

Dipika's Detailed 2021 Hindu Calendar

Pranaams, Namaste, Vanakkum, Jai Mata Di, 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.

{A 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}

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 2021 kindly visit our website www.dipika.org.za.

JANUARY

Makar Sankranti = 14th January

Thai Pongal = 14th January

Thai Poosam Kavady Flag Raising = 19th January

* Shakambhari Devi Jayanti = 28th January (Devi who provides us with nourishments)

Thai Poosam Kavady = 28th January

FEBRUARY

Vasant Panchami = 16th February (Saraswati Puja)

* Varahadeva Jayanti = 24^h February (The appearance day of Lord Varaha)

* Nityananda Jayanti = 25^h February (The appearance day of Lord Nityananda)

MARCH

Maha Shivaratri	= 11 th March
Holika Dahan	= 28 th March
* Gaura Purnima	= 28 th March (The appearance day of Caitanya Mahaprabhu)
Panguni (Phalguni) Uthiram	= 28 th March

APRIL

Hindi New Year	= 12 th April (Ugadi, Gudi Padwa)
Ramayana Week	= Starts 12 th April and Ends 20 th April
* Vasant Navaratri	= Starts 12 th April and Ends 20 th April
Telugu New Year	= 13 th April
Tamil New Year	= 14 th April
Raam-Navami (Ramnaumi)	= 21 st April
Hanuman Jayanti	= 26 th April

MAY

* Kathiri period	= 4 th – 28 th May (Kathiri Veyyil - Agni Nakshatram)
Chitra Paruvam Kavady	= 6 th May
* Akshaya Tritiya	= 14 th May
* Sita Navami Jayanti	= 21 st May (The appearance day of Ma Sita - Lord Raam's wife)
Vaikasi Visakam (Muruga Jayanti)	= 25 th May
* Nrsimhadeva App day	= 25 th May (The appearance day of Lord Nrsimhadeva)

JUNE

* Shani Jayanti	= 10 th June (The appearance day of Lord Shani-deva)
* Ganga Puja/Dussehra	= 20 th June (The appearance day of River Ganga)
Pandava Nirjala Ekadashi	= 21 st June
* Ambubachi Mela	= 22 nd – 25 th June (When Devi menstruates in Guwahati, India for the rejuvenation of Planet Earth)

JULY

* Aadi Madham	= 17 th July – 16 th August (Porridge prayers)
Guru Purnima	= 23 rd July
Shravan month of Lord Shiva	= 24 th July - 22 nd August

AUGUST

Naag Panchami	= 13 th August
Vara Lakshmi Vratam	= 20 th August
Raksha Bandhan	= 22 nd August
* Balarama Appearance Day	= 22 nd August (The appearance day of Lord Balarama)
Gita Week	= 23 rd - 29 th August
Krishna Ashtami	= 30 th August

SEPTEMBER

Ganesh Chaturthi	= 10 th September
* Radhastami	= 14 th September (The appearance day of Sri Radharani)
* Vamana Jayanti	= 17 th September (The appearance day of Lord Vamana)
Purattasi	= 17 th September - 17 th October
* Ganesh Visarjan	= 19 th September

Pitar Paksh Period = 21st September - 6th October
Pitar Paksh Starts = 21st September at 01h54.
Offer 1st water oblations (Tarpana) on the morning of the 21st after sunrise.
Pitar Paksh Ends = 6th October at 13h03.
Last water oblations to be offered after sunrise on the 6th.
Mahalaya Paksham = 21st September - 6th October (Pitar Paksh followed in South India)

OCTOBER

MAHA Navaratri = 7th to 14th October
Shree Saraswati Pooja = 12th October
Shree Durga Astami = 13th October
Shree Durga Navami = 14th October
Vijay Dashami = 15th October
* Sharad Purnima = 20th October
* Damodara (Kartik) Maas = Starts 21st October and Ends 19th November
* Karwa Chauth = 24th October (Vrat a wife observes for her husband's long life).

NOVEMBER

Dhan Trayodashi = 2nd November
Naraka Chaturdasi = 3rd November
Deepavali / Lakshmi Puja = 4th November
Gujarati New Year = 5th November
Govardhan Pooja = 5th November
Skanda Sashti = 9th November
* Bhishma Panchaka = 14th to 19th November (The last 5 lunar days of Kartik)
Prabhodhini Ekadashi = 14th November
* Tulsi Vivah = 14th November (The marriage of Tulsi devi & Lord Shaligram)
Karthigai Deepam = 19th November
Kartik Purnima = 19th November
* Katyayaani Vrata = 20th November -18th December (Vrat for a good partner)

DECEMBER

Mokshada Ekadashi & Gita Jayanti = 14th December
* Dattatreya Jayanti = 18th December



Additional important dates for 2021: -

- * Shani (Saturn) Amavasya (New Moon) :- 13th March, 4th December
- * Somvaar Amavasya (New/No Moon) Monday:- 6th September
- * Purnima (Full Moon) Monday :- 26th April, 20th September
- * Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday) :- 4th and 18th September
- * Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday) :- 11th January, 24th May, 7th June, 4th October, 18th October

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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Thank you so much for taking the time to read this article. We pray that this article will assist you in some way and we also pray that it helps you to appreciate the beauty and remarkable foresight of our ancient Hindu culture. We wish to educate all readers and demystify the path of Hinduism (Sanatan Dharma). Please feel free to share these articles with friends and family who do not have direct access to our website or articles. If you use the articles in any form including blogs and/or as part of other articles kindly credit our website as a source. We hope that the articles serve as a reference to you and your family when you need clarification of certain topics. Jai Shree Radha Krsna.



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