



2026 HINDU CALENDAR

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HINDU FESTIVAL DATES 2026

Makarsankranti.....,,,	14/01	Raksha Bandan.....	27/08
Thai Pongal.....	15/01	Gita Week.....	28/08 - 2-3 /09
Vasanth Panchami.....	23/01	Krishna Janmashtami (2).....	3/09 (S), 4/09(V)
Thai Poosam Flag Hoisting.....	23/01	Maha Ganesh Chaturthi.....	14/09
Thai Poosam Kavady.....	01/02	Purattasi.....	18/09 - 17/10
Maha Shivaratri.....	15/02	Purnima Shraadh.....	26/09
Masi Magham.....	02/03	Pitra Paksha.....	27/09 - 10/10
Holika Dahan.....	02/03	Mahalaya Paksham.....	27/09 - 10/10
Holi (Rangwali).....	03/03	Venkateshwara Vratham	11/10 - 20/10
Hindi New Year/Chaitra Navarathri.....	19/03	Navaratri.....	11/10 - 19/10
Ugadhi (Telugu New Year).....	19/03	Sri Saraswathi Pooja (North).....	17/10
Ramayana Week.....	19/03 - 25/03	Sri Durga Ashtami.....	18/10
Sri Ram Naumee.....	26/03	Sri Saraswathi Pooja (South).....	19/10
Panguni Uthiram.....	01/04	Sri Durga Naumee.....	19/10
Hanuman Jayanti (1)	01/04	Vijay Dashmi.....	20/10
Tamil New Year (Puthaandu).....	14/04	Dhan Trayodashi.....	06/11
Narsingha Jayanti.....	30/04 (S), 01/ 05 (V)	Narak Chaturdashi (3).....	07/11
Chitra Paruvam.....	01/05	Deepavali / Luxmi Pooja (North & South).....	08/11
Adhik (JYESHTA) Maas.....	17/05 - 14/06	Annakuta Govardhan Pooja(4).....	09/11
Vaikasi Visakam.....	29/05	Gujarati New Year.....	10/11
Nirjala Ekadashi	25/06	Skanda Shashti.....	15/11
Guru Purnima.....	29/07	Prabhodhini Ekadashi (5).....	20/11(S), 21/11(V)
Naag Panchami.....	17/08	Tulsi Vivaha.....	21/11
Shitla Satam	19/08	Kaarthigai Deepam.....	23/11
Nori Nem.....	21/08	Kartik Purnima.....	24/11
Varalakshmi Vratam.....	21/08	Gita Jayanti.....	20/12

EKADASI 2026

Jan.....	14, 29
Feb.....	13, 27
Mar..	14 (S)15(V), 28(S) 29(V)
Apr.....	13, 27
May.....	13, 26
June.....	11, 25
July.....	10, 25
Aug	8(S) 9(V), 23
Sep.....	7, 22
Oct.....	6, 22
Nov.....	5, 20(S) 21(V)
Dec.....	4, 20

PURNIMA 2026

Jan.....	3
Feb.....	1
Mar.....	3
Apr.....	1
May.....	1, 30/31
June.....	29
July.....	29
Aug	27
Sep.....	26
Oct.....	25
Nov.....	24
Dec.....	23

- (1) Hanuman Jayanti 2026
Purnima Tithi begins at 3:36 a.m. on April 1, 2026. It ends at 4:11 a.m. on April 2, 2026. Therefore, Hanuman Jayanti is on 1 April 2026.
- (2)Krishna Ashtami 2026
3 September 2026 (Smarta) and 4 September (Vaishnava).
- (3)Narak Chaturdashi 2026
Chaturdashi Tithi begins at 7:17 am on 7 November 2026 and ends at 7:57 am on 8 November 2026. Although Narak Chaturdashi is technically on 8 November 2026, we recommend that Narak Chaturdashi be observed on 7 November 2026.
- (4)Annakuta Govardhan Pooja 2026
Pratipada Tithi begins on 9 November 2026 at 9:01 am. It concludes at 10:30 a.m. on November 10, 2026. Annakuta Govardhan Sayan Kaal Pooja Muhurta is from 3:42 pm to 6:24 pm on 9 November 2026.
- (5)Prabhodhini Ekadashi 2026
20 November 2026 (Smarta) and 21 November 2026 (Vaishnava)

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RECOMMENDED WEDDING DATES 2026

(PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR PRIEST)
Note: The wedding dates provided in this calendar are recommendations only. It is strongly advised that you consult with your family Priest before finalising any wedding date. Additionally, weddings should be avoided during Hindu festivals, as they may encroach upon the appropriate observance and celebration of these sacred occasions.

JAN	3	10	11	24	25						
FEB	1	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	20	21	22
MAR	5	7	8	12	14	15	29E				
APR	4	5	12	14	15	18	19	20	25	26	
MAY	2	3	6	8	9	10	Adhik Maas - 17 May to 14 Jun				
JUN	19	20	21	22	24	27					
JUL	5	11	12	19	26						
AUG	No Muhurta										
SEP	No Muhurta										
OCT	No Muhurta										
NOV	15	21	26	30							
DEC	2	3	5	6	10	12	19				

ECLIPSE 2026

AUG	28 Partial Lunar Eclipse 03:23 to 09:01 throughout SA
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PANCHAK 2026

	START	END
JAN	20 @ 22:05	25 @ 10:05
FEB	17 @ 05:35	21 @ 15:37
MAR	16 @ 14:44	20 @ 22:57
APR	13 @ 00:14	17 @ 08:32
MAY	10 @ 08:42	14 @ 19:04
JUN	6 @ 15:33	11 @ 04:46
JUL	3 @ 21:18	8 @ 12:30
JUL	31 @ 03:08	
AUG		4 @ 18:24
AUG	27 @ 10:05	31 @ 23:15
SEP	23 @ 18:27	28 @ 06:46
OCT	21 @ 03:30	25 @ 15:52
NOV	17 @ 12:00	22 @ 02:24
DEC	14 @ 19:05	19 @ 12:28

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