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Clarification of Pitra Paksh Dates and Time for 2020

This is to confirm that Pitra Paksha starts on 2 September 2020 (not 3 September 2020). Pratipada starts at 7:21 am on 2 September 2020. Aparahna Kaal (the last watch of the day) is from 1:04 pm to 3:21 pm on 2 September 2020. The Pratipada thithi is transiting during Aparahna Kaal; therefore, 2 September fulfils requirements for commencement of Pitra Paksha. Furthermore, the first day of Pitra Shraadh is inclusive of Purnima (which is present until 7:21 am on 2 September 2020). Therefore, the first water oblation should be done on 2 September 2020 (and not on 3 September 2020).

The last day of Pitra Paksha is 17 September 2020. The last water oblation should be given on the morning of 17 September 2020.

Regards

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