

## Dipika's Detailed 2025 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 2025 kindly visit our website [www.dipika.org.za](http://www.dipika.org.za).



Do note: our website [www.dipika.org.za](http://www.dipika.org.za) has articles about every festival or prayer days provided below.

## JANUARY

Pausha Hindu month starts	= 16th December 2024 & ends 13th January 2025
* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday)	= 11th January
* Shakambhari Devi Jayanti	= 13th Jan (Devi who provides us with nourishments)
Pausha Purnima (Full Moon)	= 13th January
Purnima (Full Moon) Monday	= 13th January
Magha Hindu month starts	= 14th January and ends 12th February
Makar Sankranti	= 14th January
Thai Pongal	= 14th January
Magha Amavasya (New moon)	= 29th January
Magha Navaratri (1 <sup>st</sup> Navaratri of 2025)	= 30th January - 6th February

## FEBRUARY

Vasant Panchami (Saraswati Puja)	= 2nd February
Thai Poosam Kavady Flag Raising	= 2nd February
* Varahadeva Jayanti	= 9th February (The app. day of Lord Varahadev)
* Nityananda Jayanti	= 10th February (The app. day of Lord Nityananda)
Thai Poosam Kavady	= 11th February
Magha Purnima (Full moon)	= 12th February
* Vishnupati (Sun Enters Aquarius)	= 12th February - The Day of Vishnu worship
Phalgun Hindu month starts	= 13th February and ends 14th March
Maha Shivaratri	= 26th February
Phalgun Amavasya (New moon)	= 27th February

## MARCH

Holika Dahan	= 13th March
Total Lunar Eclipse	= 14th March (VISIBLE in South Africa)
* Gaura Purnima	= 14th March (The app day of Caitanya Mahaprabhu)
Phalgun Purnima (Full moon)	= 14th March
Chaitra Hindu month starts	= 15th March and ends 12th April
* Equinox (a day to perform charity)	= 20th March
Chaitra Amavasya (New moon)	= 29th March
Partial Solar Eclipse	= 29th March (NOT VISIBLE in South Africa)
* Shani (Saturn) Amavasya (New moon)	= 29th March
Hindi New Year (Ugadi, Gudi Padwa)	= 30th March
Telugu New Year	= 30th March
Chaitra Navaratri (2 <sup>nd</sup> Navaratri of 2025)	= 30th March - 6th April
Ramayana Week	= 30th March - 6th April

## APRIL

Raam-Navami (Ramnaumi)	= 6th April
Panguni (Phalguni) Uthiram	= 10th April
Chaitra Purnima (Full moon)	= 12th April
Hanuman Jayanti	= 12th April
Vaishakha Hindu month starts	= 13th April and ends 12th May
Tamil New Year	= 14th April
Vaishakha Amavasya (New moon)	= 27th April
* Akshaya Tritiya	= 30th April

## MAY

Chitra Paruvam (Kavady) Flag Hoisting	= 3rd May
* Kathiri period	= 4 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> May (Kathiri Veyyil - Agni Nakshatram)
* Sita Navami Jayanti	= 5th May (The app day of Srimati Sita-devi)
* Nrsimhadeva Appearance day	= 11th May (The app day of Lord Nrsimhadeva)
Purnima (Full Moon) Monday	= 12th May
Chitra Paruvam Kavady (main day)	= 12th May
Vaishakha Purnima (Full moon)	= 12th May
Jyeshtha Hindu month starts	= 13th May and ends 11th June
* Vishnupati (Sun Enters Taurus)	= 14th May - The Day of Lord Vishnu worship.
* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday)	= 24th May
* Shani Jayanti	= 26th May (The appearance day of Shani-deva)
Jyeshtha Amavasya (New moon)	= 26th May
* Somvaar Amavasya (New moon) Monday	= 26th May

## JUNE

* Ganga Pu ja/Dussehra	= 5th June (The app day of River Ganga)
* The wedding Anniversary of Suvarchala and Hanumanji	= 5th June
Pandava Nirjala Ekadashi	= 6th June
Vaikasi Visakam (Muruga Jayanti)	= 8th June (The app day of Lord Muruga)
Jyeshtha Purnima (Full moon)	= 11th June
Ashadha Hindu month starts	= 12th June and ends 10th July
* Ambubachi Mela	= 22nd - 25th June (When Devi menstruates in Guwahati, India for the rejuvenation of Planet Earth)
* Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday)	= 23rd June
Ashadha Amavasya (New moon)	= 25th June
Ashadha Navaratri (3 <sup>rd</sup> Navaratri of 2025)	= 26th June - 4th July

