



THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Schedules for RIG & YAJUR UPĀKARMA - 2026

(Āvani Avittam & Gāyatri Japam)

Please note the following dates and guidelines for the observance of Upākarmas in 2026:

Rig Upākarma:

To be observed on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026** (*Śravana Nakshatra prevalent at sunrise*)

Yajur Upākarma:

A **partial Lunar Eclipse** occurs on **Thursday, August 27, 2026**.

Due to this *Grahana Dosha*, Yajur Upākarma **cannot be performed on that day**. It must therefore be observed as follows:

- For **Āpastamba Sutra** followers: **Postponed to Saturday, September 26, 2026**
(*Poornima prevalent at sunrise*)
- For **Bodhāyana Sutra** followers: **Preponed to Wednesday, July 29, 2026**
(*Poornima prevalent at sunrise*)

Gayatri Japam:

To be observed by all - Rig, Yajur (Bodhāyana & Āpastamba), and Sāma Vedis on **Friday, August 28, 2026**, irrespective of the Upākarma date.

We request all devotees to kindly take note of the above and observe the rituals accordingly.

Note on Yajur Upākarma Observance:

Devotees following the Krishna Yajur Veda observe Upākarma as per either the Āpastamba or Bodhāyana Sutra traditions.

If you are unsure which Sutra your family follows, please check your Sandhyāvandanam, Abhivādanam or Sankalpa text - it will specify the Sutra (Āpastamba or Bodhāyana). If uncertain, you may safely follow the Āpastamba procedure, which is the most commonly followed among Yajurvedis in South India.

Detailed information and schedules will be announced closer to the above dates. For more information, please contact Mr. Ravi Vaidyanaat Sivachariar at (718) 460-8484 ext. 112