



Hota Newsletter

The Hindu Organisations, temples and Associations
(HOTA) Forum of Western Australia



April 2026 Edition

Glimpses of Hota Activities



Message

Namaste, 🙏

The **2nd HOTA Forum (WA) Annual Meeting** was held on Sunday, 1st March at The Hillview Intercultural Community Centre in Bentley.

We are proud to say that since the launch of HOTA in WA 11 months ago, over 70% of all Hindu Temples, organisations and associations in WA have joined HOTA forum, demonstrating the growing unity among Hindus in WA.

The meeting was very successful, and a spirit of camaraderie and friendship was visible among people from different organisations. Many of the organisational heads and committee members who had never met before were very happy to put their ideas together to talk and discuss a way forward for our community. Discussion groups were formed and actionable goals were set. A spokesperson from each group presented their ideas to everyone, and some of the teams are already working on them.

The First Hindu Women's Forum will be held on Sunday 17th May 2026. Please facilitate the attendance of the ladies in your family and your organisation and share the information widely.

The Webinar titled 'Interfaith Marriages- Challenges and Reconciliation' on Sunday 24th May, will be meaningful for all HOTA members including pandits, young people approaching marriageable age and to parents of young and older children. It will look at the whole perspective and will have participation from all over Australia and other parts of the world.

Please see the information regarding other upcoming events and some reports of events in the last quarter, in this newsletter.

For the next issue of the newsletter to come out in July, you can send us a short report and photographs of your events (April-June) by 25th June.

If you have any questions about HOTA Forum, please email hotawa@vhp.org.au or call 0423 084 641

Warm regards,

Praveena Mittal

Convenor HOTA Forum (WA)



Here is the acknowledgement to our Hindu ancestors. This should be said at the beginning of all our events, just like the Acknowledgement to country. Every organisation that attended the HOTA Annual meeting, received a printed copy of this.

