

Dipika's Detailed 2022 Hindu Calendar

Pranaams, Namaste, Vanakkum, Jai Mata Di, Jai Shree Krsna, Jai Shree Raam

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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 2022 kindly visit our website www.dipika.org.za.



JANUARY

Thai Poosam Kavady Flag Raising	= 9 th January
Makar Sankranti	= 14 th January
Thai Pongal	= 14 th January
* Shakambhari Devi Jayanti	= 17 th January (Devi who provides us with nourishments)
Thai Poosam Kavady	= 18 th January

FEBRUARY

Vasant Panchami	= 5 th February (Saraswati Puja)
* Varahadeva Jayanti	= 13 th February (The app. day of Lord Varaha)
* Nityananda Jayanti	= 14 th February (The app. day of Lord Nityananda)
Maha Shivaratri	= 28 th February

28 February 2022: Maha Shivaratri is to be observed when Chaturdashi is present during Nishit Kaal. This mahurat is important because scriptures say that Lord Shiva took avatar as Shiva Lingam on earth during Nishit Kala. On 28 February 2022, Chaturdashi (14th thithi) is present during Nishit Kaal. Chaturdashi starts at 23:42:23 (11:42:23pm). Nishit Kaal starts at 23:46:09 (11:46:09) and ends at 00:31:12 (12:31:12). This means that Chaturdashi is transiting sufficiently during Nishit Kaal.

1 March 2022: The Gurumar Sangam of South Africa have declared that the South Indian Panchagum is solar based and the position adopted is the thithi that prevails at Sunrise is applicable for the day in respect of the South Indian Community.

MARCH

Holika Dahan	= 17 th March
The bonfire (burning of Holika) must be done between 2H4-5 on the 17 th and at midnight ONLY. Alternatively, the burning of Holika should be done on 18 March 2022.	
* Gaura Purnima	= 18 th March (The app day of Caitanya Mahaprabhu)
Panguni (Phalguni) Uthiram	= 18 th March

APRIL

Hindi New Year	= 2 nd April (Ugadi, Gudi Padwa)
Telugu New Year	= 2 nd April
Ramayana Week	= 2 nd - 9 th April
* Vasant Navaratri	= 2 nd - 9 th April
Chitra Paruvam Flag Hoisting	= 7 th April
Raam-Navami (Ramnaumi)	= 10 th April
Tamil New Year	= 14 th April
Hanuman Jayanti	= 16 th April
Chitra Paruvam Kavady	= 16 April

MAY

* Akshaya Tritiya	= 3 rd May
* Kathiri period	= 4 th - 28 th May (Kathiri Veyyil - Agni Nakshatram)
* Sita Navami Jayanti	= 10 th May (The app day of Srimati Sita-devi)
* Nrsimhadeva Appearance day	= 14 th May (The app day of Lord Nrsimhadeva)
Vaikasi Visakam (Muruga Jayanti)	= 16 th May (The app day of Lord Muruga)
* Shani Jayanti	= 30 th May (The appearance day of Shani-deva)

JUNE

* Ganga Puja/Dussehra	= 9 th June (The app day of River Ganga)
Pandava Nirjala Ekadashi	= 10 th June
* Ambubachi Mela	= 22 nd - 25 th June (When Devi menstruates in Guwahati, India for the rejuvenation of Planet Earth)

JULY

Guru Purnima	= 13 th July
Shravan month of Lord Shiva	= 14 th July - 11 th August
* Aadi Madham	= 16 th July - 17 th August (Porridge prayers)

AUGUST

Naag Panchami	= 2 nd August
Shitla Satam	= 4 th August
Vara Lakshmi Vratam	= 5 th August
Raksha Bandhan	= 11 th August
* Balarama Appearance Day	= 12 th August (The appearance day of Lord Balarama)
Gita Week	= 12 th - 17 th /18 th August
Krishna Ashtami	= 18 th (Smartha) / 19 th August (Vaishnava)
Ganesh Chaturthi	= 31 st August

SEPTEMBER

* Radhastami	= 4 th September (The appearance day of Sri Radharani)
* Vamana Jayanti	= 7 th September (The appearance day of Lord Vamana)
Purattasi	= 18 th September to 17 th October.
* Ganesh Visarjan	= 9 th September
Pitar Paksha Period	= 10 th - 25 th September
Pitar Paksha starts	= 10 th September @ 11h58
Offer 1 st water oblations (Tarpana) on 10 th September after 11h58 or in the morning of 11 th September after sunrise.	
Pitar Paksha Ends	= 25 th September @ 23h52.
Last water oblations to be offered after sunrise on the 25 th .	
Mahalaya Paksham	= 11 th - 25 th September (Pitar Paksha followed in South India)
MAHA Navaratri	= 26 th September - 4 th October.

OCTOBER

Shree Saraswati Pooja (North India)	= 3 rd October
(South India)	= 4 th October
Shree Durga Astami	= 3 rd October
Shree Durga Navami	= 4 th October
Vijay Dashami	= 5 th October
* Sharad Purnima	= 9 th October
* Damodara (Kartik) Maas	= 10 th October
* Karwa Chauth	= 13 th October (Vrat a wife observes for her husband's long life).
Dhan Trayodashi	= 23 rd October
Naraka Chaturdasi	= 24 th October
Deepavali / Lakshmi Puja (North & South)	= 24 th October
Gujarati New Year	= 26 th October
Govardhan Pooja	= 26 th October
Skanda Sashti	= 30 th October

NOVEMBER

* Bhishma Panchaka	= 4 th - 8 th November (The last 5 lunar days of Kartik)
Prabhodhini Ekadashi	= 4 th November
* Tulsi Vivah	= 4 th November (The marriage of Tulsi devi & Lord Shaligram)
Kartik Purnima	= 8 th November
* Katyayaani Vrata	= 9 th November - 7 th December (Vrat for a good partner)

DECEMBER

Mokshada Ekadashi	= 3 rd December
Gita Jayanti	= 3 rd December
Karthigai Deepam	= 6 th December
* Dattatreya Jayanti	= 7 th December

Additional important dates for 2022:

- * Shani (Saturn) Amavasya (New Moon) : 30th April, 27th August
- * Somvaar Amavasya (New/No Moon) Monday : 30th May
- * Purnima (Full Moon) Monday : 17th January
- * Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday) : 15th January, 14th May, 28th May
- * Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday) : 14th February, 28th February, 5th Dec.

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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