## JULY

Ashadha Purnima (Full moon)	= 10th July
Guru Purnima	= 10th July
Shravan Hindu month starts	= 11th July and ends 9th August
* Aadi Madham(Tamil mth of Amma pu ja)	= 16th July - 16th August
Shravan Amavasya (New moon)	= 24th July
Naag Panchami	= 29th July
Shitla Satam (Goddess of diseases)	= 31st July

## AUGUST

Vara Lakshmi Vratam	= 8th August
Shravan Purnima (Full moon)	= 9th August
Raksha Bandhan	= 9th August
* Balarama Appearance Day	= 9th August (The app day of Lord Balarama)
Gita Week starts	= 10th - 14th August
Bhadrapada Hindu month starts	= 10th August and ends 7th September
Krishna Ashtami	= 15th (Smartha), 16th (Vaishnava) August
* Vishnupati (Sun enters Leo)	= 16th August - The Day of Lord Vishnu worship
Bhadrapada Amavasya (New moon)	= 23rd August
Ganesh Chaturthi	= 26th August
* Radhastami	= 31st August (The appearance day of Radharani)

## SEPTEMBER

* Vamana Jayanti	= 4th September (The app day of Lord Vamana)
* Ganesh Visarjan (immersion)	= 6th September
Bhadrapada Purnima (Full moon)	= 7th September
Total Lunar Eclipse	= 7th September (VISIBLE in South Africa)
Pitar Paksha	= 8th - 21st September
Pitar Paksha commences	= 7th September @ 20h08
Offer 1 <sup>st</sup> water oblations (Tarpana) after sunrise on the 8th of September.	
Pitar Paksha offically ends	= 21st September @ 21h52
Last Tarpan water oblations to be offered bet sunrise & sunset on the October.	
Mahalaya Paksham	= 8th - 21st September
Ashwina Hindu month starts	= 8th September and ends 7th October
Purattasi starts	= 17th September and ends 17th October
Partial Solar Eclipse	= 21st September (NOT VISIBLE in South Africa)
Ashwina Amavasya (New moon)	= 21st September
Maha Navaratri (4 <sup>th</sup> Navaratri of 2025)	= 22nd September - 1st October
* Equinox (a day to perform charity)	= 23rd September
Shree Saraswati Pooja (North & South)	= 30th September
Shree Durga Astami	= 30th September

## OCTOBER

Shree Durga Navami	= 1st October
Vijay Dashami	= 2nd October
Durga Visarjan (immersion of Devi)	= 2nd October
* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday)	= 4th October
* Sharad Purnima (Kojagara pu ja)	= 6th October
Ashwina Purnima (Full moon)	= 7th October
Kartika (Damodara) Hindu month starts	= 8th October and ends 5th November
* Karwa Chauth	= 9th Oct (Vrat a wife observes for her husband's long life).
* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday)	= 18th October
Dhan Trayodashi	= 18th October
Naraka Chaturdasi (Yama deepa daan)	= 20th October
Deepavali/Lakshmi Pu ja	= 20th October
Kartika Amavasya (New moon)	= 21st October
Govardhan Pooja	= 22nd October
Gujarati New Year	= 22nd October
Skanda Sashti	= 27th October

## NOVEMBER

Prabhodhini Ekadashi	= 1st Nov (Smartha), 2nd Nov (Vaishnava)
* Tulsi Vivah	= 2nd Nov (The marriage of Tulsi devi & Shaligram Shila)
* Bhisma Panchaka	= 2nd - 5th November (Last 5 lunar days of Kartik)
* Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday)	= 3rd November
Kartika Purnima (Full moon)	= 5th November
Margashirsha Hindu month starts	= 6th November and ends 4th December
* Katyayaani Vrata (for a good partner)	= 6th November and ends 5th December
* Kaal Bhairava Jayanti	= 11th November 2025
* Vishnupati (Sun Enter Scorpio)	= 16th November - The Day of Vishnu worship
* Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday)	= 17th November
Margashirsha Amavasya (New moon)	= 20th November

## DECEMBER

Gita Jayanti	= 1st December
Mokshada Ekadashi	= 1st December
Karthigai Deepam	= 4th December
Margashirsha Purnima (Full moon)	= 4th December
* Dattatreya Jayanti	= 4th December
Pausha Hindu month starts	= 5th December and ends 3rd Jan 2026
* Tamil Hanuman Jayanti	= 19th December
Pausha Amavasya (New moon)	= 19th 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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