



Souranama New Year's Day Celebrations



At

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Saturday, 14 April 2007

9:00 AM

Sri Venkateswara Suprabhatam

9:30 AM

Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam and Archana
(Vishnu Sahasranama recital)

10:30 AM

Sri Murugan and Sri Ayyappa Swamy combined pujas

12:30 PM

Sarva Devata Aarti and Mahaprasadam

Souranama Ugadi : Although the Indian National Calendar is the official calendar for the Hindus, regional variants still prevail. As a result, there are a host of New Year festivities that are unique to the particular regions of India. Expatriate Indians also follow the customs of India and celebrate these New Year days according to the region of India from where they hail. The Hindu calendar year is named in a cycle of 60 names which repeat themselves every 60 years.

In Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka the New Year day is called Ugadi or Yugadi meaning the beginning of a new Yougam. The Tamilians celebrate the new year as Varsha Pirappu and follow the Solar calendar. The people of Kerala in the south of India celebrate their new year "Vishu" on the first day in the first month of Medam in the Malayalam Calendar. Bengalis usher in the new year with the Poila Baishakh celebrations, the Maharashtrians with Gudi Padwa, and the Assamese in the northeast with the Bihu festivals. Hindus in Punjab get agog with Baisakhi, the springtime festival marking the beginning of a new year. The Nepalese new year "Nava Varsha" falls on the 21st of March, and the Kashmiri Lunar year "Navreh" starts on the 10th of March.

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