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HINDU CALENDAR 2021

JANUARY 2021 (MAAGHA)

2 Saturday Chaturthi 8 Friday Ekadashi 10 Sunday Pradosh

MAKAR SANKRANTI 14 Thursday

Panchak begins

16 Saturday Chaturthi 19 Tuesday Panchak ends 24 Sunday Ekadashi 25 Monday Pradosh 28 Thursday **Paush Purnima** 31 Sunday Chaturthi

FEBRUARY 2021 (PHAALGUNA)

7 Sunday Ekadashi 8 Monday Pradosh 11 Thursday Panchak starts 15 Monday Chaturthi

16 Tuesday **VASANT PANCHAMI** Panchak ends

23 Tuesday Ekadashi 24 Wednesday Pradosh

26 Friday **Magha Purnima**

MARCH 2021 (CHAITRA)

Chaturthi 2 Tuesday Ekadashi 8 Monday 10 Wednesday Panchak begins

Pradosh

MAHA SHIVARATRI 11 Thursday

15 Monday Panchak ends 17 Wednesday Chaturthi 24 Wednesday Ekadashi 26 Friday Pradosh 27 Saturday **HOLIKA DAHAN**

28 Sunday Holi

Phalgun Purnima

31 Wednesday Chaturthi

APRIL 2021 (VAISHAAKHA)

Panchak begins Tuesday Wednesday Ekadashi Pradosh Thursday

11 Sunday Panchak ends NAURATRI BEGINS starts 10:30 pm Sun 12 Monday

15 Thursday Chaturthi 20 Tuesday **Durga Astami** 21 Wednesday RAM NAUMI

NAVRATRI ENDS at 3:05 pm Wed Vijay Dashmi 22 Thursday Ekadashi 23 Friday

24 Saturday Pradosh **HANUMAN JAYANTI** 26 Monday Chaitra Purnima

AUGUST 2021 (BHAADRAPADA)

Ekadashi

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29 Thursday Chaturthi

11 Wednesday Chaturthi

18 Wednesday Ekadashi

12 Thursday Naag Panchami

3 Tuesday

5 Thursday

19 Thursday

21 Saturday

MAY 2021 (JYASHTHA)

Tuesday Panchak begins Thursday Ekadashi Saturday Pradosh 9 Sunday Panchak ends 15 Saturday Chaturthi 22 Saturday Ekadashi 23 Sunday Pradosh

26 Wednesday Vaishakha Purnima

Chandra Grahan

28 Friday Chaturthi 31 Monday Panchak begins

JUNE 2021 (AASHAADHA)

Panchak ends 5 Saturday Ekadashi 7 Monday Pradosh 10 Thursday Surya Grahan 14 Monday Chaturthi 20 Sunday Ekadashi 22 Tuesday Pradosh

23 Wednesday Jyestha Purnima continues into Thursday

27 Sunday Chaturthi 28 Monday Panchak begins

JULY 2021 (CHAITRA)

2 Friday Panchak ends 5 Monday Ekadashi 6 Tuesday Prodosh 13 Tuesday Chaturthi 20 Tuesday Ekadashi 21 Wednesday Prodosh

23 Friday **Ashadha Purnima GURU PURNIMA**

25 Sunday Panchak begins 26 Monday Chaturthi Panchak ends 29 Thursday

25 Wednesday Chaturthi 26 Thursday Panchak ends

Shrawan Purnima

RAKSHA BANDAN Panchak begins

Rohini from 9:09 pm Sun to 12:14 am Tue

29 Sunday JANAMASTAMI (Smartha) Astami from 1:35 pm Sun to 4:29 pm Mon 30 Monday Jananastami (Vaisnavite -ISKCON)

SEPTEMBER 2021 (AASHWINA)

Thursday Ekadashi 4 Saturday Pradosh 10 Friday Chaturthi

17 Friday

GANESH UTSAV begins 16 Thursday Ekadashi

Panchak begins 18 Saturday Pradosh 19 Sunday **GANESH VISARJAN**

20 Monday **Bhadrapada Purnima PITRI PAKSH BEGINS** 21 Tuesday at 7:54 pm Mon

22 Wednesday Panchak ends 24 Friday Chaturthi

OCTOBER 2021 (KAARTIKA)

Saturday Ekadashi Pradosh Sunday

Tuesday Pitri Paksh ends SARVA PITRI AMAWASYA

Wednesday NAVRATRI BEGINS Saturday Chaturthi 13 Wednesday **DURGA ASTAMI**

NAVRATRI ENDS continues into Thurs Astamibegins 12:17 pm Tues, ends 10:37 am Wed

Naumibegins 10:37 am Wed, ends 9:22 am Thurs 14 Thursday VIJAY DASAMI 15 Friday Panchak begins 16 Saturday Ekadashi

