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AUGUST 2026 FESTIVALS & PUJA CALENDAR



A quick reference guide to the important festivals, puja dates, eclipses and auspicious periods in August 2026. Stay connected with Dharma and plan your spiritual observances.

SHRAVAN MAAS

30 JULY – 27 AUGUST 2026

BHADRAPADA MAAS

BEGINS 28 AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 JULY	27 JULY	28 JULY	29 JULY	30 Shravan Maasa Starts	31 JULY	1 Chaturthi Moonrise 20h10 (Durban)
2	3 Mool Period Starts 19h24	4 Panchak Ends 18h34	5	6 Durga Paath Puja	7 Durga Paath Puja	8
9	10 Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi) 17h29 – 20h06	11 Durga Paath Puja New Moon Starts 16h22	12 Shravana Amaavasya (New Moon) Ends 19h36 Solar Eclipse (Not visible in S.A)	13 Griha Pravasha Auspicious Conception Period Starts	14 Mool Period Ends 04h08	15
16	17 Vishnupati (Sun enters Leo) Naag Panchami	18	19 Shitla Satam (Goddess of Diseases)	20 Durga Paath Puja	21 Vara Lakshmi Vratam Auspicious Friday Lakshmi Vrat Start	22
23	24 Mool Period Ends 00h47	25 Trayodashi (Pradosham) 17h37 – 20h09	26 Durga Paath Puja	27 Shravan Purnima Raksha Bandhan Balarama Appearance Day	28 Gita Week Starts (Smartha) Auspicious Friday Lakshmi Vrat Start Lunar Eclipse (Visible in S.A)	29
30	31 Chaturthi Moonrise 21h03 (Durban)	1 SEPTEMBER	2 SEPTEMBER	3 SEPTEMBER Gita Week Ends (Vaishnava)	4 SEPTEMBER	5 SEPTEMBER



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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

MAJOR FESTIVALS & OBSERVANCES

- 10 Aug Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday)
- 12 Aug Shravana Amavasya (New Moon)
- 12 Aug Total Solar Eclipse (NOT visible in S.A)
- 17 Aug Vishnupati (Sun enters Leo) The Day of Lord Vishnu Worship
- 17 Aug Naag Panchami
- 19 Aug Shitla Satam (Goddess of Diseases)
- 21 Aug Vara Lakshmi Vratam
- 27 Aug Shravan Purnima (Full Moon)
- 27 Aug Raksha Bandhan
- 27 Aug Balarama Appearance Day
- 28 Aug Gita Week Starts (Ends 2 Sep Smartha, 3 Sep Vaishnava)
- 28 Aug Partial Lunar Eclipse (Visible in S.A)

AMAVASYA & PURNIMA

- New Moon (Amavasya)
11 Aug @ 16h22 – 12 Aug @ 19h36
- Full Moon (Purnima)
27 Aug (Shravan Purnima)

ECLIPSE INFORMATION

- 12 Aug – Total Solar Eclipse (NOT visible in S.A)
- 28 Aug – Partial Lunar Eclipse (Visible in S.A)

NAAG PANCHAMI

- 17 August 2026
How to perform a Naag puja to Mother Naageshwari Devi on Naag Panchami.

PRADOSHAM (TRAYODASHI)

- 10 Aug (Mon) 17h29 – 20h06
- 25 Aug (Tue) 17h37 – 20h09

AUSPICIOUS DATES

- Conception Dates: 13 Aug – 27/28 Aug
- Griha Pravasha Dates: 13 Aug – 27/28 Aug

PANCHAK (INAUSPICIOUS)

- 31 Jul @ 03h08 – 4 Aug @ 18h34
- 27 Aug @ 10h05 – 31 Aug @ 23h15

MOOL PERIODS (INAUSPICIOUS FOR BIRTH)

- 3 Aug @ 19h24 – 6 Aug @ 04h19 (Revati/Ashwini)
- 12 Aug @ 08h57 – 14 Aug @ 04h08 (Ashlesha/Magha)
- 21 Aug @ 20h05 – 24 Aug @ 00h47 (Jyeshtha/Mool)
- 31 Aug @ 00h43 – 2 Sep @ 02h41 (Revati/Ashwini)
- New Moon commences on 11 Aug @ 16h22 and ends on 12 Aug @ 19h36

LAKSHMI VRAT (AUSPICIOUS FRIDAYS)

- 21 Aug, 28 Aug
Auspicious Fridays to commence a Lakshmi Vrat.

DURGA PAATH PUJA DATES

- 6 Aug, 7 Aug, 11 Aug, 20 Aug, 21 Aug, 26 Aug

CHATURTHI (LORD GANESHA)

- 1 Aug (Sat) Moonrise – 20h10 (Durban)
- 31 Aug (Mon) Moonrise – 21h03 (Durban)

WEDDING MUHURTHA

August 2026:
NO MURURTHA
(NO AUSPICIOUS DATES)

GITA WEEK

Starts: 28 August 2026
Ends: 2 Sep (Smartha)
3 Sep (Vaishnava)
The Gita Mahatmya:
The Glorification of the Bhagavad Gita.

IMPORTANT ARTICLES (17 ARTICLES AVAILABLE ON DIPIKA.CO.ZA)

- Shravan Maas (Month)
- Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday)
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- Vishnupati (Sun enters Leo) – The Day of Lord Vishnu worship
- Naag Panchami
- How to perform a Naag puja to Mother Naageshwari Devi on Naag Panchami
- Shitla Satam (Goddess of diseases)
- Vara Lakshmi Vratam
- Shravan Purnima (Full moon)
- Raksha Bandhan
- Balarama Appearance Day
- Gita Week starts (Smartha & Vaishnava)
- The Gita Mahatmya: The Glorification of the Bhagavad Gita
- Partial Lunar Eclipse (Visible in S.A)
- Eclipses. How to observe an Eclipse if visible in your locality
- Should one view an Eclipse – A Vedic perspective.

May all your pujas and prayers bring peace, prosperity and divine blessings.

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