devi Jayanti = 10<sup>th</sup> January (The Devi who provides us with nourishments)  
Makar Sankranti = 14<sup>th</sup> January  
Thai Pongal = 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Vasant Panchami = 30<sup>th</sup> January (Saraswati Puja)  
Thai Pooam Kavady Flag Raising = 30<sup>th</sup> January

\* Varahadeva Jayanti = 6<sup>th</sup> February (The appearance day of Lord Varaha)  
\* Nityananda Jayanti = 7<sup>th</sup> February (The appearance day of Lord Nityananda)  
Thai Poosam Kavady = 8<sup>th</sup> February.  
Maha Shivaratri = 21<sup>st</sup> February

Holika Dahan = 9<sup>th</sup> March  
\* Gaura Purnima = 9<sup>th</sup> March (The appearance day of Caitanya Mahaprabhu)  
Hindi New Year = 25<sup>th</sup> March (Ugadi, Gudi Padwa)  
Telugu New Year = 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Ramayana Week = Starts 25<sup>th</sup> March – Ends 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
\* Vasant Navaratri = Starts 25<sup>th</sup> March – Ends 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Raam-Navami (Ramnaumi) = 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Panguni (Phalguni) Uthiram = 6<sup>th</sup> April

Hanuman Jayanti = 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Tamil New Year = 14<sup>th</sup> April  
\* Akshaya Tritiya = 26<sup>th</sup> April

\* Sita Navami Jayanti = 1<sup>st</sup> May (The appearance day of Ma Sita - Lord Raam's wife)  
\* Kathiri period = 3<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May (Kathiri Veyyil - Agni Nakshatram)  
\* Nrsimhadeva App day = 6<sup>th</sup> May (The appearance day of Lord Nrsimhadeva)  
Chitra Paruvam Kavady = 7<sup>th</sup> May  
\* Shani Jayanti = 22<sup>nd</sup> May (The appearance day of Lord Shani-deva)

\* Ganga Puja/Dussehra = 1<sup>st</sup> June (The appearance day of River Ganga)

Pandava Nirjala Ekadashi = 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Vaikasi Visakam (Muruga Jayanti) = 4<sup>th</sup> June

\* Ambubachi Mela = 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June (When Devi menstruates in Guwahati, India for the rejuvenation of Planet Earth)

Guru Purnima = 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Shravan Month of Lord Shiva = 5<sup>th</sup> July - 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
\* Aadi Madham = 16<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> August (Porridge prayers)  
Naag Panchami = 25<sup>th</sup> July  
Vara Lakshmi Vratam = 31<sup>th</sup> July

Raksha Bandhan = 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
\* Balarama App Day = 3<sup>rd</sup> August (The appearance day of Lord Balarama)  
Gita Week = 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> August  
Krishna Ashtami = 12<sup>th</sup> August  
Lord Varahadeva Jayanti = 21<sup>st</sup> August  
Ganesh Chaturthi = 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
\* Radhastami = 26<sup>th</sup> August (The appearance day of Srimati Radharani)  
\* Vamana Jayanti = 29<sup>th</sup> August (The appearance day of Lord Vamana)  
\* Ganesh Visarjan = 31<sup>st</sup> August

Pitar Paksh Period = 3<sup>rd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Pitar Paksh Starts = 3<sup>rd</sup> September (2<sup>nd</sup> September at 07h21)  
Offer 1<sup>st</sup> water oblations (Tarpana) on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> after sunrise.  
Pitar Paksh Ends = 17<sup>th</sup> September at 00h59  
Last water oblations to be offered after sunrise on the 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Mahalaya Paksham = 3<sup>rd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September (Pitar Paksh followed in South India)  
\* Purattasi = 17<sup>th</sup> September - 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Adhik Maas = 18<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> October.

MAHA Navaratri = 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October  
Shree Saraswati Pooja = 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Shree Durga Astami = 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Shree Durga Navami = 24<sup>th</sup> October  
Vijay Dashami = 25<sup>th</sup> October  
\* Sharad Purnima = 31<sup>st</sup> October

\* Damodara (Kartik) Maas = Starts 1<sup>st</sup> November and Ends 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Kartik Month starts 31<sup>st</sup> October @ 16h48 and ends 30<sup>th</sup> November @ 11h29  
\* Karwa Chauth = 4<sup>th</sup> November (Vrat a wife observes for her husband's long life).  
Dhan Trayodashi = 12<sup>th</sup> November  
Naraka Chaturdasi = 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Deepavali / Lakshmi Puja = 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Govardhan Pooja = 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Skanda Sashti = 20<sup>th</sup> November  
\* Bhishma Panchaka = 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November (The last 5 lunar days of Kartik)  
Prabhodhini Ekadashi = 25<sup>th</sup> November  
\* Tulsi Vivah = 26<sup>th</sup> November (The marriage of Tulsi devi and Lord Shaligram)  
Karthigai Deepam = 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Kartik Purnima = 30<sup>th</sup> November

\* Katyayaani Vrata = 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December (Vrat for a good partner)  
Moksada Ekadashi & Gita Jayanti = 25<sup>th</sup> Dec (Cape Town) / 26<sup>th</sup> Dec (Jhb and Durban)  
\* Dattatreya Jayanti = 29<sup>th</sup> December

**Additional important dates for 2020: -**

\* Shani (Saturn) Amavasya (New Moon) :- - - -  
\* Somvaar Amavasya (New/No Moon) Monday:- 20<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> December  
\* Purnima (Full Moon) Monday :- 9<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 30<sup>th</sup> November  
\* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday) :- 7<sup>th</sup> Mar, 21<sup>st</sup> Mar, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> Aug.  
\* Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday) :- 20<sup>th</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> September

**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

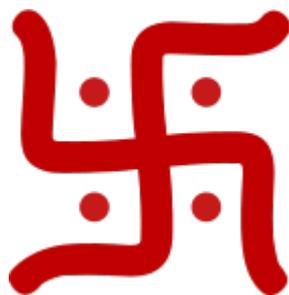
Thursday 15H00 – 16H30

Friday 10H30 – 12H00

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

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