

HINDU FESTIVALS

2026

SANATHAN DHARMA SABHA OF SA

Makarsankranti	14 Jan	Raksha Bandhan	27 Aug
Thai Pongal	15 Jan	Gita Week	28 Aug to 2 Sept (S), 3 Sept (V)
Thai Poosam Flag Hoisting	23 Jan	Krishna Janmashtami (note 2)	03 Sept (S), 04 Sept (V)
Vasanth Panchmi	23 Jan	Maha Ganesh Chaturti	14 Sept
Thai Poosam Kavady	01 Feb	Purattasi	18 Sept to 17 Oct
Maha Shivaratri	15 Feb	Purnima Shraadh	26 Sept
Masi Magham	02 Mar	Pitra Paksha	27 Sept to 10 Oct
Holika Dahan	02 Mar	Mahalaya Paksham	27 Sept to 10 Oct
Holi (Rangwali)	03 Mar	Venkateshwara Vratham	11 Oct to 20 Oct
Hindi New Year/Chaitra Navartri	19 Mar	Navaratri	11 Oct to 19 Oct
Ugadhi (Telegu New Year)	19 Mar	Sri Saraswathi Pooja (North)	17 Oct
Ramayana Week	19 Mar to 25 Mar	Sri Durga Ashtami	18 Oct
Sri Ram Naumee	26 Mar	Sri Saraswathi Pooja (South)	19 Oct
Panguni Uthiram	01 Apr	Sri Durga Naumee	19 Oct
Hanuman Jayanti (note 1)	01 Apr	Vijay Dashmi	20 Oct
Tamil New Year	14 Apr	Dhan Trayodashi	06 Nov
Narsimha Jayanti	30 Apr (S), 01 May (V)	Narak Chaturdashi (Note 3)	07 Nov
Chitra Paruvam	01 May	Deepavali / Luxmi Pooja (North & South)	08 Nov
ADHIK (JYESHTA) MAAS	17 May to 14 June	Gujarati New Year	10 Nov
Vaikasi Visakam	29 May	Annakuta Govardhan Pooja (Note 4)	09 Nov
Nirjala Ekadashi	25 June	Skanda Shashti	15 Nov
Guru Purnima	29 July	Prabhodhini Ekadashi (Note 5)	20 Nov (S), 21 Nov (V)
Naag Panchami	17 Aug	Tulsi Vivaha	21 Nov
Shitla Satam	19 Aug	Kaarthigai Deepam	23 Nov
Nori Nem	21 Aug	Kartik Purnima	24 Nov
Varalakshmi Vratam	21 Aug	Gita Jayanti	20 Dec

EKADASI 2026

January	14, 29
February	13, 27
March	14 (S) 15 (V), 28 (S) 29 (V)
April	13, 27
May	13, 26
June	11, 25
July	10, 25
August	08 (S) 09 (V), 23
September	07, 22
October	06, 22
November	05, 20 (S) 21 (V)
December	04, 20

PURNIMA 2026

January	03
February	01
March	03
April	01
May	01, 30/31
June	29
July	29
August	27
September	26
October	25
November	24
December	23

PANCHAK 2026

	Start	End
January	20 @ 22:05	25 @ 10:05
February	17 @ 05:35	21 @ 15:37
March	16 @ 14:44	20 @ 22:57
April	13 @ 00:14	17 @ 08:32
May	10 @ 08:42	14 @ 19:04
June	6 @ 15:33	11 @ 04:46

J u l y	3 @ 21:18 31 @ 03:08	8 @ 12:30
August	27 @ 10:05	4 @ 18:24 31 @ 23:54
September	23 @ 18:27	28 @ 06:46
October	21 @ 03:30	25 @ 15:52
November	17 @ 12:00	22 @ 02:24
December	14 @ 19:05	19 @ 12:28

NOTE : The **WEDDING DATES 2026** 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	Sat 3	Sat / Sun 10, 11	Sat / Sun 24, 25		
Feb	Sun 1	Fr/ Sa/ Su 6, 7, 8	We/ Th/ Fr/ Sa 11, 12, 13, 14	Fr/ Sa/ Su 20, 21, 22	
Mar	Th/ Sa/ Su 5, 7, 8	Th/ Sa/ Su 12, 14, 15	Sun 29 E		
Apr	Sa/ Su 4, 5	Sun 12	Wed 15	Sa/ Su/ Mo 18, 19, 20	Sa/Su 25, 26
May	Sa/ Su 2, 3	Wed 6	Fr/ Sa/ Su 8, 9, 10	ADHIK MAAS 17 May to 14 Jun	
June	Fr/ Sa/ Su/ Mo 19, 20, 21, 22	Wed 24	Sat 27		

July	Fri 5	Sa/ Su 11, 12	Sun 19	Sun 26		
Aug	No Muhurta for these 3 months					
Sep						
Oct						
Nov	Sun 15	Sun 22	thu 26	Mon 30		
Dec	We/ Th 2, 3	Sa/ Su 5, 6	Thu 10	Sat 12	Sat 19	

ECLIPSES 2026 – Visible in South Africa

August 28 Partial Lunar Eclipse 03.23 to 09.01

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NOTE

FESTIVAL / DETAILS

- (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)

(S) denotes Smarta (ie. Eg. Sanathan followers)

(V) denotes Vaishnava (ie. Eg. Iskcon Followers)