



Public Holiday for Navami in UP

Why in News?

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government declared a public holiday on **11th October, 2024**, in observance of [Navami](#), a significant day in Hindu traditions.

Key Points

- Navami marks the end of [Navratri](#) with rituals like '**Kanya Bhoj**' and havan (sacred fire ceremonies).
- In the Hindu calendar, Navami is the ninth day of the **lunar fortnight (Paksha)**. Each month has two Navami days, one on the ninth day of the "**bright**" (**Shukla**) fortnight and one on the ninth day of the "dark" (Krishna) fortnight.
- Navami is also associated with two festivals in Hinduism.
 - Maha Navami**: The ninth day of Sharad Navratri, **Maha Navami** commemorates the day when Goddess Durga defeated the demon Mahishasura. It symbolizes the triumph of good over evil.
 - Ram Navami**: A festival that celebrates the birth of [Lord Rama](#).

Classification of Calendars in India

| Calendar | Type | Zero Year | Origin | Key Features |
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| Vikram Samvat | Hindu Lunar Calendar | 57 B.C. | Introduced by King Vikramaditya after victory over Sakas | Lunar-based; 12 months with 354 days; divided into Shuklapaksha (bright half) and Krishnapaksha (dark half); 13th month (Adhik Mass) in certain years. |
| Saka Samvat | Hindu Solar Calendar | 78 A.D. | Introduced by Saka rulers after defeating the Kushanas | Solar-based; adopted as the official calendar of India in 1957; each year has 365 days. |
| Hijri Calendar | Islamic Lunar Calendar | 622 A.D. | Originated in Saudi Arabia | Lunar-based; 12 months with 354 days; the 9th month, Ramzaan, is |

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| | | | | observed for fasting. |
| Gregorian Calendar | Scientific Solar Calendar | 1582 A.D. | Introduced by Pope Gregory XIII | Solar-based; replaced the Julian calendar; civil calendar in use today; 365 days with leap years to correct for 365.25 days. |

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