



Calendar And ToDo

From Navratras 2007 To Diwali 2007

12 October, Friday: Ekam – Navratra Starts. First Fast

- Attend *Mata ka kirtan*
- Sow wheat for '*Khetri*'
- Saturday night tomorrow. Make plans. Organize clothes and jewellery for *Dandiya Nite*. Don't forget to collect passes.

13 October, Saturday: Dooj – Navratra Second Fast

- Attend *Mata ka kirtan*
- Confirm time to meet up for *Dandiya*. Enjoy!
- Make preparations for Id feast tomorrow with friends who celebrate Id.

14 October, Sunday: Teej – Navratra Third Fast
Id-UI-Fitr – Ramzan Id

- Attend *Mata ka kirtan*
- Check if any *Dandiya* plans on tonight
- Wish all friends *Id Mubarak*
- Collect *Idi* from one and all!

15 October, Monday: Chauth – Navratra Fourth Fast

- Attend *Mata ka kirtan*
- Forget about *Dandiya*. Concentrate on work!
- Keep fast today since no big plans

16 October, Tuesday: Panchami – Navratra Fifth Fast

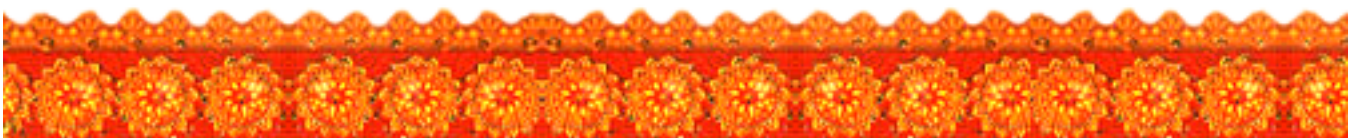
- Attend *Mata ka kirtan*
- Keep fast today since no big plans
- Go shopping for gifts for Kanjak – Buy 9,11 or 14 gifts for little girls.
- Don't forget to buy gift for '*Launkda*' (1 boy).

17 October, Wednesday: Chathi – Navratra Sixth Fast

- Attend *Mata ka kirtan*
- Keep fast today since no big plans

18 October, Thursday: Saptami – Navratra Seventh Fast

- Attend *Mata ka kirtan*
- Keep fast today since no big plans
- Make preparations for Kanjak
- Call and invite 9 small girls and 1 small boy for *Kanjak* tomorrow





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19 October, Friday: Ashtami – Navratra Eighth Fast

- Prepare *Kanjak feast* – Puris, Chana, and Halwa
- Worship the *Kanjak Devis*, feed them, and give *shagun*
- Attend *Mata ka kirtan*
- Last Saturday night for *Dandiya* tomorrow. Get together with friends and make big plans!

20 October, Saturday: Ram Navmi – Navratra Ninth Fast

- Attend *Mata ka kirtan*
- Last clarification fast today. Make it extra special with lots of delicacies!
- Rock at *Dandiya* tonight!
- Prepare for *Dassera Puja* tomorrow.
- Call and make plans with brothers and bhabhis.

21 October, Sunday: Vijayadashmi – Dassera

- Do *Dassera Puja* early morning.
- Participate in burning of Ravana effigy; take all the kids
- Very auspicious day – Do some 'daan' (charity)
- Begin any new business venture
- Celebrate *Dassera* with family.

22 October, Monday: Ekadashi

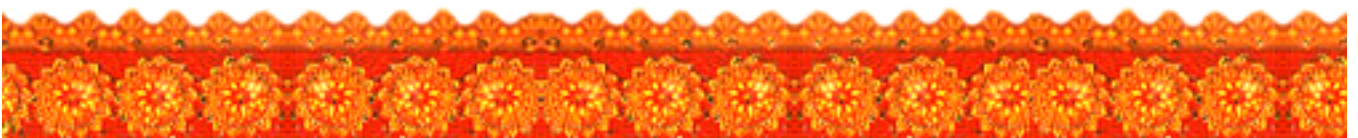
- Ekadashi fast. Cannot eat any 'Ann' today, only 'Phalihaar'. No rice at all.
- Start getting ready for *Karwa Chauth* and *Diwali*. Make plans and shopping lists.

23 October, Tuesday: Dwadashi

- Begin *Diwali/Spring cleaning*
- Remove all old stuff I don't use and give the nicer stuff to the needy

24 October, Wednesday: Trayodashi

- Some more *Diwali cleaning*. De-clutter!
- Hang new *Toran* at the door.
- String up *Diwali lights* and lamps.





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25 October, Thursday: Chaturdashi till 1.10 pm

Sharad Purnima 1.10 pm onwards

- Prepare 'Kheer', cover with muslin cloth, and place overnight under the Purnima moon.
- Complete spring cleaning. *phew*

26 October, Friday: Snan Daan Purnima

- Offer 'Kheer' prepared yesterday as 'Prasad' to God
- Partake of 'Prasad'
- Snan Daan Purnima today, do some daan

27 October, Saturday: Ekam till 8.05 am

Dooj 8.05 am onwards

- Go shopping with husband for Karwa Chauth gifts – bangles, saris, bindis and jewellery of course!
- Take wife shopping for Karwa Chauth gifts (could also surprise her by choosing some awesome gifts online!)