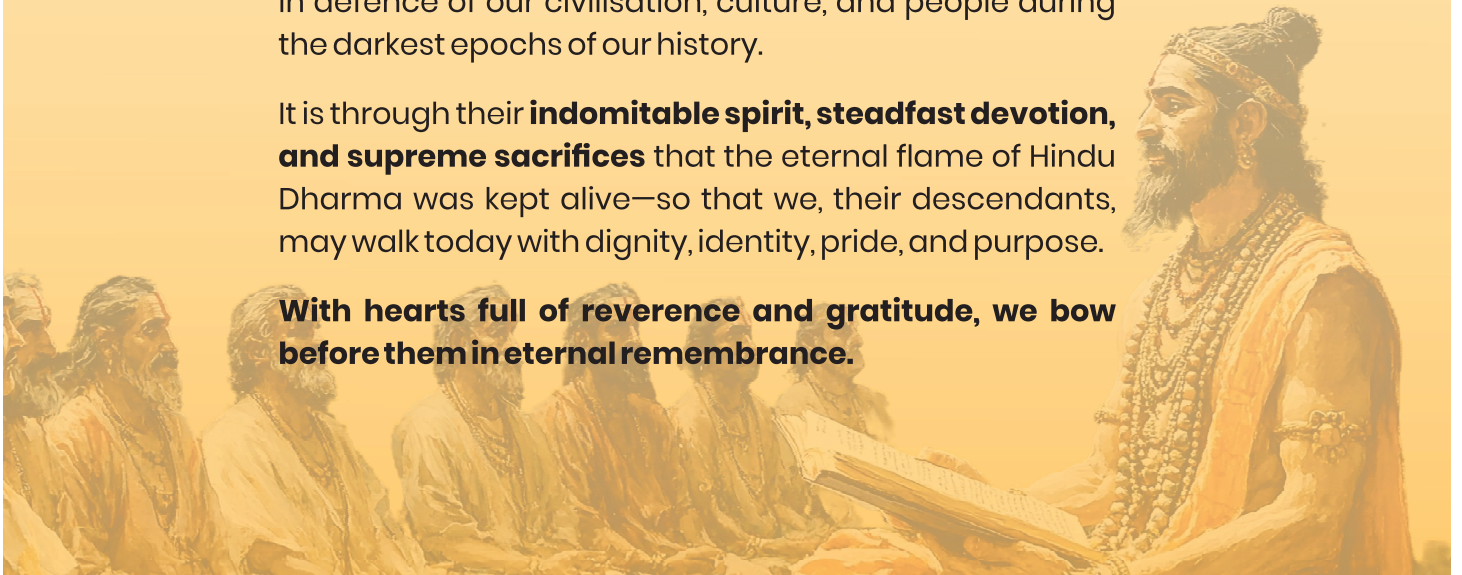


The Salutation to the Tapas, Sacrifices And Enduring Spirit of Hindu Ancestors

We offer our **deepest pranām** to our **illustrious Hindu forebears—Rishis, Munis, Siddhas, Āchāryas, Gurus, Sādhus, Sādhvis, Sants, warriors**, leaders, farmers, merchants, artists and artisans, kings and queens, and men and women of all ages—whose tapas gave rise to a **great civilisation**, and who, through centuries of relentless foreign incursions, stood as steadfast and unyielding sentinels of Dharma. With unwavering courage, they embraced sacrifice and martyrdom, confronted death with divine resolve, and rose valiantly in defence of our civilisation, culture, and people during the darkest epochs of our history.

It is through their **indomitable spirit, steadfast devotion, and supreme sacrifices** that the eternal flame of Hindu Dharma was kept alive—so that we, their descendants, may walk today with dignity, identity, pride, and purpose.

With hearts full of reverence and gratitude, we bow before them in eternal remembrance.





Hanuman Havan

Langley Park,

Saturday, 12th April 2026,

9 am – 4 pm

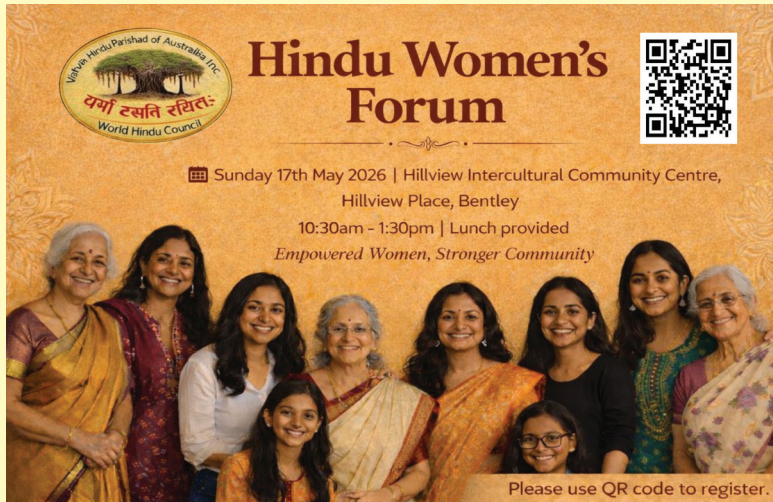
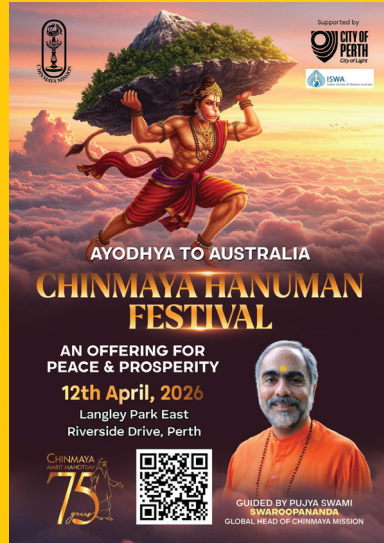
In 2026, the Chinmaya Mission marks 75 years of dedicated service to humanity. Founded by Swami Chinmayananda, it has grown into a global movement with over 350 centres across 30 countries – sharing the timeless wisdom of Vedanta while nurturing individuals, families, and communities.

To honour this legacy, Perth will host the largest Hanuman Havan ever held in the city – a festival of peace

and prosperity. More than a ritual, this sacred gathering is envisioned as a collective offering of devotion, with thousands chanting in unison, creating a powerful shared experience of faith, unity, and inner upliftment.

In the lead-up to this grand event, the Hanumanji Yatra has, over the past three months, travelled across Perth – visiting temples including BAPS Swaminarayan Temple, Jalaram Temple, Shaktidham, Balamurugan Temple, Shirdi Sai Temple, Maha Ganpati Temple, Perth Hindu Temple, and engaging with diverse community groups – quietly igniting a powerful spiritual movement across the city.

