

Dipika's Detailed 2023 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 2023 kindly visit our website www.dipika.org.za.



Do note: our website www.dipika.org.za has articles about every festival or prayer days provided below.

JANUARY

* Shakambhari Devi Jayanti	= 6 January (Devi who provides us with nourishments)
Pausha Purnima (Full moon)	= 6 January
Magha Hindu month starts	= 7 January and ends 5 February
Makar Sankranti	= 14 January
Thai Pongal	= 15 January
Magha Amavasya (New moon)	= 21 January
* Shani (Saturn) Amavasya (New moon)	= 21 January
Magha Navaratri (1 st Navaratri of 2023)	= 22 January - 30 January
Vasant Panchami (Saraswati Puja)	= 25 January
Thai Poosam Kavady Flag Raising	= 26 January

FEBRUARY

* Varahadeva Jayanti	= 2 February (The app. day of Lord Varahadev)
* Nityananda Jayanti	= 3 February (The app. day of Lord Nityananda)
Thai Poosam Kavady	= 4 February
Magha Purnima (Full moon)	= 5 February
Phalguna Hindu month starts	= 6 February and ends 7 March
* Vishnupati (Sun Enters Aquarius)	= 13 February - The Day of Lord Vishnu worship
Maha Shivaratri	= 18 February
* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday)	= 18 February
Phalguna Amavasya (New moon)	= 20 February
* Somvaar Amavasya (New moon) Monday	= 20 February

MARCH

Holika Dahan	= 6 March
* Gaura Purnima	= 7 March (The app day of Caitanya Mahaprabhu)
Phalguna Purnima (Full moon)	= 7 March
Chaitra Hindu month starts	= 8 March and ends 5 April
* Equinox (a day to perform charity)	= 20 March
Chaitra Amavasya (New moon)	= 21 March
Hindi New Year (Ugadi, Gudi Padwa)	= 22 March
Telugu New Year	= 22 March
Chaitra Navaratri (2 nd Navaratri of 2023)	= 22 - 30 March
Ramayana Week	= 22 - 30 March
Raam-Navami (Ramnaumi)	= 30 March

APRIL

* Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday)	= 3 April
Panguni (Phalguni) Uthiram	= 4 April
Chaitra Purnima (Full moon)	= 5 April
Hanuman Jayanti	= 5 April
Vaishakha Hindu month starts	= 6 April and ends 5 May
Tamil New Year	= 14 April
Vaishakha Amavasya (New moon)	= 19 April
Total Solar Eclipse	= 20 April (<u>NOT</u> visible in South Africa)
* Akshaya Tritiya	= 22 April
Chitra Paruvam (Kavady) Flag Hoisting	= 26 April
* Sita Navami Jayanti	= 29 April (The app day of Srimati Sita-devi)

MAY

* Nrsimhadeva Appearance day	= 4 May (The app day of Lord Nrsimhadeva)
* Kathiri period	= 4 - 28 May (Kathiri Veyyil - Agni Nakshatram)
Penumbral Lunar Eclipse	= 5 May (Visible in South Africa)
Chitra Paruvam Kavady (main day)	= 5 May
Vaishakha Purnima (Full moon)	= 5 May
Jyeshtha Hindu month starts	= 6 May and ends 3 June
* Vishnupati (Sun Enters Taurus)	= 15 May - The Day of Lord Vishnu worship
* Shani Jayanti	= 19 May (The appearance day of Shani-deva)
Jyeshtha Amavasya (New moon)	= 19 May
* Ganga Puja/Dussehra	= 30 May (The app day of River Ganga)
Pandava Nirjala Ekadashi	= 31 May

JUNE

Vaikasi Visakam (Muruga Jayanti)	= 2 June (The app day of Lord Muruga)
Jyeshtha Purnima (Full moon)	= 3 June
Ashadha Hindu month starts	= 4 June and ends 3 July
Ashadha Amavasya (New moon)	= 17 June
* Shani (Saturn) Amavasya (New moon)	= 17 June
Ashadha Navaratri (3 rd Navaratri of 2023)	= 18 - 27 June 2023
* Ambubachi Mela	= 22 - 25 June (When Devi menstruates in Guwahati, India for the rejuvenation of Planet Earth)

JULY

* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday)	= 1 July
Ashadha Purnima (Full moon)	= 3 July
Guru Purnima	= 3 July
* Purnima (Full moon) Monday	= 3 July
Shravan Hindu month starts	= 4 July (Adhik Maas bet 18 July to 16 August)
* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday)	= 15 July
Shravan Amavasya (New moon)	= 17 July
* Somvaar Amavasya (New moon) Monday	= 17 July
* Aadi Madham (Tamil mth of Amma puja)	= 18 July - 16 August
Adhik Maas Hindu month starts	= 18 July and ends 16 August