28 October, Sunday: Teej

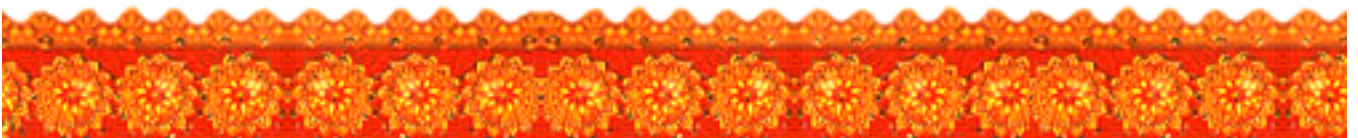
- Prepare for Karwa Chauth tomorrow, organize clothes and jewellery
- Apply 'Mehendi' (Henna)
- Prepare *sargi* or organize with mother-in-law.
- Sleep early, have to get up tomorrow with the birds!

29 October, Monday: Karwa Chauth

- Wake up early for *sargi*
- Fast the entire day
- Ask husband to come home early. (Make him fast too!)
- See the moon, do *puja*, and break fast
- For husbands: Come home early today, wife's fasting (remember to bring gift)

30 October, Tuesday: Panchami

- Start Diwali shopping (Check online, some great stuff!)
- Buy / Make Diwali cards





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31 October, Wednesday: Chathi

- More Diwali shopping
- Buy Diyas and other Diwali stuff for the house (check online, great bargains)
- Write out Diwali cards

1 November, Thursday: Saptami

- Some more Diwali shopping
- Post out-station Diwali cards

2 November, Friday: Hoyi Ashtami

- Hoyi ashtami* fast today (only mothers who have sons do)
- Break fast after seeing the stars (not moon) at night
- Give a heads-up to friends and family for Card Party on Diwali night

3 November, Saturday: Navmi

- Decorate Diyas
- Buy crackers
- Courier all out-station Diwali Gifts / Mithai (Do it online, all fast and easy!)
- Attend big Diwali party tonight

4 November, Sunday: Dashmi

- Send out local Diwali cards

5 November, Monday: Ekadashi

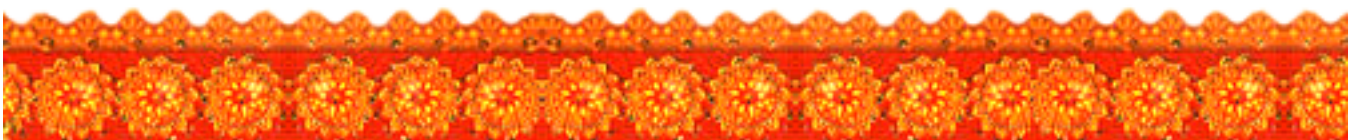
- Ekadashi fast. Cannot eat any '*Ann*' today, only '*Phalihaar*'. No rice at all.
- Buy all Samagri for *Diwali Puja*.

6 November, Tuesday: Dwadashi

- Complete all last minute Diwali shopping.
- Remember to buy Bhai Dooj gifts for brother / bhabhi / sister

7 November, Wednesday: Trayodashi – Dhanteras

- Buy gold and silver today. Very auspicious day.
- Make '*Rangoli*' outside the house
- Light *diyas* in the night
- Send out all local Diwali gifts / Mithai
- Invite friends and family for Card Party on Diwali night





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8 November, Thursday: Chathurdashi – Choti Diwali

- Send out all local Diwali gifts / Mithai
- Burst crackers
- Prepare for Card Party tomorrow
- Organize all the new clothes for Diwali tomorrow
- Light *diyas*

9 November, Friday: Amavasya – Diwali

- Send out all remaining Diwali Gifts / Mithai
- Laxmiji's Fast today
- Prepare for *Laxmi Puja*
- Light *Diyas* all over the house
- Do *Laxmi Puja* and break fast
- Burst crackers
- Receive friends and have a blast at the Card Party!
- Good luck, win big!!!

10 November, Saturday: Ekam – Govardhan Puja

- Call and wish everyone 'Happy Diwali and a Great New Year'
- Visit close friends and family members to wish them
- Make sure there's lots of *mithai* at home for friends who visit
- Make preparations for *Bhai Dooj* tomorrow. Ensure all gifts are packed, *mithai* ready, clothes ready
- Call and confirm plans with everyone

11 November, Sunday: *Bhai Dooj*

- Pamper brother
- Pamper sister
- Exchange gifts with brother / sister
- Count my money and see how much richer / poorer I got today *just kidding*!
- Enjoy the day! Forgotten

12 November, Monday: *Bhai Dooj*

- Can celebrate *Bhai Dooj* today also
- Take some time off. Need a holiday from the holiday season!

13 November, Tuesday: *Teej*

- Hit the gym and burn off all that mithai!