The event will be graced by Swami Swaroopananda, the global head of Chinmaya Mission, whose guidance inspires seekers worldwide and whose deep devotion to Hanumanji is widely revered.



Hindu Women's Forum

Sunday, 17th May 2026

10.30am to 1.30pm.

Join us for a vibrant gathering of Hindu women of all ages—come connect, share stories, and enjoy meaningful conversations in a warm and welcoming space.

Hillview Intercultural Community Centre, Bentley Spread the word and take a well-deserved pause to build connections and celebrate our community. Please arrive on time as we will start punctually.

Please register via QR code – it helps us plan better.

Chaplaincy

The Australian Defence Force is looking for Hindu Chaplains in WA. Both, men and women with some life experience can apply. There are full time and part time positions. Chaplains in the ADF are commissioned into the rank of Captain. Chaplains can be of all faiths, and Vishva Hindu Parishad is authorised to recommend chaplains to the ADF.

We will organise an information session about it in the next couple of months. For queries and expression of interest please email praveena.mittal@vhp.org.au





Webinar on Interfaith Marriages: Challenges and Reconciliation Sunday, 24th May 2026, 10 am to 11.30 am (WA time)

— WEBINAR ON —
**Interfaith Marriages:
Challenges and Reconciliation**

Sunday, 24th May 2026, 10 am to 11.30 am (WA time)

VHP (WA) will organise a free webinar on Interfaith the Hindu diaspora. In order to reach the benefit of organisations across Australia will collaborate with VHP

Speaker
Dr. Dilip Amin
Founder of InterfaithShaadi.org and HinduSpeakers.org

Who should attend

Hindu marriage celebrants, Hindu Chaplains, Hindu parents and teenagers, HOTA members, Hindu Community leaders and members of the broader Hindu Diaspora.

What is this webinar about?

Nearly 40% of Hindu Americans undergo Interfaith marriages. We don't have data about Hindu Australians undergoing Interfaith marriages. The webinar will explore the journey of Interfaith couples - from early dating to wedding decisions. Whether you are in an Interfaith marriage, considering one, or getting ready to send your son or daughter to college, this session offers thoughtful guidance and a compassionate framework for building a loving partnership without losing your sense of identity or integrity.

Speaker Dr Dilip Amin is the Director of Peninsula Multifaith coalition in the San Francisco Bay Area

Mata Amritanandmayi

Half Day Silent Meditation Retreat

Join us for a peaceful and transformative morning of silent meditation guided by Amma's teachings and techniques. Whether you're just beginning or have years of experience, this retreat offers a nurturing space to deepen your practice, reduce stress, cultivate clarity and enhance your ability to achieve personal goals.

Swami Atmanand Puri, a monastic disciple of Mata Amritanandamayi, is coming to Perth. He lives at Amma's ashram in Kerala, and has been conducting meditation retreats and spiritual discourses in India, Singapore, Malaysia, Europe, Mauritius, Australia and



New Zealand, to guide individuals toward finding greater peace in their everyday lives. He is also a Global Teacher of the IAM® Technique

Date: **Sunday, 12 April 2026**

Time: **10:00am – 1:00pm**

Venue: Scarborough Community Hub, Stirling Leisure Centre, Building 2, Function Room 173 Gildercliffe Street, Scarborough WA 6019

Meals: Morning tea provided

Cost: By donation (supporting Amma's Australian Activities)

What to Bring: Comfortable clothing, a cushion and a drink bottle

Register here:

<https://forms.gle/RIYuah33QocaeYjx7>

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Her professional journey began in India, where she worked with the Ministry of Forest and Environment on a biodiversity and plant conservation project, focusing on the socio-economic importance of medicinal and aromatic plants. She also collaborated with the United Nations on various development programs related to natural resources.

After relocating to New Zealand, she worked as a product development scientist in the natural skincare industry, formulating high-grade, plant-based skin and hair care products for several companies.

With her diverse background in plant biochemistry, essential oils, natural product development, and Ayurvedic healing, Sushma brings a holistic, deeply rooted approach to wellness, guiding others toward balance, vitality, and inner peace.