AUGUST

Adhik Maas Purnima (Full moon)	= 1 August
* Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday)	= 14 August
Adhik Maas Amavasya (New moon)	= 16 August
* Vishnupati (Sun enters Leo)	= 17 August - The Day of Lord Vishnu worship
Naag Panchami	= 21 August
Shitla Satam (Goddess of diseases)	= 23 August
Vara Lakshmi Vratam	= 25 August
Shravan Purnima (Full moon)	= 30 August
Raksha Bandhan	= 30 August
Shravan Hindu month Ends	= 30 August
Gita Week starts	= 31 August ends 6/7 September
* Balarama Appearance Day	= 31 August (The app day of Lord Balarama)
Bhadrapada Hindu month starts	= 31 August and ends 29 September

SEPTEMBER

Krishna Ashtami	= 6 September (Smartha) / 7 Sept (Vaishnava)
Bhadrapada Amavasya (New moon)	= 14 September
Ganesh Chaturthi	= 18 September
Purattasi starts	= 18 September and ends 17 October
* Equinox (a day to perform charity)	= 23 September
* Radhastami	= 23 Sept (The appearance day of Radharani)
* Vamana Jayanti	= 26 September (The app day of Lord Vamana)
* Ganesh Visarjan (immersion)	= 28 September
Bhadrapada Purnima (Full moon)	= 29 September
Pitar Paksha	= 29 September and ends 14 October
Pitar Paksha offically commences	= 29 September @ 11h56
Offer 1 st water oblations (Tarpana) after 11h56 on the 29 th September or after sunrise on the 30 th September. Both are correct and acceptable.	
Pitar Paksha offically ends	= 14 October @ 19h53
Last Tarpan water oblations to be offered bet sunrise & sunset on the 14 October.	
Mahalaya Paksham	= 29 September and ends 14 October
Ashwina Hindu month starts	= 30 September and ends 28 October

OCTOBER

Ashwina Amavasya (New moon)	= 14 October
* Shani (Saturn) Amavasya (New moon)	= 14 October
Solar Eclipse	= 14 October (<u>NOT</u> visible in South Africa)
Maha Navaratri (4 th Navaratri of 2023)	= 15 - 23 October
Shree Saraswati Pooja (North)	= 21 October
Shree Durga Astami	= 22 October
Shree Saraswati Pooja (South)	= 23 October
Shree Durga Navami	= 23 October
Vijay Dashami	= 24 October
Durga Visarjan (immersion of Devi)	= 24 October
Ashwina Purnima (Full moon)	= 28 October
* Sharad Purnima (Kojagara puja)	= 28 October
Partial Lunar Eclipse	= 28 October (Visible in South Africa)
Kartika (Damodara) Hindu month starts	= 29 October and ends 27 November
* Karwa Chauth	= 31 Oct (Vrat a wife observes for her husband's long life).

NOVEMBER

Dhan Trayodashi	= 10 November
Naraka Chaturdasi (Yama deepa daan)	= 11 November
* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday)	= 11 November
Deepavali/Lakshmi Puja	= 12 November
Kartika Amavasya (New moon)	= 13 November
* Somvaar Amavasya (New moon) Monday	= 13 November
Govardhan Pooja	= 13 November (Smartha), 14 Nov (Vaishnava)
Gujarati New Year	= 14 November
* Vishnupati (Sun Enter Scorpio)	= 16 November - The Day of Vishnu worship
Skanda Sashti	= 18 November
Prabhodhini Ekadashi	= 23 November
* Tulsi Vivah	= 23 Nov (The marriage of Tulsi devi & Shaligram Shila)
* Bhisma Panchaka	= 23 - 27 November (Last 5 lunar days of Kartik)
* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday)	= 25 November
Karthigai Deepam	= 26 November
Kartika Purnima (Full moon)	= 27 November
* Purnima (Full Moon) Monday	= 27 November

Margashirsha Hindu month starts = 28 November and ends 26 December
* Katyayaani Vrata (for a good partner) = 28 November and ends 26 December

DECEMBER

Margashirsha Amavasya (New moon) = 12 December
Gita Jayanti = 22 December
Mokshada Ekadashi = 22 Dec (Smartha) / 23 Dec (Vaishnava)
Margashirsha Purnima (Full moon) = 26 December
* Dattatreya Jayanti = 26 December

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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