

Dipika's Detailed 2024 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...



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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 2024 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

Pausha Hindu month starts	= 27th December 2023 and ends 25th January
Soma Pradosham	= 8th January
Pausha Amavasya (New moon)	= 11th January
Makar Sankranti	= 14th January
Thai Pongal	= 15th January
Thai Poosam Kavady Flag Raising	= 16th January
Soma Pradosham	= 22nd January
* Shakambhari Devi Jayanti	= 25th January (The Devi who provides nourishments)
Thai Poosam Kavady	= 25th January
Pausha Purnima (Full moon)	= 25th January

FEBRUARY

Magha Hindu month starts	= 26th January and ends 24th February
Magha Amavasya (New moon)	= 9th February
* Magha Navaratri (1 st Navaratri of 2024)	= 10th - 17th February
Vasant Panchami (Saraswati Puja)	= 13th February
* Vishnupati (Sun Enters Aquarius)	= 13th February - The Day of Lord Vishnu worship
* Varahadeva Jayanti	= 21st February (The app. day of Lord Varahadeva)
* Nityananda Jayanti	= 22nd February (The app. day of Lord Nityananda)
Magha Purnima (Full moon)	= 24th February

MARCH

Phalguna Hindu month starts	= 25th February and ends 25th March
Maha Shivaratri	= 8th March
Phalguna Amavasya (New moon)	= 10th March
* Equinox (a day to perform charity)	= 20th March
Holika Dahan	= 24th March
Panguni (Phalguni) Uthiram	= 24th March
* Gaura Purnima	= 25th March (The app day of Caitanya Mahaprabhu)
Penumbra Lunar Eclipse (NOT Visible in S.A)	= 25th March
Full Moon Monday	= 25 th March
Phalguna Purnima (Full moon)	= 25th March

APRIL

Chaitra Hindu month starts	= 26th March ends 23rd April
Chaitra Amavasya (New moon)	= 8th April
Somvati Amavasya (New Moon Monday)	= 8th April
Solar Eclipse (NOT visible in S.A)	= 8th April
Hindi New Year (Ugadi, Gudi Padwa)	= 9th April
Telugu New Year	= 9th April
Chaitra Navaratri (2 nd Navaratri of 2024)	= 9th April - 17th April
Ramayana Week	= 9th April - 17th April
Tamil New Year	= 14th April
Chitra Paruvam (Kavady) Flag Hoisting	= 14th April
Raam-Navami (Ramnaumi)	= 17th April
Hanuman Jayanti	= 23rd April
Chitra Paruvam Kavady (main day)	= 23rd April
Chaitra Purnima (Full moon)	= 23rd April

MAY

Vaishakha Hindu month starts	= 24th April and ends 23rd May
* Kathiri period	= 4th-28th May (Kathiri Veyyil - Agni Nakshatram)
Vaishakha Amavasya (New moon)	= 7th May
* Akshaya Tritiya	= 10th May
* Vishnupati (Sun Enters Taurus)	= 14th May - The Day of Lord Vishnu worship
* Sita Navami Jayanti	= 16th May (The app day of Srimati Sita-devi)
Soma Pradosham	= 20th May
* Nrsimhadeva Appearance day	= 21st (S), 22nd (V) May (The app day of Nrsimhadeva)
Vaikasi Visakam (Muruga Jayanti)	= 22nd May (The app day of Lord Muruga)
Vaishakha Purnima (Full moon)	= 23rd May

JUNE

Jyeshtha Hindu month starts	= 24th May and ends 21st June
Jyeshtha Amavasya (New moon)	= 6th June
* Shani Jayanti	= 6th June (The appearance day of Shani-deva)
* Ganga Puja/Dussehra	= 16th June (The app day of River Ganga)
Pandava Nirjala Ekadashi	= 17th June
Jyeshtha Purnima (Full moon)	= 21st June
* Ambubachi Mela	= 22 - 25 June (When Devi menstruates in Guwahati, India for the rejuvenation of Planet Earth)

JULY

Ashadha Hindu month starts	= 22nd June and ends 21st July
Ashadha Amavasya (New moon)	= 5th July
Ashadha Navaratri (3 rd Navaratri of 2024)	= 6th - 15th July
* Aadi Madham (Tamil mth of Amma puja)	= 16th July - 15th August
Guru Purnima	= 21st July
Ashadha Purnima (Full moon)	= 21st July