Indian Community Centre, 12 Whyalla St, Willetton, 6155
Offering below sessions free of charge, come and join between 5:30pm to 6:15pm

29 APRIL

- Learn about the importance of Agni or fire in Ayurveda
- How to balance and regulate your digestive fire
- Home remedies and herbs to balance digestive fire

6 MAY

- Learn about Kumbhak and meditation
- Learn to use Kumbhak as a practice for inner strength and stability
- Learn a few ancient practices of Kumbhak and meditation

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We, the members of Basava Samiti of Asia Pacific, Perth Chapter Inc. cordially invite you and your family for the 17th Anniversary of our Chapter and

Basava Jayanthi Celebrations
Saturday, 9th May 2026
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
followed by MahaPrasada (Vegetarian Dinner)

Morley Sports and Recreation Centre
12, Wellington street, Morley
Western Australia

in the holy presence of
Sri.Sri. Basavananda Swamiji
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MLA, MEMBER FOR RIVERTON

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Sri Subramanya Palloor, President, VTCS,
Sri Shankar Alepadi, President, WAKS

President: Ashok Patil-0431478981 Secretary: Arun Kumar-0439858510

Kindly RSVP for catering purposes. [Registration Forms](#)

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BAPS Swaminarayan Research Institute, Australia cordially invites you to attend

Timeless Teachings
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You are invited to this year's conference themed Timeless Teachings from Hindu Gurus, highlighting the enduring wisdom that continues to guide purpose, values, and inner growth today — in the presence of learned BAPS Sadhus and community organisations.

on
Sunday, 3 May 2026
4:30pm onwards

at
BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir,
3 Buckingham Drive, Wangara WA 6065

Mahaprasad (dinner) will be served after the event

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Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Embleton-Perth

The 4th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Embleton-Perth was celebrated with immense devotion on 5 April 2026, marking the anniversary of the temple's sacred murti installation. Reverend Sants from Maninagar, India performed the traditional Vedic rituals of the idols.

We were honoured by the presence of Mrs. Praveena Mittal; Convenor of HOTA Forum (WA) whose attendance reflects the growing unity amongst the local Hindu community.

The Mandir is part of Maninagar Shree Swaminarayan Gadi Sansthan, the worldwide center for spiritual and social welfare. Established by Jeevanpran Shree Muktajeevan Swamibapa, the Sansthan flourishes globally, promoting peace and selfless service (seva).



Samuhik Satyanarayan – Vasant Panchami celebrations by GJSK- Perth (Gayatri Janseva Kendra)



With the blessings of Maa Gayatri, the Dwisatabdi Varsh Vasant Panchami Mahotsav was celebrated with devotion and discipline. The program began with a Shakti Kalash and Gurudev literature procession, followed by a collective puja and Satyanarayan Katha with 25 participating couples.

The second phase saw representation from over 23 Hindu organizations, including BAPS, BGCC, Hindu Council of Australia, and VHP. A 14-year-old girl delivered an inspiring talk on Sanatan Dharma.

Nirav Maharaj highlighted the contributions of Shantikunj and Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya. The 108-lamp Deep Yagya and Gayatri Mantra chanting created a divine atmosphere.

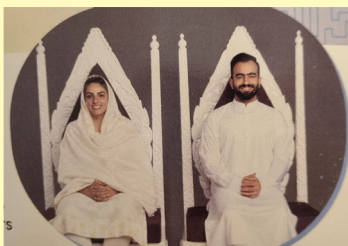
The event concluded with donor felicitation, aarti, and collective chants, attended by around 150 devotees.

Sant Nirankari Mission

Perth, on 8th April 2026.



The Head of Sant Nirankari Mission, Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj and Nirankari Rajpita Ramit Ji were in Perth. A Samagam was held in their divine presence. They blessed the large gathering at the Indian Community Centre in Perth



Jewish event



On 17th March 2026, 'The Allies for a Strong Australia' held their Perth Launch with special guest Nova Peris, whose words were inspiring. CEO and Co-Founder of 'Never Again is Now', Rev. Mark Leach delivered the keynote address. Special tribute was paid to Senator Dean Smith in recognition of his longstanding and steadfast support for the Perth Jewish community.

HOTA and VHP were acknowledged as valued allies who have stood with the Jewish community throughout the challenges of the post-October 7 period, and especially after the Bondi massacre.

On 18th March, VHP (WA) was invited to a multi faith gathering and celebration of the Jewish Spring Festival 'Passover' including a ceremonial meal. This was the first time the Hindu community was included in this celebration.

