



Hindu Council of Australia

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Hindu Nav Varsha

Hindu Nav Varsh, Vikram Samvat 2081 i.e. Hindu New Year is celebrated across Bharath and influenced by various aspects, the local climate, landscape, and agricultural cycles. From the snowy peaks of the Himalayas to the coastal plains of the south, and from the arid deserts of the west to the lush greenery of the northeast, every region has its unique way of welcoming the New Year.

Vibrant dances of Baisakhi, the colourful processions of Poila Boishakh, the raising of the Gudi (a decorated pole) outside homes, the serene prayers at temples during Ugadi, the Vishukkani (auspicious sight) ritual each celebration is a unique reflection of the rich cultural heritage of its region. Each region has its style of celebrations, accompanied by unique customs, traditions, and traditional foods.

The Hindu Lunar New Year begins with Chaitra Navratri (nine days), these celebrations serve as a testament to our pluralistic ethos, the spirit of renewal, hope, unity, diversity and yet as one community. Shree Rama Navami, the birthday of Lord Rama, marks the culmination of Chaitra Navratri.

Hindu Council of Australia wishes the Hindu diaspora, may these auspicious occasions fill your hearts with happiness, usher in new beginnings, and bring abundance and prosperity in your lives.

समानं वसामः (samānam vasāmaḥ)