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## Navarathri 2020

The English day is from midnight to midnight. The Hindu day is from the sunrise to sunrise. Tithis, Nakshatra, Yoga, Karana can end at any time during the solar (English) day. Unlike English (solar) dates, they (Tithis, Nakshatra, Yoga, and Karana) do not really start at midnight and end at midnight.

If a Thithi starts after sunrise and ends before next sunrise, it is called Thithi Kshaya or loss of Thithi. On 21 October 2020, the sixth thithi begins at 5:37 (after sunrise) and ends at 4:09 (before sunrise) on 22 October 2020. This means that the sixth thithi lost. In other words, there is no sixth thithi. This actually applies to Navaratri 2020. That is why there are only nine days (inclusive of Vijay Dashmi) during Navaratri 2020.

In 2020, the thithis for Navaratri have been as follows (one thithi has been lost);

Saturday	17 Oct	First thithi
Sunday	18 Oct	Second thithi
Monday	19 Oct	Third thithi
Tuesday	20 Oct	Fourth thithi
Wednesday	21 Oct	Fifth thithi
Thursday	22 Oct	Seventh thithi
Friday	23 Oct	Eighth thithi
Saturday	24 Oct	Ninth thithi
Sunday	25 Oct	Tenth thithi (Vijay Dashmi)

On behalf of Priests Council

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