Maha Sivarathri 2026 at Perth Bala Murugan Temple



Maha Sivarathri was observed on 15–16 February 2026 at Perth Bala Murugan Temple, drawing hundreds of devotees into a night of deep devotion and spiritual energy. The evening began with the Ekadasha Rudra Japa—eleven chants of Sri Rudram—filling the temple with powerful vibrations of unity and healing. This was followed by Siva Puranam recitation and the first Kaala Pooja, with strong community participation. The second Kaala Pooja featured Sangkabishekam, where sanctified water from conch shells was used in ritual worship, alongside sacred fire ceremonies. The third Kaala Pooja honoured Lingothpavar, symbolising Lord Shiva's infinite, formless nature, through special Abishekam and rituals. The night concluded with the fourth Kaala Pooja at dawn, leaving devotees with a profound sense of peace, fulfilment, and divine grace.



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Hota Website information

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This website will be a one stop information point for all Hindu related activities. Your prompt responses will help us to populate the website quickly. Thank you

Please send details, contacts, logos etc to vhpperth@vhp.org.au

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Unified Hindu Festival Calendar 2026 for Australia



For more information or to provide feedback, please contact us via the emails listed below.

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- Australian Council of Hindu Clergy- info@achcinc.org.au
- Coordinator of the Unified Hindu Festival Calendar- auspanchang4all@gmail.com

"Let your discussions be unified, your gatherings guided by a shared purpose. Meet as one; collaborate as one; act as one; sit together; speak together; exchange ideas together; embrace a common vision, so that you may work towards a singular goal, a shared reality.

This is the essence of the concluding message of the Rig-Veda."

For Monthly Panchang use one of the following links to download.
 Australian Council of Hindu Clergy Inc.
www.austriancouncilofhinduclergy.com/panchang.html
 Hindu Heritage Society Inc.
<https://hinduheritage.org.au/panchang>
 HOTA (VHP Australia)
<https://www.vhp.org.au/united-hindu-festivals>

The 2026 festival calendar was prepared by the Australian Council of Hindu Clergy (ACHC), in collaboration with Hindu Organizations, Temples, and Associations (HOTA) & Hindus of Australia

Our Panchang Karta, Shri Neti Siva Rama Krishna Shastri, together with all participated organisation representatives and association purohits attended the meeting and unanimously agreed on the proposed dates.

The Priests

Pt.Narayan Bhatt ji - ACHC / Hindu Heritage Society
 Pt.Siva Srinivasan ji - ACHC / Shirdi Sai Sansthan, Sydney
 Pt. Krishnamurthi Venkatraman ji - ACHC
 Pt Samir Vyas ji - ACHC / Shirdi Sai Sansthan, Sydney
 Pt.Jagdish Sharma ji - President, Sanatan Dharma Pratidinhi Sabha
 Pt.Krish Mishra ji - President, Brahman Purohit Mahasabha
 Pt.Rakesh Sharma ji - Vice President, Brahman Purohit Mahasabha.
 Pt.Rishi Sharma ji - Public officer, Brahman purohit Mahasabha
 Pt.Shiva Shanmugam ji - Sri Shiva Mandir, Minto.

Association Heads

Sri.Subrahmanyan Ramarathinam ji - HOTA / VHP
 Pt Nirav Maharaj ji, GJSK Australia, Perth
 Dr Avinash Karpe ji, Hindus of Australia, Canberra
 Hardik Vyas ji, Hindus of Australia, Brisbane.
 Pt Pramod Rai ji, Arya Samaj, Shane Park
 Arunesh Seth ji - MD- Mahasangh
 Yogesh Chanda ji- Secretary, Sanatan Dharma Pratidinhi Sabha

January - पौष मास - Pausha

Pausha Purnima	-	03/01/2026
Lohri	-	13/01/2026
Bhogi	-	14/01/2026
Makar Sankranti- Pongal	-	15/01/2026
Magha Gupt Navratra from - 20/01/2026- 27/01/2026		
Vasant panchami	-	23/01/2026
Bhishma Ashtami	-	26/01/2026