AUGUST

Shravan Hindu month starts	= 22nd July and ends 19th August
Shravan Amavasya (New moon)	= 4th August
Naag Panchami	= 9th August
Shitla Satam (Goddess of diseases)	= 11th August
* Vishnupati (Sun enters Leo)	= 16th August - The Day of Lord Vishnu worship
Vara Lakshmi Vratam	= 16th August
Shani Pradosham	= 17th August
Shravan Purnima (Full moon)	= 19th August
Raksha Bandhan	= 19th August
* Balarama Appearance Day	= 19th August (The app day of Lord Balarama)
Gita Week starts	= 20th August ends 26 th August
Krishna Ashtami	= 26 th August
Durga Ashtami	= 26 th August
Shani Pradosham	= 31st August

SEPTEMBER

Bhadrapada Hindu month starts	= 20th August and ends 17th September
Bhadrapada Amavasya (New moon)	= 2nd September
Ganesh Chaturthi	= 7th September
* Radhastami	= 11th Sept (The appearance day of Radharani)
* Vamana Dwadashi Jayanti	= 15th September (The app day of Lord Vamana)
* Ganesh Visarjan (immersion)	= 17th September
Bhadrapada Purnima (Full moon)	= 17th September
Purattasi starts	= 17th September - ends 17th October

Pitar Paksha = 17th/18th September - ends 2nd October
Pitar Paksha offically commences = 18th September @ 04h33.
Offer 1st water oblations (Tarpana) after sunrise on the 18th September.
Pitar Paksha offically ends = 2nd October @ 20h47.
Last Tarpan water oblations to be offered bet sunrise & sunset on the October.
Mahalaya Paksham = 17th/18th September - ends 2nd October

Lunar Eclipse (Visible in S.A) = 18th September
* Equinox (a day to perform charity) = 22nd September

OCTOBER

Ashwina Hindu month starts = 18th September and ends 17th October
Ashwina Amavasya (New moon) = 2nd October
Solar Eclipse (NOT Visible in S.A) = 2nd October
Maha Navaratri (4th Navaratri of 2024) = 3rd - 12th October
Shree Saraswati Pooja (North) = 10th October
Shree Durga Astami = 11th October
Shree Saraswati Pooja (South) = 11th October
* SANDI PUJA (Mother Kali prayers) = 11th October (Muhurat - 08h12 to 09h00)
Shree Durga Navami = 11th October
Vijay Dashami = 12th October
Durga Visarjan (immersion of Devi) = 12th October
* Sharad Purnima (Kojagara puja) = 16th October
Ashwina Purnima (Full moon) = 17th October
* Karwa Chauth = 20th Oct (Vrat a wife observes for her husband's long life).
Dhan Trayodashi = 29th October
Naraka Chaturdasi (Yama deepa daan) = 30th October
Deepavali/Lakshmi Puja = 31st October

NOVEMBER

Kartika (Damodara) Hindu month starts = 18th October and ends 15th November
Kartika Amavasya (New moon) = 1st November
Govardhan Pooja = 2nd November
Gujarati New Year = 2nd November
Skanda Sashti = 7th November
* Bhishma Panchaka = 12th - 15th November (Last 5 lunar days of Kartik)
Prabhodhini Ekadashi = 12th November
* Tulsi Vivah = 13th (S), 15th (V) Nov (The marriage of Tulsi devi & Shaligram Shila)
Kartika Purnima (Full moon) = 15th November
* Vishnupati (Sun Enter Scorpio) = 16th November - The Day of Vishnu worship
* Katyayaani Vrata (for a good partner) = 16th November ends 15th December

DECEMBER

Margashirsha Hindu month starts = 16th November and ends 15th December
Margashirsha Amavasya (New moon) = 1st December
Gita Jayanti = 11th December
Mokshada Ekadashi = 11th December
Karthigai Deepam = 13th December
* Dattatreya Jayanti = 14th December
Margashirsha Purnima (Full moon) = 15th December
Shani Pradosham = 28th December
Margashirsha Amavasya (New moon) = 30th 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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