Pradosh

19 Tuesday **Ashwin Purnima** Panchak ends

23 Saturday Chaturthi Ekadashi 31 Sunday

17 Sunday

NOVEMBER 2021 (MAARGASHEERSHA)

Tuesday DHANWANTARI TRIODASHI Pradosh

Wednesday NARAK CHATURDASHI Wed/Thur DIVALI-continues into Thurs see note below

Amavasya starts 8:33 pm Wed ends 5:14 pm Thurs Thursday GOBERDHAN PUJA starts 5:14 pm

Friday GOBERDHAN PUJA ends/ **Bhatri Dooj begins**

7 Sunday Chaturthi 11 Thursday Panchak starts 14 Sunday Ekadashi 15 Monday **TULSI VIVAH**

16 Tuesday Panchak ends Pradosh

18 Thursday KARTIK PURNIMA - continues into Fri KARTIK SNAAN

Purnima from 1:30 am Thurs to 3:36 pm Fri Chandra Grahan

19 Friday 22 Monday Chaturthi 30 Tuesday Ekadashi

DECEMBER 2021 (PAUSHA)

1 Wednesday Pradosh

Saturday Surya Grahan 7 Tuesday Chaturthi

8 Wednesday Panchak starts

13 Monday Panchak ends

14 Tuesday **GITA JAYANTI** Ekadashi

15 Wednesday Pradosh

18 Saturday Margashisha Purnima

22 Wednesday Chaturthi 30 Thursday Ekadashi 31 Friday Pradosh

PRADOSH: The 13th lunar day of each fortnight is auspicious for the worship of Lord Shiva.

EKAADASHI: The 11th lunar day of each fortnight is dedicated to Lord Vishnu, devotees fast and abstain from eating rice and grain.

PURNIMAA: Full moon day of each month is dedicated to Lord Vishnu and is observed by performing Satyanaaraayan puja (full moon katha). In the month of July/August the full moon day is observed as GURU PURNIMAA to honor Vyaas and all gurus of the world. PANCHAK: 5 nakshatras (constellations of stars) in every month are inauspicious for various activities. If death/funeral occurs in this period, special rites are performed to avoid negative plan-

etary influences. Consult family pandit for precise start and end times for panchak dates. MAKAR SANKRANTI: Sankranti occurs every month when the sun enters a new house of the zodiac. In Makar Sankranti (Jan 14th) the sun enters Capricorn which marks the start of the auspicious half of the year called Uttarayan when the sun begins its northern course.

GANESH CHATURTHI: The 4th lunar day of every fortnight is called Chaturthi, dedicated to Lord Ganesh. On this day Lord Ganesh, because of an insult, told the moon that anyone seeing the moon on that day will be falsely accused of some misdeed – hence the traditional practice of not looking at the moon on that day. Once a year in the bright half of Bhadrapad, (Aug/Sept) this day marks the start of the 11 day Ganesh Utsav festival.

KRISHNA JANAMASTAMI: The birth anniversary of Lord Krishna. Many times there are 2 days given for this festival. Smartha Hindus (those who worship all names of God), observe Krishna Janam when Astami prevails at midnight. Vaisnavite Hindus (worship principally Lord Vishnu) pay great attention to Rohini Nakshatra in calculating the time of the festival, which often falls on the

day after. Strict Hindus will fast for the duration of both Astamitithi and Rohini Nakshatra which often covers the two consecutive days.

5 DAYS OF DIVALI:

(1) Dhanwantari Triodashi, when the Yam Deep is lit occurs 2 lunar days (sometimes 1 or 2 solar days) before Divali.

(2) Narak Chaturdashi, the lunar day before Divali which marks the anniversary of Lord Krishna defeating Narakasur.

(3) Deepaavali, when Latchmi puja is performed falls on Amaavasya (dark night) of the month of Kartik. Occasionally Amaavasya starts on one weekday and ends on the following day, which is why there is sometimes two different days assigned to Deepavali depending on the particular astrological tradition being followed. In 2021 since Amaavasya starts at 8:33 pm Wed (Ft Lauderdale location), the most auspicious muhurat for Latchmi puja is from 8:33 pm to 9:12 pm Wed night, when Amaavasya prevails after sunset, so Divali is listed as Wed 3rd, however since it continues until 5:14 pm Thurs 4th., many calendars will have Thursday listed as the official celebration. (4) Goberdhan Puja, the day after Deepavali commemorates Lord Krishna protecting the residents

of Vraj by lifting the mountain with his finger (5) Bhatri Dooj, two lunar days after Deepavali where the bond within family members are celebrated. GRAHAN: Solar and Lunar eclipses are known as Grahan. If the eclipse is visible at one's location, then for some time before (up to 12 hours) and for the duration of the eclipse the period is known as SUTAK – a period of inauspiciousness. One spends the time in fasting and prayer to alleviate the negative prevailing planetary influences during this period.

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