February - माघ मास Magha

Magha Purnima	-	02/02/2026
Mahashivratri	-	15/02/2026
Chaturdashi Tithi Begins - 10:34 PM on Feb 15, 2026		
Chaturdashi Tithi Ends - 11:04 PM on Feb 16, 2026		
On 16th Feb, Shivaratri Parana Time - 06:31 AM to 04:28 PM		

March - फाल्गुन मास Phalguna

Holika Dahan	-	02/03/2026*
CHANDRA GRAHAN	-	03/03/2026*
Sydney / Melbourne / Canberra Lunar Eclipse Start - 8.50 pm 03rd, March Lunar Eclipse End - 12.17 am 04th, March		
Phalguna Purnima	-	03/03/2026
Holi Utsav	-	04/03/2026
Ugadi / Chaitra Navratra	- start-	20/03/2026
Ram Navami	-	27/03/2026

April - चैत्र मास Chaitra

Hanuman Jayanti	-	02/04/2026 *
Chaitra Purnima	-	02/04/2026
Hindu Solar New Year	-	14/04/2026
Akshay Tritiya - Parashuram Jayanti	-	20/04/26
Adi Shankara Jayanti	-	21/04/2026
Ramanuja Jayanti	-	22/04/2026
Mata Sita Jayanti	-	25/04/2026

May - वैशाख मास Vaisakha

Buddha Purnima	-	01/05/2026
Narada Jayanti	-	02/05/2026
Shani Jayanti - Vat Savitri Vrat	-	16/05/2026
Adhika Maas start	-	17/05/2026 - 15/06/2026
Jyeshtha Adhik Purnima	-	31/05/2026

June - ज्येष्ठ मास Jyeshtha

Ganga Dashera	-	24/06/2026
Nirjala Ekadashi	-	25/06/2026
Jyeshtha Purnima	-	30/06/2026

July - आषाढ़ मास Ashadha

Ashadh Gupt Navratra starts	-	15/07/2026
Ashadh Gupt Navratra Ends	-	23/07/2026
Ashadha Gupt Navratra, also known as Gayatri Navratra, is a sacred nine-day festival dedicated to Goddess Durga and her divine forms. Unlike the main Navratris, it is observed quietly and holds deep spiritual and tantric importance		
Jagannath Rath Yatra	-	16/07/2026
Guru / Vyas Purnima	-	29/07/2026

August- श्रावण मास Shraavan

Hariyali Teej	-	15/08/2026
Naag Panchami	-	17/08/2026
Onam	-	26/08/2026
Varalakshmi Vratam	-	28/08/2026
Shraavan Mondays The sacred month of Shraavan (Sawan), dedicated to Lord Shiva, is one of the most auspicious times for devotion and fasting. In 2026, it will be observed from August 3rd to August 24th, and will continue under the Amant calendar until September 7th, 2026. Devotees perform Rudrabhishek, chant "Om Namah Shivaya," and seek Lord Shiva's blessings for peace and prosperity.		
Raksha Bandhan	-	28/08/2026

September- भाद्रपद मास Bhadrapad

Krishna Janam Ashtami	-	04/09/2026
Veerabhadra Jayanti	-	14/09/2026
Haritalika Teej	-	14/09/2026
Vinayak Chaturthi	-	15/09/2026
Anant Chaturdashi	-	25/09/2026
Pitra Purnima	-	26/09/2026
Pitra Paksha start	-	27/09/2026

October- आश्विन मास Ashwin

Sarv pitri visarjan	-	10/10/2026
Navratra / Ghatsthapna	-	11/10/2026
Durgashtami	-	19/10/2026
Dussera / Vijaya Dashami	-	21/10/2026
Sharad Purnima	-	25/10/2026
Karwa Chauth	-	29/10/2026

November- कार्तिक मास Kartika

Dhan Thrayodashi	-	06/11/2026
Yama Deep Daanam	-	07/11/2026
Deepawali/ Lakshmi Puja	-	08/11/2026
Govardhan puja/ Anna Koot	-	10/11/2026
Bhai dooj	-	11/11/2026
Chhath puja	-	15/11/2026
Tulsi Vivah	-	21/11/2026
Kartik Purnima	-	24/11/2026

December- मार्गशीर्ष मास Margashirsh

Vivah Panchami	-	14/12/2026
Gita Jayanti	-	20/12/2026
Dattatreya Jayanti	-	23/12/2026
Margashirsha Purnima	-	24/12/2026

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